



The Los Angeles County Department of Health Services' Office of Diversion and Reentry (ODR), in partnership with the Los Angeles County Probation Department, is looking to implement a Credible Messenger Program, YO! (Youth Overcoming), that uses a transformative mentoring curriculum for those on adult felony probation between the ages of 18-25 hereafter referred to as Emerging Adults (EA). The service will be provided by Christ Centered Ministries (CCM) at 742 N La Brea Ave, Inglewood, CA 90302, and the service model will consist of the following six components:

- 1) Group sessions that enable comradery and support amongst participants;
- 2) A curriculum based on cognitive behavioral principles;
- 3) Credible messenger mentors with lived experience of incarceration who are available for support, advice, and guidance;
- 4) Case management and service navigation;
- 5) Participant incentives for achieving milestones; and
- 6) Incorporation of positive young development values, principles, and practices for emerging adults.

#### Eligibility

- Youths between the ages of 18-25 on Probation supervision
- Men
- Moderate to high risk
- If gang affiliated, please see CCM's policies to ensure the safety of all parties

#### Group Sessions

- 90-minute weekly sessions for the duration of 9 months
- Incentives for participating include:
  - o \$900 cash awards for program completion
  - o Meals at every weekly session
  - o 2 fieldtrips to local venues

#### Referral process

- Probation officers will fill out a referral form and submit to the RUU
- RUU staff will submit referral forms to Christ Centered Ministries

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