



DYD Partners,

On April 7th, the Board of Supervisors passed a [motion](#) that is a major milestone in fully realizing [Youth Justice Reimagined](#) and advancing us toward a future where every young person has the support they need to thrive (you can read the story [here](#)).

By empowering DYD to lead programming within juvenile halls and camps, the Board's motion reaffirmed its commitment to a care-first approach to justice-involved youth rooted in healing and accountability. This includes the introduction of an integrated care coordination system that enables us to wrap our arms around justice-impacted young people with consistent, evidence-informed support that honors their humanity rather than just their case file.

Over the next several months, we will be working closely with our county partners to finalize the details of the plan, including the financial resources needed to fully implement this phased approach. I look forward to keeping you updated throughout this process.



In other news, the first meeting of our Youth Advisory Board this month sparked incredible energy as these young leaders began co-designing a new South LA youth center rooted in their own lived experiences. Their insights, ideas and heart for the community are exactly what we need to build a better future for young people.



The DYD team joined the [Anti-Recidivism Coalition](#) and Probation Department staff at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall this month to celebrate young men graduating from the [Credible Messenger](#) program, where they focused on leadership and emotional intelligence. Alongside [Jail Guitar Doors](#)' creative reentry work, these partnerships highlight our commitment to giving youth a diverse toolkit of skills and creative outlets for a successful journey home.



Finally, DYD has been able to continue our support for youth centers through the LA County Parks and Recreation's Our SPOT program! This free, year-round haven offers teens aged 12–18 a safe space to enjoy hot meals, homework help, and career mentoring during those vital after-school hours. [Click here](#) for more information and to find an Our SPOT location near you.

As always, I value your input and feedback. Connect with us at info@dya.lacounty.gov with any questions or concerns and please explore DYD.LA for more information and resources.

David

DAVID J. CARROLL
DIRECTOR



Tune in to The DYD Minute!



DON'T MISS IT!

THE DYD MINUTE

EVERY SUNDAY ON ↷

FEAT. KDAY'S CORRIE RENEE & DYD DIR. DAVID J. CARROLL

93.5 KDAY
HIP HOP BACK IN THE DAY

los angeles county department of **Youth Development**

DYD is on the air! Every Sunday in May, DYD Director David J. Carroll joins [93.5 KDAY](#) host Corrie Renee for an eye-opening conversation on justice, community

involvement and opportunities to build better futures for young people. Click on the picture above to watch how a care-first approach is delivering real results for our youth, families, and communities across LA County.

Premiering May 9th: Storytelling for Change



A R T S
HEALING
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STORYTELLING FOR CHANGE

Artists Exploring Legacies of Youth Justice & Incarceration

Join us for this **FREE** celebratory event of our **Peer Narrative Ambassador Fellowship!**

- Film screening on the history of youth justice in LA
- Testimonials from system-impacted artists
- Gallery walk of youth art projects
- Free food & music!



Saturday, May 9, 2026
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM



Hauser & Wirth Art Gallery
901 East 3rd Street Los Angeles CA 90013



RSVP BELOW!

bit.ly/PNAEVENT



Join us on May 9 for "Storytelling for Change," a powerful showcase hosted by DYD and the [Arts for Healing and Justice Network \(AHJN\)](#). This free event celebrates the finale of DYD's Peer Narrative Ambassador Fellowship, a four-month journey where justice-impacted youth transformed the history of L.A.'s carceral system into visionary works of art.

Don't miss out—visit bit.ly/PNAEVENT or use the QR code above to secure your spot!

Don't Miss Out: May 2026 International Youth Conference in Los Angeles!

The image contains two promotional posters. The left poster is for the 'INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE 13' held from May 21-24, 2026, in Los Angeles, U.S.A. The theme is 'Innovative Diplomacy: Youth at the Forefront'. It features a 'LIVE STREAM' icon and social media links for YouTube, Facebook, and LinkedIn. The main theme is 'INNOVATIVE DIPLOMACY: Youth Advancing Peace and Security', supporting the mission of the United Nations. A 'REGISTER NOW' button points to WWW.IYCFORYOUTH.ORG/REGISTRATION. Logos for the International Organization of Youth, UCLA Luskin, United Nations Geneva, beyond lab, and unitar are displayed. The right poster is for the 'Los Angeles Pathway to Peace - Youth Declaration 2026 YOUTH CONSULTATION'. It asks for input on 'What does "peace" mean where you live?', 'What's the biggest issue for youth safety?', and 'One action to improve peace in your community?'. It includes a QR code to 'Share Your Ideas Now!' and a 'SCAN HERE' label. The URL <http://iycforyouth.org/LAYouth> is provided, along with the text 'Be a Contributor to the Los Angeles Pathway to Peace - Youth Declaration 2026!'.

