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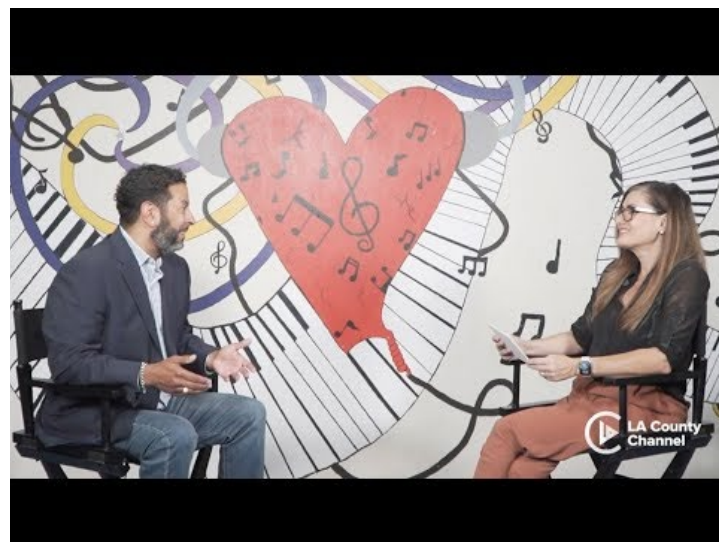
As you may know, the Los Angeles County Superior Court this month approved the Probation Department's plan to relocate more than 100 young people from Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall to other detention facilities. While DYD has consistently expressed concerns that the Probation Department's plan doesn't fully address the needs of impacted youth and families, we remain committed to supporting young people in detention and moving eligible youth into community-based services as the plan is implemented.

DYD will address the critical needs of youth being moved between detention facilities by utilizing Credible Messengers for support during the transition process and afterwards. Our new Reentry Action for Youth (RAY) program (detailed below) will provide further wraparound support, including financial assistance and mentors with justice system experience, for young people reentering communities.

DYD is cohosting Community Dialogue Events in May and June throughout LA County to enable youth, families and community members to learn about and inform the implementation of the

Probation Department's facilities plan. You'll find information below about upcoming dates and we hope you'll join us to participate.

I'd like to end by thanking the incredible young people of the 11th International Youth Conference for inviting me to be the keynote speaker at UCLA earlier this month and share DYD's story with a global audience. I also ask that you take the time to watch this wonderful LA36 story (click on the photo below). It truly captures DYD's mission and our passion for uplifting LA County 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.LA](https://dyd.la) for more information and resources.

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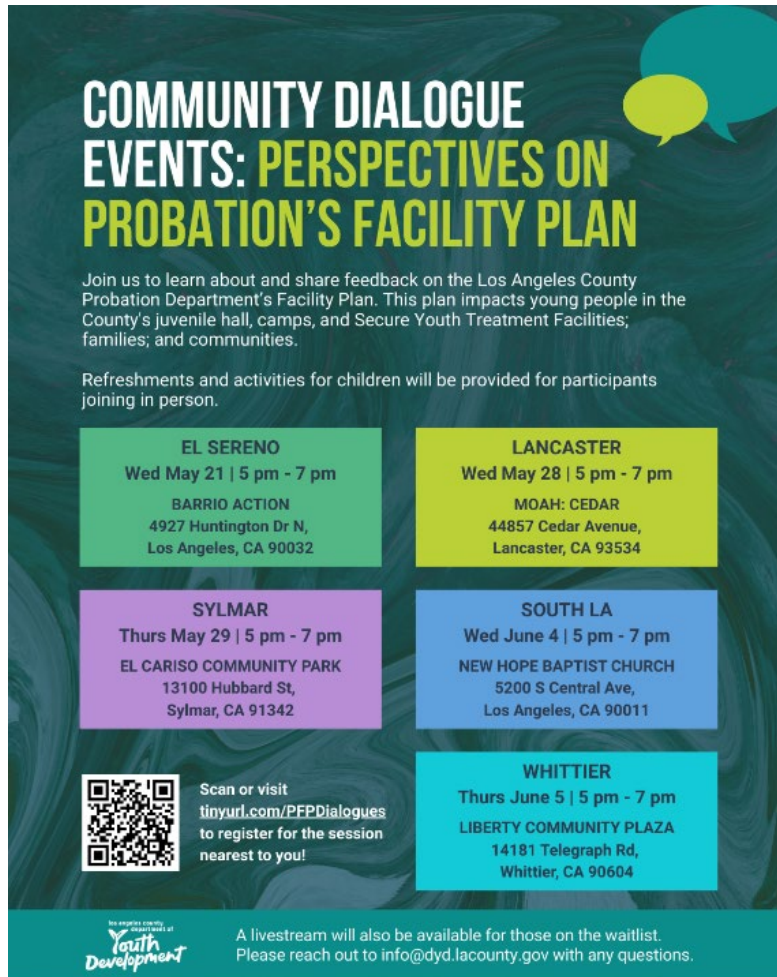


