Welcome to the Department of Youth Development!

I'm so excited to share that the Department of Youth Development is now a reality. The staff is in place, energized and ready to further reimagine how we treat youth and intentionally support their development here in LA County. We are aiming for nothing less than transforming the current system.

I want to thank all of you who have collectively worked to get us to this point—especially the members of the Youth Justice Advisory Group. We look forward to your continued and invaluable input as we continue to build out Youth Justice Reimagined. To those of you who are just beginning to learn about the Department of Youth Development, thanks for joining us in this life-changing work, and we look forward to hearing more from you.

To kick things off, I'd love to hear what youth development means to each of you. Click on the share link below and tell us in your own words. It is youth voices who made the Department of Youth Development possible, and we are counting on youth voices to continue to inform and guide our work. Even if you're not so young, we'd love to hear your thoughts!

Stay tuned for more in the weeks ahead.

Thanks for your support,
Vincent Holmes, Interim Director