

This summer, DYD continued expanding the department's infrastructure, bringing on additional staff, building out reentry efforts such as the Credible Messenger program, expanding Youth Diversion programming, and engaging with community stakeholders to further develop our upcoming Youth Development Networks! As you can see, we've had a busy summer.

### **DYD's Youth Diversion Efforts**

From Pomona to Santa Monica and from the Antelope Valley to Long Beach, our Diversion Program Managers are building partnerships with law enforcement agencies to complete diversion programming so that youth across the County can be diverted into community-based services instead of being arrested. I am pleased to share that DYD and the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) signed a Partnership Agreement for Youth Diversion partnerships covering all 21 LAPD divisions! The partnership is set to begin this Fall. We also had the pleasure of meeting with the San Gabriel Valley Coalition of Governments to speak with City Managers and encourage diversion partnerships with San Gabriel Valley law enforcement agencies. We are so grateful to all our partners for championing youth diversion across Los Angeles County.

### **DYD's Youth Development Efforts**

In June and July, we held three community listening sessions in demonstration communities for the Youth Development Networks. Sessions were held in the Antelope Valley, East LA, and South LA, and focused on identifying community-driven regional priorities for Youth Development. Over 200 community members shared their vision for Youth Development services and policy priorities. We look forward to continuing these conversations with many more of you in the coming months.

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In September, DYD plans to release a Request for Information (RFI) survey to identify community-based organizations that provide youth development programming or are interested in developing/expanding youth development programming. This information will assist DYD in launching partnerships through the My Brother's and Sister's Keeper (MBSK) Program. The MBSK Program seeks to assist youth experiencing school or community related challenges that impact their ability to excel and thrive.

DYD recognizes that young people living in our priority communities have been impacted by situations and systems that increase their risk for school disconnection, dropout, or further system involvement. The foster care and juvenile justice systems, community violence, and housing or food insecurities create trauma and structural barriers for our youth. Through the RFI process, DYD is interested in identifying programs and providers who can address the impact of these traumas on youth.

Recipients of this newsletter will receive a notice when the RFI survey link is available. Please share the link with others in your network who may be interested in partnering with DYD and encourage them to subscribe to the DYD newsletter by using this [link](#).

Also in September, DYD will launch recruitment for a Youth Development Manager position to lead DYD's Reentry, Housing and Employment efforts, which includes all of the department's programming in support of youth involved in the justice system. The job announcement will be released shortly for potential applicants to review and interested individuals will have a five business day window to apply.

Thank you for your continued support!

David Carroll, Director

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