LA County youth—be part of a global gathering! DYD Director David J. Carroll is the keynote speaker for the International Youth Conference at UCLA May 21st-24th, and you're invited to this worldwide event. This conference brings together young leaders, diplomats, and changemakers from over 100 countries to explore how youth shape the future of global diplomacy and peacebuilding.

Join us in person or online for a special DYD workshop, networking opportunities, and a platform to advocate for the issues that matter to you. Don't wait—[register here](#) or visit <https://www.iycforyouth.org/registration>. You can also share your voice

and help shape the Los Angeles Pathway to Peace Youth Declaration! Visit the official consultation site or scan the QR code above to submit your ideas on peace and community safety.

DYD in the Community

DYD was on the move this April! Check out these highlights from a month of meeting, greeting, and growing with our community:



March for Babies/
Healthy Kids Day



D2 Racial Justice
Learning Exchange



Community Impact
Basketball
Tournament



Compton
Tech Week

**Level Up Your Leadership Skills:
Join a Heart of Youth Justice Reimagined Meeting**

"I loved how it was a safe space. Everyone was so nice to each other & I felt comfortable."



"HYJR has shown me a new perspective of cooperation and collaboration and helped me get a JOB!"



May Gatherings for Heart of YJR Youth Leadership Work Groups



EAST LOS ANGELES May 7th 5pm - 7pm	4876 Gleason St. Los Angeles 90022 bit.ly/EASTLAHYJR	
ANTELOPE VALLEY May 14th 5pm - 7pm	38417 20th St East Suite A Palmdale 93550 bit.ly/AVHYJR	
LONG BEACH May 27th 4:30pm - 6:30pm	Long Beach City College 1305 W. Pacific Coast Hwy Long Beach 90808 bit.ly/LBHYJRMAY	
SAN FERNANDO VALLEY May 21st 6pm - 8pm	1101 San Fernando Rd. San Fernando 91340 bit.ly/818youthjustice	
SOUTH CENTRAL May 28th 5pm - 7pm	7625 S. Central Ave Los Angeles 90001 bit.ly/sclahyjr2026	

"I noticed drastic changes in my attitude and the way I carry myself; I also am more confident expressing myself."



"I feel more connected and informed with my city and government; I look forward to this meeting every month."

Looking to turn your leadership potential into action? HYJR meetings offer a unique, in-person space designed and co-led by young people, for young people. This is

your platform to connect with a powerful network of peers, sharpen your professional skills, and directly influence the future of your community. Your time and expertise are valuable, so all youth participants receive a gift card for their attendance. Check the flyer above to see why your peers value HYJR and use the bit.ly links or QR codes to sign up for a local meeting today!

Youth Commission Youth Empowerment Summit



Los Angeles County Youth Commission Fourth District Listening Session
 Celebrating 25 Years of the CA Foster Youth Bill of Rights

Youth Empowerment Summit

Saturday
May 9, 2026
11am - 3pm

Youth Led Event



Christopher Espino
 Commissioner



Clarissa Peña
 Commissioner



Joseph Roa
 Commissioner

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 MUSEUM OF LATIN AMERICAN ART
 628 Alamitos Ave,
 Long Beach, CA 90802

*Free Parking Available
 Metro A Line → 5th Street Station

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
 California Youth Connection, DCFS Youth Development Services, Los Angeles County Ombudsperson for Youth in STRTPs, and the Southern California Office of the Foster Care Ombudsperson

Scan to Register for the event!



The Youth Commission wants to hear from **youth!** Share your ideas on how we can support and uplift policies, practices, and services that matter to you. This fourth district event focuses on **access to resources, advocacy, education, entertainment, employment, and mental health**

<https://district4listeningsession.eventbrite.com>

- ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES
- "RIGHTS IN ACTION" RESOURCE FAIR
- COMMUNITY CONVERSATION
- KEYNOTE SPEAKER

LACounty_YouthCommission <https://youthcommission.lacounty.gov/>

Join the [LA County Youth Commission](#) May 9th for the 4th District Youth Empowerment Summit—a youth-led day celebrating a quarter-century of the

California Foster Youth Bill of Rights, and dedicated to advocacy, community, and connection. [Click here](#) or scan the QR code above to register.

