



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
**Department of Mental Health**  
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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **LACDMH HOSTS RESOURCE FAIR FOR FREE COUNTYWIDE SERVICES AVAILABLE TO AT-RISK YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS**

**WHAT:** The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) will host a free **Health & Awareness Fair for Youth & Young Adults**. At the fair, at-risk youth and young adults can find out about programs and various services that can assist them with employment, education and self-sufficiency, including assistance with housing, tattoo removal and help for substance use.

Under the care of Los Angeles County, more than 25,000 transition age youth (TAY) clients – at-risk youth and young adults – received County services last year alone. And each year, about 1,100 youth age out of the County’s care and enter the community as young adults.

Some have adequate resources while others do their best to find their way. Many of these teenagers and young adults risk becoming vulnerable to dangerous situations such as drugs, homelessness and child prostitution. They are unaware of the free resources and programs available to help get them back on their feet, off the streets and away from trouble. We encourage at-risk youth and young adults to attend this free Health & Wellness Fair to empower themselves with useful resources and information.

**WHO:** Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health  
Hillview Mental Health Center  
Providence Faith Community Health Partnership  
The Village Family Services  
\*There will be TAY clients available for interview.

**WHEN/** **Tuesday, January 20, 2015, 3PM - 7PM**  
**WHERE:** Pacoima City Hall  
13520 Van Nuys Boulevard  
Pacoima, CA 91331

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