

The Department of Youth Development (DYD) is excited to celebrate its one-year anniversary! DYD launched on July 1, 2022 to support the development of young people in Los Angeles County by coordinating and building capacity for a wide range of youth development services, opportunities, supports, and other care-first efforts with a goal of equitably reducing youth justice system involvement.

We are honored to be celebrating this milestone with the young people, community members, and partners who made it possible. Check out the year-in-review document and summary linked below to celebrate our journey together!

We are also moving into the next phase of planning for our initial Youth Development Networks and I am pleased to share that, this June and July, DYD held three community listening sessions in the Antelope Valley, East LA, and South LA. These sessions fostered collaboration and shared visioning with young people, parents and caregivers, community-based organizations, and County partners. Over 170 community members attended the listening sessions and provided feedback on the development of Youth Development Networks and DYD policy priorities.

Thank you to Sanctuary of Hope (Antelope Valley), Legacy LA (East Los Angeles), and Community Coalition (South Los Angeles) for hosting these listening sessions with us! We look forward to many more opportunities to engage with you in the coming months as we bring Youth Development Networks to life together. In September, we plan to open funding opportunities for our Youth Diversion and My Brother & Sister's Keeper programs. We will share more information about those opportunities here and on our website.

Thank you for your continued dedication to the wellbeing and development of youth throughout Los Angeles County.

David Carroll, Director

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