

# What's Happening

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## FOREVER FRIENDS HOST RED CARPET CELEBRATION

On September 10, 2022, Probation Child Welfare held its 2nd Red Carpet event to celebrate Resource Families who provide Probation foster youth with a permanent home and family.

The Forever Friends program has been in existence since 2019 and currently has 85 approved Forever Friends that are placed at Residential programs all over Los Angeles County. These Forever Friends have been successfully matched with approximately 37 youth, both DCFS and Probation foster youth, and there are more matches in process.

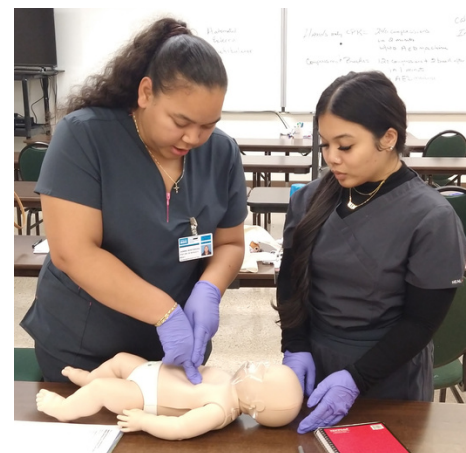
Probation's former Family Recruitment Contractor, Mark Daley, was awarded a scroll from the Board of Supervisors by Assistant Chief Fletcher, Deputy Chief Cotton, and Board Deputy Osborn for his extremely successful marketing campaign in the recruitment and success of these family and Forever Friend connections.



Assistant Chief Karen Fletcher, Family Recruitment Contractor Mark Daley, BOS Deputy Barbara Osborn, Deputy Chief Felicia Cotton

## WESTCAL ACADEMY INTRODUCES DKC YOUTH TO CAREERS

On Saturday, September 17th, WestCal Academy and L.A. County Probation took youth from Dorothy F. Kirby Center on an excursion to the Torrance WestCal headquarters. Youth were given tutorials on various in-demand careers including dental assistant, medical assistant, and HVAC maintenance. Afterward, WestCal staff conducted a CPR for infants training session. After the training, the youth were CPR certified by the American Red Cross.



Two WestCal staff conducting CPR for infants training

In June 2022, Supervisor Janice Hahn awarded a \$165,000 grant to launch a new career training program at the Dorothy Kirby Center. Probation youth who enroll in the pilot program will be able to participate in hands-on career training, learn about personal branding and resume building, and get connected to internship and apprenticeship programs after they complete their time and return to their communities. WestCal conducts classes at DKC on Wednesdays and Saturdays.



### UPCOMING EVENTS:



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