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I write to you today with a heavy heart as we remember the life of Bryan Diaz, who tragically passed away at Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall earlier this month. Our love and condolences go out to his family, friends, and all those affected by this devastating loss. We recognize that this tragedy was both foreseeable and avoidable, and commit to reducing harm and increasing developmental opportunities for the youth in custody at the camps and halls. In these challenging times, we will continue working tirelessly to support the wellbeing of youth in Los Angeles County.

I want to take a moment to reflect on the transformative work being carried out by our dedicated teams. The testimonials below represent a small sample of the impact we are already making. We remain unwavering in our commitment to ensuring that the voices of youth are heard, their potential realized, and their lives shaped by compassion, understanding, and opportunity.

A formerly incarcerated youth who worked closely with DYD's Credible Messenger Program recently shared:

"Working with DYD and the Credible Messengers has been an honor. They have been very inspiring and a light of hope at times when I felt like giving up because life was throwing curveballs at me. But they always took the time to invest in me and give me that individual space with them to talk to me and help motivate me again to remain focused and that life will be hard but it will also get easier. They share real-life experiences that I may go through but can prevent

because they share knowledge with young people so we can grow and not make the same mistakes!"

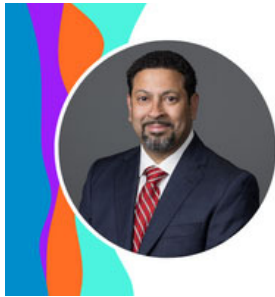
Feedback from young people who've participated in DYD's Youth Diversion and Development Program highlights the positive impact of community-based alternatives to arrest:

"It really supported my mental health. I felt like I had ruined so many opportunities for myself, and they helped me see the light at the end of the tunnel." Youth also expressed their appreciation for the non-judgmental and supportive environment created by our incredible community-based providers: "The fact that they didn't judge you, they were there to support you, they were there to help you grow as a better person."

In a recent community leadership meeting our team held in partnership with the Youth Justice Advisory Group, a young person who is part of the Planning Committee for our upcoming Youth Development Summit shared their experience:

"It has been a pleasure to be part of the planning process for the Youth Summit, especially for me as a formerly incarcerated youth. I never thought I would be a part of this type of work, let alone plan a summit. I feel proud to be able to make systemic change for our future!"

We are incredibly proud of the young people we've had the honor of engaging with so far and are looking forward to uplifting their stories even more in the coming months. As always, thank you for your partnership!



David

DAVID J. CARROLL
Director

Join DYD and the Youth Justice Advisory Group on June 14



**DYD+YJAG
STEERING
COMMITTEE**

JOIN US ON ZOOM!

JUNE 14

12PM-2PM

Register [HERE](#) to join us on Zoom for the DYD+YJAG June 2023 Steering Committee Meeting on Wednesday, June 14 from 12PM-2PM! After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with information about joining the meeting. There will also be an option to join via phone. Please reach out to us at info@dyd.lacounty.gov if you have any questions or offerings related to this meeting.

Open Call for LA2050 Grant Applications



10 Years of the LA2050 Grants Challenge

Open call for grant applications!

Submit now through June 23rd

12,000 Angelenos voted for the issues they cared about most. Now, we want to know: What are you doing to address them?

Through June 23rd at 5:00 pm (PT), non-profit, for-profit, fiscally-sponsored, or governmental organizations serving Los Angeles County can apply for up to \$75,000 in funding via the [LA2050 Grants Challenge](#), which will fund 13 issue areas including:

Opportunities for People Who Have Been Incarcerated

Submissions that aim to increase opportunities for people who have been incarcerated, through the provision of economic, social, or emotional assistance. This issue area would include any work related to both supporting people who are currently incarcerated and reducing recidivism and providing resources for those re-entering communities.

Support for Foster and Systems-Impacted Youth

Submissions that focus on improving the well-being of youth ages 24 and under who have been impacted by the mental and behavioral health system, the child welfare system, the youth justice system, or other similar systems. We are open to

all channels of support – academic, professional, social, legal, personal, and beyond.

THP & RISE Job Fair



job Fair!

Wednesday, May 24th
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
1111 E Artesia Blvd,
Compton, CA 90221

Job fair is tailored to support individuals who are justice impacted and LGBTQ + community

BE PREPARED!

> CA ID > Dress Interview Ready > Resume (suggested)



This event is FREE to the public and open to everyone!

For more information, please contact:

Re-Entry Program: Maritza Lopez, 323-328-7680

maritlopez@wellchild.org

Transgender Program: Princess Morales, 213-887-2320

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You're invited to the THP & RISE Job Fair at Compton College. There will be over 40+ Sites tabling at the event. Click [here](#) to RSVP and learn more.

We want to hear from you as we shape our plans for the months and years ahead.

Send us your perspective and ideas!



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