

It has been a busy autumn for the Department of Youth Development (DYD) and we are so looking forward to sharing space with many of you in November and December. As we all begin to prepare for the holiday season, we are reviewing responses to the Youth Development Request for Information, interviewing for Youth Development Manager positions, and selecting new partnerships through the Youth Diversion Work Order Solicitation. We look forward to sharing updates in the coming months. Thank you so much to everyone who was able to apply and please keep an eye out for future opportunities!

Expanding Resources to Youth in Probation Facilities

I am proud to share that DYD has officially launched our partnership with the Young Women's Freedom Center (YWFC) to provide Credible Messenger mentorship and care coordination for incarcerated girls and gender expansive youth. YWFC Credible Messengers will include a Beloved Housing Coordinator to support participants enrolled in Beloved Youth, a community housing project built to address three major drivers of youth incarceration: poverty, housing instability, and homelessness.

Community Engagement and Feedback

The Department is also pleased to be able to invite you to participate in a Youth Development Network Public Workgroup near you this season! These Public Workgroups are a collaborative and strategic place where together we will design regional networks of care for youth and families to access the services, opportunities, and support they need to thrive. Public Workgroup meetings are open to all interested partners who are local to each of the first Youth Development Network communities, including young adults, system-impacted people, parents and caregivers, youth-serving professionals, school partners, and more. If you are connected to more than one region, you are welcome to join multiple workgroups.

Please register using the Zoom links below:

[South Central LA - 11/8 and 12/6 from 3:00pm-4:30pm](#)

[Antelope Valley - 11/9 and 12/7 from 4:00pm-5:30pm](#)

[East LA - 11/15 and 12/13 from 4:30pm-6:00pm](#)

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