

## April 2025 Newsletter Content



Hello DYD partners,

First, I'd like to acknowledge the Los Angeles County Court's recent ruling for the Probation Department to develop a depopulation plan for Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall highlights the critical need to safely release young people and provide pathways to care and development as well as alternatives to incarceration for young people under the County's care.

We are committed to doing everything we can, in collaboration with County agencies and community stakeholders, to make sure the depopulation plan reflects the true needs of the young people impacted by this ruling and aligns with the County's Care First vision and Youth Justice Reimagined initiative.

DYD will continue to work with our partners to provide culturally relevant mentorship and services to young people while they're in juvenile hall and camp and to support successful reentry to their community. We will also be organizing opportunities for community dialogue around the Probation Department's Facilities Plan in the next month or so to make sure community members, families, and young people have the chance to share and be heard about their concerns and ideas about plans for youth justice facilities.

While we continue to support our service providers and partners to make sure young people's needs are met behind the scenes, you'll also see DYD's updated logo out in the world. This logo and artwork have been created in collaboration with young people and is meant to help raise awareness about the importance of youth development and the impact of our wonderful network of community providers and partners.



Keep an eye out for our new logo sprouting across LA County, alongside stunning work by youth artists from DYD partner [LA Commons](#). You'll also spot a link to [DYD.LA](#), our easy-to-access website highlighting DYD's impact, resources, and ways to support LA County youth. Please explore the microsite and share your thoughts!

Keep reading for highlights from the past month and upcoming opportunities for youth leadership and employment happening soon. As 2nd Chance Month comes to a close, we thank you for your continued commitment to making sure young people have the chances they need to thrive and encourage you to join us in extending grace and support to system-impacted youth.

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 additional information and resources.

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## Collaborating for Safer Streets



DYD partner [Street Racing Kills \(SRK\)](#) this month hosted street safety workshops for youth and parents at Augustus Hawkins High School's community safety event. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, Los Angeles County has faced harmful street takeovers and racing, leading to roadway damage, reduced quality of life, and casualties. SRK, along with community stakeholders, are part of a South Los Angeles-centered pilot program developed to focus on youth and community outreach to prevent these incidents. For more information about SRK workshops, email [MRandell@dyc.lacounty.gov](mailto:MRandell@dyc.lacounty.gov).

## Youth Leadership in Action: April 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's impact continues to expand, prioritizing youth voices and experiences, and engaging with youth leaders throughout Los Angeles County.

Check out these photos from recent Long Beach and East Los Angeles meetings and use the QR codes below for information about HYJR gatherings near you!





April Gatherings for Heart of YJR Youth Leadership Work Groups



<b>ANTELOPE VALLEY</b> April 25th 5pm - 7pm	548 W Lancaster Blvd. Lancaster, CA 93534	
<b>EAST LOS ANGELES</b> April 24th & 29th (Zoom) 5pm - 6:30pm	4876 Gleason St. Los Angeles, CA 90022	
<b>LONG BEACH</b> April 24th 4:30pm - 6:30pm	Future Long Beach 508 W. Willow Street Long Beach, CA 90806	
<b>SAN FERNANDO VALLEY</b> April 24th 6pm - 8:00pm	1101 San Fernando Rd. San Fernando, CA 91340	
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL</b> April 17th 5pm - 7pm	7625 S. Central Ave Los Angeles, CA 90001	

## YDN 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 will host listening sessions to collect stakeholder input on community issues and desired programs.

Want to share your voice? Check the [DYD Events calendar](#) for more upcoming listening session dates and locations!



## April is 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Month



Second Chance Month highlights the power of second chances and fresh starts for young people navigating the challenges of the legal system. DYD believes that youth deserve as many chances as it takes to learn, grow, and thrive. To support system-impacted youth, both in facilities and in their communities, DYD works closely with partners to expand healing-centered and culturally relevant resources. Please visit our [Diversion](#) and [Reentry](#) webpages to learn more about community-based programs and resources that give system-impacted young people the chances they need to thrive.

## DYD GOAT(s) of the Month

Each month, we acknowledge and honor our exceptional team members who demonstrate DYD's dedication to elevating and empowering young people. This month, we celebrate Marjan Hunter and Gloria Gonzalez as our April GOATs (Greatest of All-Timers)!

