



I want to share with you the Department of Youth Development's position on the Los Angeles County Probation Department's [facility plan](#). A letter recently released by the Probation Department may have created the perception that DYD is in agreement with the plan. DYD is not opposed to all aspects of the plan but is not in support of the overall plan. Specifically, our concerns include:

- Housing all Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF) boys at Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall in its current condition
- The proposed removal of the coveted Step-Down program at Campus Kilpatrick (CVK) in Malibu
- Decreasing the population of boys from CVK – we are concerned about the potential for isolation as the numbers decrease
- Housing all girls and gender-expansive youth in one location
- Predisposition girls being housed at CVK in light of the possibility of a release – we foresee transportation to Malibu being an issue for families and caregivers
- Potential transportation issues for providers to Malibu who were previously serving populations at Los Padrios Juvenile Hall
- Decarceration should be a priority, particularly for girls and gender-expansive youth

DYD suggested to the Probation Department that the facility plan requires community discussion and feedback, and offered to assist in outreach efforts to ensure the community's voice is heard.

We also specified to Probation that we are prepared to provide support in the area of decarcerating. DYD will continue to closely monitor the facility plan's development and take all necessary actions to support young people in Probation facilities.

As always, I value your input and feedback. You can connect with us at [info@dyd.lacounty.gov](mailto:info@dyd.lacounty.gov) with any questions or concerns and explore [dyd.lacounty.gov](http://dyd.lacounty.gov) for more information and resources.

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## Youth Support & Safety at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall

DYD and [2nd Call](#), a community-based non-profit organization, are partnering to employ 20 Credible Messengers to provide safe passage to classrooms, mentoring and assistance with studies for youth at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall. The programming partnership, funded by the Los Angeles County Department of Probation, launches this month and continues into 2026.

[Click here](#) and scroll down to “DYD In the News” to read more about this exciting new collaboration.

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## Opportunities for Youth Leadership: March Heart of YJR Gatherings

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

In 2025, HYJR is expanding in partnership with DYD’s Youth Development Networks. Since January 2025, HYJR has engaged with over 191 youth leaders.

February marked the first 2025 meetings for the Long Beach, South Central, and San Fernando Valley HYJR groups. For information about HYJR gatherings near you, use the QR codes below.



**HEART OF YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED**

March Gatherings for Heart of YJR Youth Leadership Work Groups

LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
**DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

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

## YDNs Launch Listening Sessions

Youth Development Networks (YDNs) offer inclusive, free, comprehensive, and culturally responsive youth development programs and services to all Los Angeles County youth. From March to May, five LA County regions, starting with the Antelope Valley, will host listening sessions to collect stakeholder input on community issues and desired programs.

To get involved, check upcoming DYD newsletters and the [DYD Events calendar](#) for more dates and locations.

# ANTELOPE VALLEY COMMUNITY LISTENING SESSIONS

DYD invites Antelope Valley community members to share input with us at a series of listening sessions to inform your community's Youth Development Network!

## LOCATION:

548 W. Lancaster  
Blvd, Unit B 93534

## WHAT IS A YOUTH DEVELOPMENT NETWORK?

Youth Development Networks (YDNs) are designed to provide free, comprehensive, and culturally responsive youth development programming and services to Los Angeles County youth.

### Youth:

Tuesday, March 11 | 5 to 7 pm

### Parent/Caregivers:

Tuesday, March 25 | 5 to 7 pm

### Youth Coalition Members & Leaders:

Tuesday, April 8 | 5 to 7 pm

### System Impacted Youth & Families

Tuesday, April 22 | 5 to 7 pm

### School Community Stakeholders:

Tuesday, May 6 | 5 to 7 pm

### Faith Leaders:

Tuesday, May 20 | 5 to 7 pm

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REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.

GIFT CARDS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE FIRST 25 PARTICIPANTS PER SESSION.

CONTACT: [Tavia@theempowerthemco.org](mailto:Tavia@theempowerthemco.org) and [RHuston@dyd.lacounty.gov](mailto:RHuston@dyd.lacounty.gov)

## DYD's GOATs of the Month

Each month, we recognize and celebrate our outstanding team members who exemplify DYD's commitment to uplift youth. This month, we're excited to honor [Diversion Program](#) Manager Shinmeka Clark and [Development Program](#) Manager Marianna Hernandez as DYD's March GOATs (Greatest of All-Timers)!



Shinmeka's streamlining of the youth referral process and Marianna's foundational work for DYD's Youth Development Networks (YDNs) were spotlighted by February GOAT Sahelit Bahiru. Congratulations to both of our honorees!



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## March is Women's History Month

Explore a range of LA County events and resources honoring Women's History Month. Click the links for more information:

- [LA County Library](#): Enjoy a lineup of events spotlighting women's contributions to history, culture, and society.
- [LA County Department of Parks & Recreation](#): All-ages activities honoring the accomplishments of influential women.
- [Metro Bike Share](#): Tour downtown LA landmarks on guided bike rides, highlighting women-designed architecture and sites of women's rights activism.

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## Time is Running Out! DYD's Newest Funding Opportunity

DYD is seeking to contract with organizations to expand Diversion and Development Services to youth who come into contact or are at risk of contact with the justice system. **Proposals must be received by March 28, 2025, at 12pm PST.** Please note that anyone interested in applying for a Work Order Solicitation with DYD must have a Justice Support Services (JSS) Master Agreement. Click the banner below learn more about the new contract and how to apply for JSSMA.

**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:  
YOUTH DIVERSION**

DYD IS RELEASING A WORK ORDER SOLICITATION TO EXPAND  
DIVERSION & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES FOR YOUTH!

**\*\*DEADLINE IS MARCH 28, 2025 12PM PST\*\***

Click here to learn about requirements and how to apply

**DON'T  
MISS OUT!**

## We're Hiring!

Join the DYD team! We're looking for a skilled Senior Application Developer to join our Information Technology division. Click the banner below for details.

**DYD IS  
HIRING!**

**JOIN OUR TEAM**

**SENIOR APPLICATION DEVELOPER**

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE AND APPLY!

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