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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.

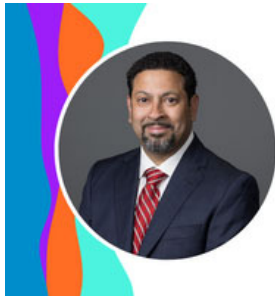
Please register using the Zoom links below.

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

[Antelope Valley - 11/9 and 12/7 from 3:30pm-5pm](#)

[East LA - 11/15 and 12/13 from 3:00pm-4:30pm](#)

Stay tuned about additional opportunities to engage in Youth Development Network conversations in Long Beach and Pacoima in the coming months.



*David*

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## DYD Youth Development Summit

LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
**YOUTH**  
DEVELOPMENT  
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UPLIFTING YOUTH: GROWING OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH A  
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DYD invites you to the inaugural Youth Development Summit 2023! Please join us Friday, December 1, 2023, from 9 AM – 4 PM at the Los Angeles Trade-Technical College for a day of youth justice shared-learning, an inspiring lineup of speakers and artists, engaging and healing-centered workshops, and a youth-centered community resource fair!

This one-day gathering of youth, families, youth development practitioners, County departments, and community partners will provide an opportunity for folks who are passionate about youth development to learn more about the department, share your vision and perspective, and partner with DYD to continue building a network of restorative and community-led resources that support young people in Los Angeles County!

For any additional questions or inquiries, please contact [events@dyd.lacounty.gov](mailto:events@dyd.lacounty.gov).

[Click Here to Register](#)

## DYD at Taste of Soul



Our team had a blast tabling at the 18th Annual Taste of Soul Family Festival and sharing information about our programs! Taste of Soul founder Danny J. Bakewell shares, "Taste of Soul was created to highlight the positive aspects of African American life and to encourage the enjoyment, respect, and appreciation of our

community and each other in an atmosphere of respect, peace, pride, and pleasure.”

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## Alliance for Girls LA Heat Map

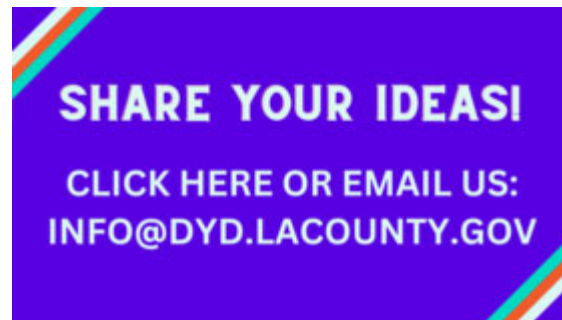


Alliance for Girls (AFG) released [Hear Their Voices: The Experiences of Girls\\* & Gender-Expansive Youth in South and Southeast Los Angeles](#), a brief that summarizes the findings of AFG’s research in LA over the past few years, including a community asset mapping report and [heat map](#) created in collaboration with the Center for Nonprofit Management of Southern California. The heat map and community asset report focus on the programs, services, and resources available to girls and gender-expansive youth in South and Southeast Los Angeles.

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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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