los angeles county department of Youth Development

CELEBRATING DYD'S YEAR FOUR

JULY 2025 - JULY 2026



Youth Development *is* Public Safety

OUR GROWTH AT YEAR FOUR



79
Current Contracts with Providers & Partners

6,300+
Youth Served Across Program Areas This Year

60,000+ Total Youth Engagements

25
Providers Supported by Inaugural Incubation Academy



"As DYD enters its fourth year, we are in a season of leadership as we continue to bring the vision of Youth Justice Reimagined to life.

Grounded by our Strategic Plan, our growing community-based programs are expanding and being recognized for their success. I am so proud of our team, our partners, and the young people we have the honor to serve for everything we've achieved this year."

- David J. Carroll

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT NETWORKS (YDN) + HEART OF YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED (HJYR)

4,500+
Served by YDN This Year

54,800+
YDN Engagements

1,900+
HJYR Engagements

After launching YDNs as a pilot program, DYD and our partners have developed a new and improved model to that will expand these low-barrier community-based services to more communities across Los Angeles County and improve acces to the things youth want and need.



SCHOOL-BASED SERVICES

This year, DYD launched a new program model to support restorative practices and mentorship support in schools. The goal of this school-based effort is to improve school climate and provide restorative alternatives to suspension, expulsion, or school-based arrest.

21 Restorative Skills Training Sessions

45 Community Building Activities

38 Youth Development Wellness Sessions

YOUTH DIVERSION

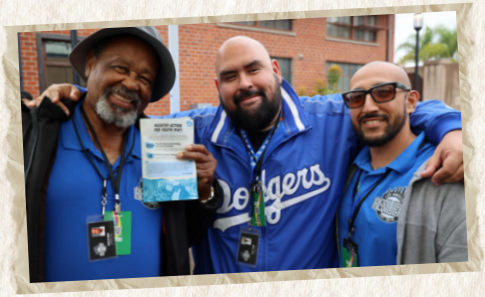
DYD's flagship diversion program continues to expand. This year, we've seen an increase in referrals from our partners at the District Attorney's Office, collaborated with the Department of Children and Family Services to support youth impacted by the child welfare system, and more!

1,200+
Youth Diverted This Year
In lieu of arrest or court through informal or formal referrals

Substantial increase in referrals from the DA's Office

12 Community-Based Diversion Providers

SUPPORT FOR JUSTICE-INVOLVED YOUTH





This year, DYD has expanded our continuum for justice-involved youth, from decarceration to in-facility support to community reentry..

The **Reentry Action for Youth (RAY) Program** supports justice-involved youth ages 12–25 as they return home from facilities. RAY has also been an alternative to incarceration for some young people who can remain in their community with this additional support.

In the County's youth justice facilities, DYD supports **Credible Messenger Mentors (CM)** and is preparing to **lead program coordination** in facilities.

DYD is also expanding our Decarceration work to launch **Safe Healing Centers** and **gender-responsive services**.

600+

Youth Reconnecting to Community with the Support and Guidance They Need to Prevent Further Justice System Involvement

Expanding to provide support in all youth justice facilities

22 **Reentry Action for Youth Providers**

4 **Credible Messenger Providers**

AWARD WINNING PROGRAMS!

DYD is proud to share that the **RAY, Credible Messenger, and YDN Programs** were recognized by the prestigious National Associations of Counties (NACo) 2026 Achievement Awards!

NACo 2026 ACHIEVEMENT AWARD Winner

PROGRESS ON STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED

- Expanded **Youth Development Network** model to include all Service Planning Areas and launched inaugural Incubation Academy
- Launched Rooted School-Based initiative, expanding **restorative alternatives** to school discipline and arrest
- Continued to work with providers to invest in safe spaces for youth, including **Youth Centers** with extended hours
- Expanded community **Reentry continuum**, including providing alternatives to detention
- Prepared to lead youth development programming for justice-involved youth, including expanding **Credible Messenger mentorship**
- Continued to advance **Safe Healing Centers** and other Decarceration of Girls and Gender Expansive Youth strategies
- Continued to grow Los Angeles County's Youth Development workforce, collaborative decision-making, and shared learning

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