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**REPORT BACK ON EMPOWERING YOUTH THROUGH KNOW YOUR RIGHTS
EDUCATION FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT (ITEM NO. 11; JULY 1, 2025)**

On July 1, 2025, the Board of Supervisors highlighted the increased risk of criminalization for youth involved in civic-action and acknowledged the County's responsibility to empower youth to participate in safe civic engagement through proactive education. This motion directed the Department of Youth Development (DYD), Public Defender (PD), and Alternate Public Defender (APD), in consultation with the Human Relations Commission (HRC) and the Youth Commission (YC), to report back within 30 days with a plan to develop Know Your Rights (KYR) educational materials and workshops for young people participating in protests and other forms of civic engagement and a public communication campaign to disseminate KYR information across the County, including timeline and resources needed for implementation.

This report outlines an initial landscape analysis of existing KYR materials, workshops, and potential partners; current gaps and opportunities to expand existing resources; and an implementation plan to develop and disseminate materials and workshops as directed in the motion, including resources needed and next steps.

Initial Landscape Analysis

The PD's existing KYR materials and workshops will serve as the foundation of the collaborative response to this motion. The PD, APD, and DYD will work together to assess opportunities to address gaps in current resources, expand access to updated KYR resources, and support integration into community-based services and public communications activities.

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To greater understand the landscape of other existing KYR efforts, DYD connected with community leaders, service providers, and County partners to gather information about KYR resources available for youth. Exploratory calls were conducted with over 15 organizations that provide KYR education materials and workshops. Of those organizations, DYD identified 5 with more specific KYR resources for youth participating in civic engagement activities.

Key existing KYR resources for youth participating in civic engagement include:

- Black Alliance for Just Immigration: KYR workshops focus on interactions with ICE in the community and during a protest. Materials include toolkits, one pagers, reports, and resources for migrant youth and community focused Languages include English, Spanish, Creole, Arabic, and more as requested.
- Boyle Heights Immigrant Rapid Response Network: KYR resources include youth legal rights and how to stay safe in specific circumstances pertaining to education and immigration. Languages include English and Spanish.
- Coalition for Human Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA): KYR for students when protesting especially on school campuses. Focus is on de-escalation, how to protest peacefully to avoid arrest, how to navigate contact with law enforcement, how to safely engage in school walk-outs. Languages include English and Spanish.
- Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE): KYR workshops delivered on school campuses and in community in partnership with the County Office of Immigrant Affairs (OIA) and Central American Resource Center (CARACEN). Includes KYR information related to due process, encounters with ICE, and student rights. Materials have been vetted by a youth advisory council and County Counsel.
- Union del Barrio: KYR materials advise youth on how to mobilize and keep themselves safe in protests, walkouts, and demonstrations. Languages include Spanish, English, Arabic, Tagalog, Cantonese.

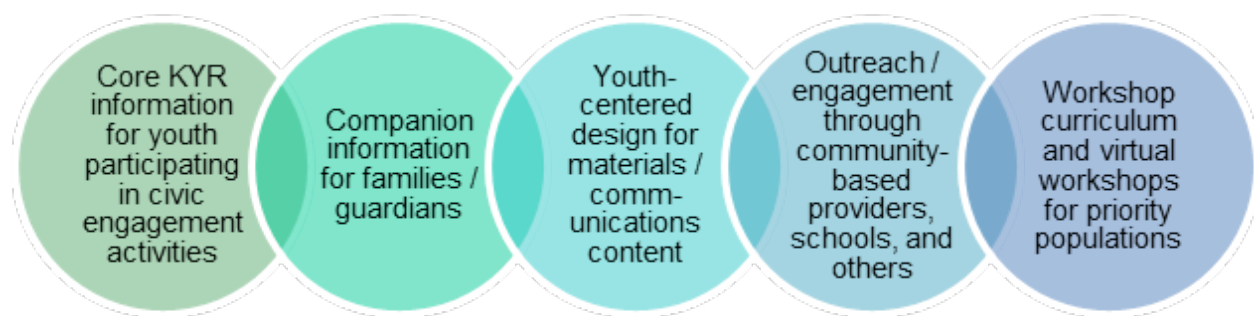
In reviewing existing resources, the following initial gaps have been identified:

1. Need for more mixed media tailored to the ways youth prefer to receive information (e.g., through short-form video content, printed materials featuring illustration and design by youth artists).

