

Heart of Youth Justice Reimagined (HYJR) is a youth-led and youth-centered group dedicated to shaping Los Angeles County's YJR initiative.

HYJR is expanding in partnership with DYD's Youth Development Networks in 2025. Last month, the Antelope Valley and East LA HYJR groups had their first gatherings and welcomed 45 youth leaders.

In February, the Long Beach, South Central, and San Fernando Valley HYJR groups will have their first meetings of 2025. For information about the HYJR gathering near you, use the QR codes below.

HEART OF YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED

February Gatherings for Heart of YJR Youth Leadership Work Groups

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

ANTELOPE VALLEY	February 21st 5pm - 7pm	548 W Lancaster Blvd. Lancaster, CA 93534	
EAST LOS ANGELES	February 27th 5pm - 6:30pm	4876 Gleason St. Los Angeles, CA 90022	 sam4eastlos@gmail.com aherera@gmail.com
LONG BEACH	February 27th 4:30pm - 6:30pm	Future Long Beach 508 W. Willow Street Long Beach, CA 90806	
SAN FERNANDO VALLEY	February 27th 6pm - 7:30pm	1101 San Fernando Rd. San Fernando, CA 91340	
SOUTH CENTRAL	February 27th 5pm - 7pm	7625 S. Central Ave Los Angeles, CA 90001	

Street Takeovers: Prevention & Education

Since the COVID-19 pandemic, Los Angeles County has seen experienced the harmful impact of unlawful street takeovers and street racing. These dangerous events can cause damage to roadways, negatively impact the quality of life for residents, and in some cases, lead to death or injury to innocent pedestrians and spectators.

DYD is proud to announce a new pilot program, developed in collaboration between a dedicated stakeholder workgroup and [Street Racing Kills](#). This program includes youth and community outreach and education strategies to help prevent street takeovers and street racing.

EMPOWERING YOUTH THROUGH TRAFFIC SAFETY EDUCATION
WHAT WE OFFER

- VICTIM SPEAKERS
- POLICE OFFICER Q&A
- AWARENESS VIDEOS & GIVEAWAYS
- REENACTMENTS
- CRASHED CAR DISPLAY

THE FAST & FATAL SRK PROGRAMS

- TEEN TRAFFIC SAFETY ASSEMBLIES
- TEEN TRAFFIC SAFETY HIGH SCHOOL PROJECTS
- GO BEYOND DRIVING SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL OR WEEKEND TEEN TRAFFIC SAFETY WORKSHOPS
- RESPECT THE ROAD VIRTUAL TEEN TRAFFIC SAFETY SEMINAR

STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

LIAM JOHNSON:
"HEARING THE SURVIVOR'S STORY CHANGED MY PERSPECTIVE ON DRIVING FAST IT'S UNFORGETTABLE"

JUAN MARTINEZ:
"NEVER THOUGHT A TEXT COULD BE THAT DANGEROUS. NOW, I JUST PUT MY PHONE AWAY."

ETHAN WONG:
"THAT WRECKED CAR THEY SHOWED US... MAKES YOU THINK TWICE."

TOPICS WE COVER

- Speeding
- Street Racing
- Takeovers
- Driving Under the Influence
- Distracted Driving
- Hit and Run
- Road Rage
- Seat Belt Safety
- Emotional Driving
- Drowsy Driving
- Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety
- Impaired Driving

The pilot runs from February until June 2026 and is centered in South Los Angeles neighborhoods, which have been highly impacted by racing and street takeovers.

For more information, email MRandell@dyl.lacounty.gov.

Wildfire Recovery Resources

Were you affected by the January wildfires? We've compiled some important resources to help. Click on the links for more information:

- [DYD's provider network](#): Crisis services and resources include shelter referrals, clothing and monetary donations.
- [Department of Economic Opportunity](#): Recovery resources available for businesses and workers.
- [LA County Recovers](#): Includes information on debris removal, rebuilding and FEMA assistance.
- [LA Disaster Relief Navigator](#): An online tool to navigate government aid programs.

- [The Los Angeles County Training Center \(LACTC\)](#): In partnership with [Justice Care and Opportunities Department \(JCOD\)](#), this program aims to equip transition-aged youth for careers in firefighting.

DYD's GOAT of the Month

As the DYD team grows, we are starting a new tradition of recognizing an exceptional team member who embodies DYD's dedication to serving youth each month.

We're thrilled to celebrate Sahelit Bahiru as DYD's GOAT (Greatest of All-Time) for February 2025. Sahelit is part of DYD's [Youth Reentry](#) Branch and her role in establishing the Department's new community-based reentry program was recognized by DYD's Contracts & Grants team (last month's recipients of the GOAT).

Keep an eye out for more details about the community-based reentry program launching soon!



Reminder: Get on the List for DYD's Master Services Agreement

The Department of Youth Development (DYD), in collaboration with the Justice, Care, and Opportunities Department (JCOD), is launching the Justice Support Services Master Agreement program. DYD will utilize the Master Agreements to solicit for a wide range of services, including:

- Youth Development
- Outreach and Engagement
- Care Management