Gloria is a long-time advocate for youth development and, before joining DYD's Youth Development Network team, inspired many of us as a youth leader and champion of youth justice transformation. Marjan has brought incredible passion and knowledge about restorative practices and effective alternatives to arrest to DYD's Youth Diversion team over the years. We are lucky to have them both on the team. Congratulations to our April awardees!



## DYD Quarterly Public Convening

Ignite change! Join DYD, passionate service providers, and incredible young people for a dynamic discussion about the issues affecting youth in LA County. [Click here](#) or on the flyer below to register for this online gathering.

**JOIN US FOR DYD'S QUARTERLY VIRTUAL MEETING!  
(FORMERLY THE DYD STEERING COMMITTEE)**

# QUARTERLY PUBLIC CONVENING

Join us for:

- **DYD Executive & Branch Updates**
- **Panel Discussion: Youth Development in the Changing Political Landscape**
- **Heart of Youth Justice Reimagined Sharebacks**
- **Public Comment**



**REGISTER BELOW TO JOIN!**  
**[bit.ly/dydqpc1](https://bit.ly/dydqpc1)**



Want to stay up to date on future convenings?  
**Sign up for DYD's newsletter at:**  
**[bit.ly/dydnewsletter](https://bit.ly/dydnewsletter)**



## Youth Jobs Alert!



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
Parks & Recreation

*We Are* **HIRING**

**YOUTH@WORK**

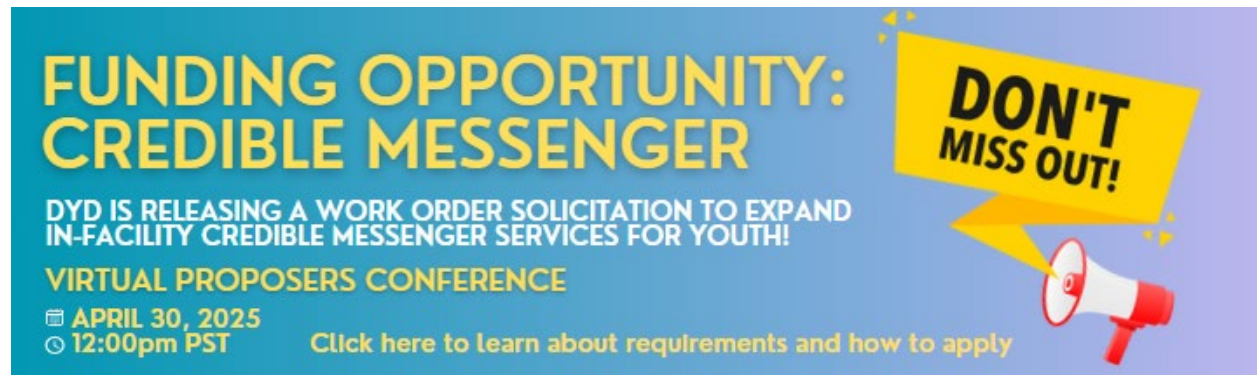
[Youth@Work](#) is hiring young people ages 14-24! This program offers paid job placements for LA County youth, along with resume assistance, hands-on job training, and interview skills development. For more information, [click here](#).

## DYD's Newest Funding Opportunity

DYD is seeking to contract with organizations to expand in-facility Credible Messenger Services to youth that are currently detained in LA County juvenile detention facilities. Proposals must be received by May 16, 2025, at 12pm PST. [Click here](#) to learn more.

The County will host a non-mandatory virtual Proposers Conference via Microsoft Teams on April 30 at 12pm PST to discuss the Work Order Solicitation and respond to questions from potential Proposers. Contact DYD via email at [Solicitations@DYD.lacounty.gov](mailto:Solicitations@DYD.lacounty.gov) and provide the name, title, email address, and phone number of any representative who will be attending the Conference to receive the URL.

Please note that all organizations interested in bidding on this solicitation must have a Justice Support Services Master Agreement (JSSMA) in place with JCOD to successfully participate. [Click here](#) or on the banner below to learn about the JSSMA and how to apply for this solicitation.



**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:  
CREDIBLE MESSENGER**

DYD IS RELEASING A WORK ORDER SOLICITATION TO EXPAND  
IN-FACILITY CREDIBLE MESSENGER SERVICES FOR YOUTH!

**VIRTUAL PROPOSERS CONFERENCE**

📅 **APRIL 30, 2025**  
🕒 **12:00pm PST**

[Click here to learn about requirements and how to apply](#)

**DON'T MISS OUT!**