2. Need for information tailored to youth who may experience heightened risk during civic engagement activities such as:
 - a. Justice-involved youth,
 - b. Undocumented youth,
 - c. LGBTQIA+ youth,
 - e. Youth with accessibility support needs, and
 - f. Youth between the ages of 18 and 26.
3. Need for companion resources for families, guardians, and other trusted adults.
4. Need for additional outreach and engagement to meet youth and guardians where they learn, play, and work to increase access to information before young people come into contact with law enforcement or the justice system.

Proposed Implementation Plan

Informed by this initial analysis of existing opportunities and gaps, DYD will work with the PD and APD to build on and expand the PD's and APD's existing KYR materials and workshops for youth, including supporting enhanced youth-centered design as well as additional outreach and engagement for priority populations. DYD will work with the Youth Commission to ensure materials and outreach strategies are youth-informed and accessible.



Strategy	Activities	Timing	
Complete landscape analysis and identify opportunities to build upon / expand existing resources.	DYD conducts exploratory calls with initial organizations identified.	Early July 2025	
	PD and APD review initial landscape analysis and provide feedback on gaps and opportunities.	Mid July 2025	

	Meet with LACOE and OIA to discuss proposed opportunities to expand their existing materials and workshops.	Late July 2025	
Establish partnerships to adapt existing resources.	DYD, PD, and APD conduct detailed review of existing resources of interest and finalize plan to build upon / expand and address gaps, including gathering feedback from the HRC and Youth Commission.	Early Aug. 2025	
	Meet with youth-serving County Departments, LA City Youth Development Department, Long Beach Youth Development Department, and others to discuss opportunities to collaborate on workshop locations and outreach.	Late Aug. 2025	
	Engage youth-serving community-based organizations through focus groups and listening sessions to gather additional feedback.	Sept. 2025	
	Finalize approved language with vetting from County Counsel and youth advisory group(s); translate approved language for the printed materials. Then complete co-creation of expanded printed materials and workshops with project partners.	Sept-Oct. 2025	
Integrate with existing programming and services	Print and disseminate materials.	Oct-Dec. 2025	
	Train DYD providers and other interested providers from partnering County Departments on delivery of KYR materials and workshops.	Oct-Dec. 2025	
Develop communications campaign to increase public awareness	Reach out and collaborate with youth artists for illustration and design to incorporate into digital content for distribution.	Oct-Dec. 2025	
	Develop digital content, videos and other youth-generated content; and shared resource library.		
	Launch public communications campaign to complement launch of expanded workshops.	January 2026	

Resources Needed

KYR materials tentatively include red cards, flyers, brochures, social media graphic banners, LAC County website banners, email graphics, and workshop invitations.

DYD will continue to work with project partners to confirm the estimated resources needed to support this work. The initial amounts listed below are based on the landscape analysis conducted thus far and a rough estimate goal for an expanded number of workshops.

Cost	Count	Amount
Planning costs (e.g., support and compensation for youth advisory groups)	50 youth advisory group participants	\$2,500.00
Graphic design / illustration for digital materials, including but not limited to youth artists.	2-5 graphic artists	\$50,000.00
High-quality printing for materials (in addition to existing KYR red cards)	10,000 cards / booklets	\$50,000.00
Workshops, including interpretation / translation support	Up to 50 new workshops	\$50,000.00
Video production	20 short-form videos	\$35,000.00
Estimated Resources Needed		\$190,000.00

Next Steps

DYD will work closely with the PD and APD to implement this plan, including engaging the HRC and Youth Commission for their subject-matter expertise and continuing to meet with LACOE and OIA to align with best practices in their existing resources and outreach through schools.

DYD will follow up with relevant stakeholders to confirm resources needed and a plan to ensure resources are made available for this important effort.

The partners will provide quarterly progress reports moving forward as directed.

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Partner Feedback

Over the past few months, DYD has collaborated with the PD, APD, HRC, YC, Office of Immigrant Affairs (OIA), and Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE), to gather input and ensure alignment in the development of the KYR educational materials and overall approach.