## Community Dialogue Events: Probation's Facilities Plan

DYD will hold Community Dialogue Events throughout May and June with community and County partners to discuss the [Probation Department's Facility Plan](#), which affects young people in the County's juvenile hall, camps, and Secure Youth Treatment Facilities.

These dialogues offer impacted youth, families, and the community a chance to learn about the plan and give feedback. Each event features county presentations, group discussions, and opportunities to share individual insights on essential support for young people and their families during implementation.

Use the QR code on the flyer below or visit [tinyurl.com/PFPDialogues](https://tinyurl.com/PFPDialogues) to register for the event near you.





The flyer has a dark teal background with a marbled pattern. At the top right, there are two overlapping speech bubbles, one yellow and one teal. The title is in large, bold, white and yellow letters. Below the title is a paragraph of white text. Underneath that is another line of white text. The event details are organized into five colored boxes: light green for EL SERENO, light yellow for LANCASTER, light purple for SYLMAR, light blue for SOUTH LA, and light cyan for WHITTIER. Each box contains the date, time, location name, and address. A QR code is located in the bottom left corner, next to a line of text. At the very bottom, there is a logo for 'Youth Development' and a line of white text.

### COMMUNITY DIALOGUE EVENTS: PERSPECTIVES ON PROBATION'S FACILITY PLAN

Join us to learn about and share feedback on the Los Angeles County Probation Department's Facility Plan. This plan impacts young people in the County's juvenile hall, camps, and Secure Youth Treatment Facilities; families; and communities.

Refreshments and activities for children will be provided for participants joining in person.

<b>EL SERENO</b> Wed May 21   5 pm - 7 pm BARRIO ACTION 4927 Huntington Dr N, Los Angeles, CA 90032	<b>LANCASTER</b> Wed May 28   5 pm - 7 pm MOAH: CEDAR 44857 Cedar Avenue, Lancaster, CA 93534
<b>SYLMAR</b> Thurs May 29   5 pm - 7 pm EL CARISO COMMUNITY PARK 13100 Hubbard St, Sylmar, CA 91342	<b>SOUTH LA</b> Wed June 4   5 pm - 7 pm NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH 5200 S Central Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90011
 Scan or visit <a href="https://tinyurl.com/PFPDialogues">tinyurl.com/PFPDialogues</a> to register for the session nearest to you!	<b>WHITTIER</b> Thurs June 5   5 pm - 7 pm LIBERTY COMMUNITY PLAZA 14181 Telegraph Rd, Whittier, CA 90604

 A livestream will also be available for those on the waitlist.  
Please reach out to [info@dyd.lacounty.gov](mailto:info@dyd.lacounty.gov) with any questions.

## Youth Development Network Summer Celebrations

Youth leaders partnered with the City of Long Beach this month for a spectacular summer celebration filled with friends, fun and fresh pie! Heart of Youth Justice Reimagined teams, in partnership with DYD's Youth Development Networks, are hosting regional celebrations to highlight the activities and leadership opportunities available to LA County youth.

[Check out the DYD Events calendar](#) to get details on upcoming summer kick off events in South LA, East LA, San Fernando Valley and Antelope Valley!





## DYD Launches Reentry Action for Youth (RAY)

Created to help justice-involved youth thrive, Reentry Action for Youth (RAY) partners DYD with youth service providers and other LA County agencies to help give young people a fresh start and the comprehensive support they need to succeed.

The program offers substantial financial assistance and pairs youth with mentors who have personal justice system experience. These mentors provide case management and connect youth to crucial resources including jobs, housing, education, and substance use and mental health support.



# REENTRY ACTION *for* YOUTH

## ABOUT

The RAY program provides justice-involved youth with access to mentorship, job training, counseling, and other community-based resources to support their reintegration and long-term success. Participants also receive a \$200 monthly stipend for up to 12 months, plus financial support averaging \$7000 per youth for living essentials.