Find Resources with the DYD Provider Directory

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Development**

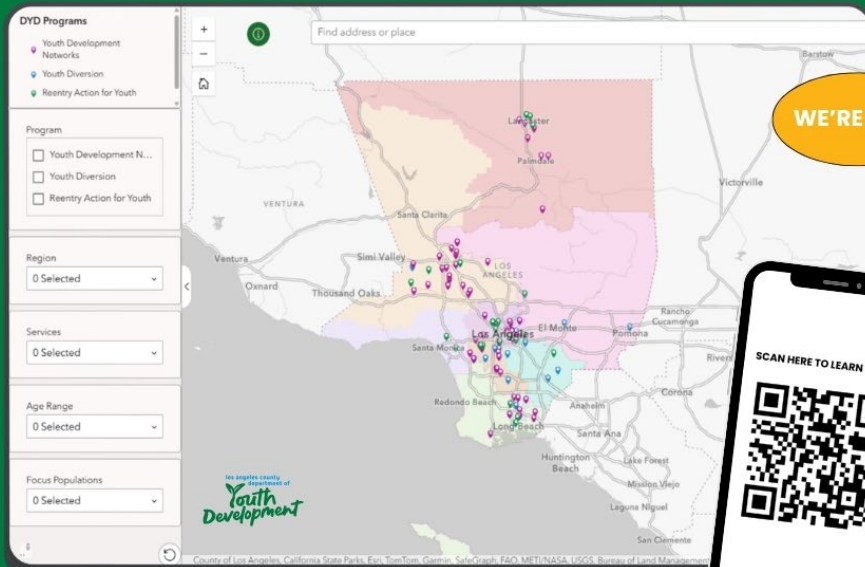
DYD Provider Directory

Check out this interactive resource designed to connect Los Angeles County youth & families to **free, culturally responsive programming!**

- ✓ Diversion
- ✓ Youth Development
- ✓ Reentry



dyd.lacounty.gov/providers 🔍



WE'RE LIVE!



DYD's Provider Directory is an interactive resource designed to connect Los Angeles County youth and families to DYD's free, culturally responsive

programming. This user friendly map allows you to easily filter results by region, age, and specific service types to help you connect with DYD's youth development, diversion, or reentry programming providers. It's your source to explore DYD's network of community-based services. [Click here](#) or visit dyd.lacounty.gov/providers to learn more.

Opportunity for Involvement: Request for Information



DYD is issuing a Request for Information (RFI) about youth programs and service providers to identify future partners to support regional Youth Development Networks (YDN). DYD is building youth development ecosystems across the County where youth providers and young leaders will operate in cohesive networks of collective action.

Visit bit.ly/YDNRFI to learn more. Responses should be submitted no later than May 11, 2026, by 5:00 p.m. PST. Please note that this is not a solicitation.

Employment Opportunities: Check Out Youth @ Work

A promotional banner for LA County Youth@Work. The background is a gradient of blue and purple with a faint city skyline. On the left, 'LA COUNTY' is written vertically in white. The main text 'YOUTH @WORK' is in large white letters, with the '@' symbol and the 'O' in 'WORK' replaced by a smiley face icon with a pencil tip. To the right of 'WORK' is the text 'department of economic opportunity' in white. Below this, a white button contains the text 'Learn more: bit.ly/DEOYouthAtWork'. Underneath the button, a white text line reads 'LA County youth ages 14-24 can explore new career pathways and earn \$17.87/hr through Youth@Work (Y@W)'. At the bottom, a dark blue bar contains icons for YouTube, Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook, followed by the text 'Stay connected! Follow @EconOppLA'.

Youth@Work provides opportunities for young people (ages 14-24) to gain valuable experience and develop in-demand skills through salaried positions in thriving industries. This program will connect you with local employers and America's Job Centers of California (AJCCs), where you can gain real world experience and build your confidence. Take the next step toward a bright future by clicking [this link](#) or the banner above to learn more!

Care First in the Community



Look out for the DYD Care First posters and billboards in your neighborhood! Care First uplifts the message that young people thrive when we prioritize healing and opportunity over punishment. By providing access to supportive mentors, community resources, and genuine second chances, we build a safer, stronger LA County for everyone.

Get involved! Visit [DYD.LA](https://www.dyd.la) or click the banner below to learn about Care First programs and how you can support and empower our youth.



STAY CONNECTED WITH DYD!



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DYD.LA**



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@LACOUNTYYOUTH**



**NEWSLETTER
BIT.LY/DYDNEWSLETTER**



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