## **DISABILITIES DIVISION**







#### L.A. Found

# **Program Description**

L.A. Found supports individuals at risk of wandering due to autism, Alzheimer's, related dementias, developmental disabilities, or other cognitive impairments. Its mission is to educate the community on how to respond if someone goes missing and to promote the use of Lifesaver technology to locate individuals prone to wandering. With 60% of Alzheimer's patients and 49% of autistic children wandering at some point in their lives, L.A. Found focuses on three key areas: County resources, tracking technology, and emergency coordination.

Tracking devices (bracelets) are provided at no cost to families and caregivers to help safeguard at-risk individuals. These devices emit a radio frequency or GPS signal that can be traced using specialized equipment to locate the missing person. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Mental Evaluation Team (MET) is responsible for the search and rescue of L.A. Found participants wearing these devices and can assist any law enforcement jurisdiction within the Los Angeles region.

## **Eligibility**

Individuals must:

- Reside in the Los Angeles region.
- Be prone to wandering due to autism, Alzheimer's, related dementias, developmental disabilities, or other cognitive impairments.

### **How to Apply**

For more information, please visit ad.lacounty.gov/lafound or call the L.A. Found hotline at 1(833) 567-7651, Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

You may also email us at: lafound@ad.lacounty.gov.

For instructions on how to apply for a **free tracking bracelet** and to access the online application, scan the QR code:

#### IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Information & Assistance Line 1 (800) 510-2020

**Report Elder Abuse** 1 (877) 477-3646

**Community & Senior Centers** 1 (800) 689-8514

Public Email info@ad.lacounty.gov