## ELIGIBILITY

Juvenile Justice Court-involved youth aged 12-25 years old. Adult Criminal Court system clients are encouraged to seek assistance with DYD's sister department, JCOD.

## SERVICES

### Mentorship

Youth are paired with a mentor with lived experience.

### Resource Navigation

Youth are connected to essential services, programs, and support systems to meet their specific needs.

### Monetary Incentives

Youth receive a \$200 monthly stipend and an average \$7,000 yearly in discretionary funds for rent assistance, transportation, etc.

### Court Accompaniment

Mentors accompany youth during court proceedings to offer advocacy and emotional support.

### LEARN MORE & CONNECT

[RAY@dyc.lacounty.gov](mailto:RAY@dyc.lacounty.gov)  
[www.dyd.lacounty.gov](http://www.dyd.lacounty.gov)



To learn more, visit DYD's [Reentry webpage](#) or email [RAY@DYD.lacounty.gov](mailto:RAY@DYD.lacounty.gov).

## DYD at the LA County Fair

The DYD team had a “fair-y” good time enjoying funnel cake and gathering great ideas from young people for our 2025 Youth Summit! DYD’s annual gatherings are youth-driven and center the topics and activities young people want to experience. You can check out our [2024 Summit here](#) and visit [bit.ly/DYDsummit25](https://bit.ly/DYDsummit25) to share your 2025 Summit suggestions!



## Heart of Youth Justice Reimagined

Heart of Youth Justice Reimagined (HYJR) is a youth-led and youth-centered group dedicated to shaping Los Angeles County's YJR initiative. Check out these photos from Antelope Valley and South Los Angeles meetings and use the QR codes below for information about HYJR gatherings near you!







May  
Gatherings  
for Heart of YJR  
Youth Leadership  
Work Groups



#### **ANTELOPE VALLEY**

May 9th & May 23rd 548 W Lancaster Blvd.  
5pm - 7pm Lancaster, CA 93534



#### **EAST LOS ANGELES**

May 22nd 4876 Gleason St.  
5pm - 6:30pm Los Angeles, CA 90022



#### **LONG BEACH**

May 22nd Future Long Beach  
4:30pm - 6:30pm 508 W. Willow Street  
Long Beach, CA 90806



#### **SAN FERNANDO VALLEY**

May 22nd 1101 San Fernando Rd.  
6pm - 8:00pm San Fernando, CA 91340



#### **SOUTH CENTRAL**

May 15th 7625 S. Central Ave  
5pm - 7pm Los Angeles, CA 90001





**May is...**



**...Foster Care Awareness Month**

[The LA County Library](#) has compiled a list of local resources to help address the needs and challenges faced by youth in foster care.

**...Mental Health Awareness Month**

[Visit the LA County Department of Mental Health](#) to explore the free or low-cost mental health services available to you or someone you care for.

**...Women's Health Month**

[The LA County Office of Women's Health](#) offers resources to improve women's health equity and access to culturally responsive care.

## Youth Employment



The Department of Economic Opportunity's Youth@Work program provides LA County youth ages 14 to 24 with hands-on paid work experience, training opportunities, and career development support. [Click here to learn more.](#)

## DYD May GOATs



Every month, we honor our outstanding team members who exemplify DYD's commitment to uplifting and empowering young people. This month, we're excited to celebrate Marsheila Randell and Mirian Gomez as our GOATs (Greatest of All-Timers)!

Marsheila consistently builds, leads, and creates across the Youth Development Network, Youth Empowerment Support teams, and our School-Based branch. She excels at aligning community organizations, County departments, and youth voices, turning ideas into action. Her true "GOAT status" lies in her ability to bring vision, calm, and joy even amidst chaos, reminding us why we do this work.

We're proud to honor Mirian for her unwavering consistency, profound dedication to our mission, and her tireless efforts, even when her critical work operates behind the scenes. She masterfully handles the demanding tasks that keep our department running smoothly, often anticipating needs and proactively addressing challenges before they even arise, empowering us to focus on our primary responsibilities with confidence.

Congratulations to our May honorees!

## Care First Is...

Care First uplifts the message that proven, prevention and healing-centered approaches give young people the resources and opportunities they need to succeed and lead meaningful lives.

Young people thrive when they have access to supportive adults, community resources, and real second chances—and communities become stronger, healthier, and safer.

Learn more about DYD's Care First approach at [DYD.LA](https://dyl.la), and how you can get involved to support and empower LA County youth.