A consistent theme that has emerged across all meetings is the importance of ensuring the content is truly engaging for youth. Departments emphasized the need for materials that are not only informative but also accessible, interactive, and relevant to young people's lived experiences. This includes using youth-friendly language, incorporating visuals or media where possible, and framing the information in ways that inspires young

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people to participate in civic engagement while balancing empowerment with caution and safety. Recommendations were made to include more scenario-based information (e.g., “What to do if detained,” “How to respond to a dispersal order”) and to center the KYR framing on inclusion while addressing specific vulnerabilities.

This feedback will play a critical role in shaping the next phase of the KYR civic engagement work, ensuring it resonates meaningfully with the youth we aim to reach.

Summary of Key Themes from Youth Feedback

In October 2025, DYD hosted a youth feedback session for young people across the County to gather input utilized to ensure KYR education and materials are youth-centered and relevant to their needs. Thirteen young people attended the session with representation from all five supervisorial districts.

Some key recommendations from the youth feedback session include:

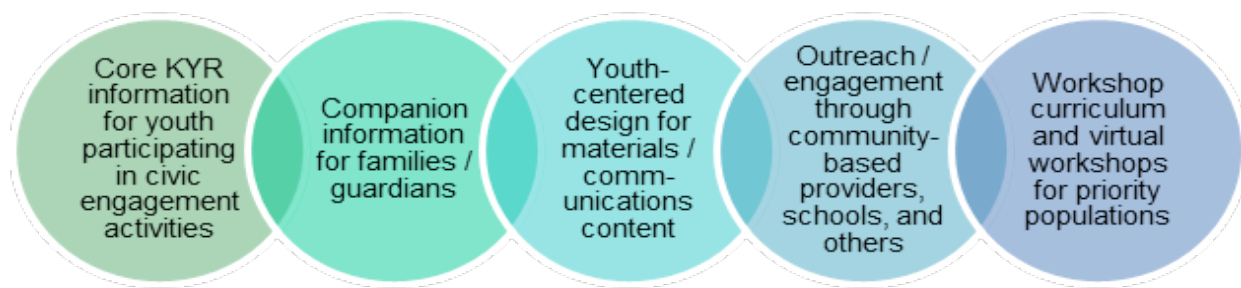
- Clearly define youth civic engagement and uplift examples beyond protesting such as townhalls, organizing, rapid response networks that young people with heightened risk (i.e. undocumented youth) can participate in to mitigate risk
- Ground workshops in history of past youth social movements to empower young people
- Prioritize mental health resources and supports to promote youth wellbeing as civic engagement can be emotionally taxing
- Develop youth friendly and tangible educational take-away materials such as red cards or pamphlets that youth can have readily accessible
- Empower youth with education and knowledge to gain parental support for civic engagement
- Disseminate KYR education via partnerships with trusted community organizations and grass roots efforts

This feedback will be essential in developing youth workshops and educational materials, ensuring they are relevant to youth across the County.

Outline for KYR Toolkit

Informed by the initial landscape analysis, partner listening sessions, and additional research of already-existing resources, DYD is developing a youth-centered KYR toolkit to ensure that youth understand their rights when engaging in civic action, such as participating in protests or demonstrations.

This toolkit builds on existing materials from partners and experts in the field and is intended to compile key information in one place using a youth-centered approach to ensure the material is engaging for young people.



Below is the draft outline of the Youth KYR Toolkit, informed by feedback from partners and youth to date:

1. High-level, easily digestible summary of guidance on how youth should interact with law enforcement, understand their rights if detained or cited, and navigate curfews or dispersal orders to remain safe.
2. Highlights focused on core topics, including:
 - a. First Amendment rights,
 - b. student rights related to protest activity on school campuses, and
 - c. best practices for safe and lawful participation in civic engagement.
3. Recognizing that some youth face heightened risk, the toolkit will include tailored information about rights and resources for specific audiences, including:
 - a. undocumented and immigrant youth,
 - b. LGBTQ+ youth,
 - c. system-impacted youth,
 - d. youth with disabilities, and
 - e. caregivers and families.
4. Accessible materials to help youth identify and report civil rights violations or targeted discrimination. This includes information on recognizing unlawful actions and connecting them with County and Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) that provide advocacy and legal support.

5. