

Happy Fall! Earlier this month, our partners at the SEED School of Los Angeles County (SEED LA) launched their second year of operation. SEED LA is LA County's first college-preparatory, public boarding school that provides students with a pathway to college and career readiness by engaging in computer sciences, engineering, and studies of systems and societies through transportation infrastructure.

SEED LA welcomed 190 ninth and tenth grade scholars from all five Supervisorial Districts to engage in rigorous academic programming enriched with transformative student life offerings. The first week of school was coined "Strong Start", with an emphasis on building community and healthy relationships with peers and adults.

The Department of Youth Development was honored to support SEED LA's partnership with the Los Angeles County Internal Services Department as a Delete The Divide program participant! This wonderful partnership brought over \$100,000 worth of laptop computers to SEED LA scholars, along with an opportunity to build financial and digital literacy. We're wishing the SEED LA community a beautiful and empowering 2023-24 school year as they prepare to move into their permanent campus home in South LA!

We'd also like to remind everyone about the Department of Youth Development's [Request For Information \(RFI\) #YD091323-Y1](#). We released this RFI to identify and understand the capacity of community-based providers for Youth Mentorship and Academic Support Programs, Youth Intervention and Wellness Programs, and Youth Development and Employment Opportunity Programs. The information collected through the RFI will inform DYD's decision-making when identifying programs and providers to partner with in the near future.

At this time, we are interested in identifying organizations in the following regions: East Los Angeles, South Los Angeles, Antelope Valley, Long Beach, San Fernando Valley (Pacoima) and the Centinela Valley Union High School District. Please [click here](#) to respond to this Request for Information (RFI) by Friday, Oct. 20th at 12pm.

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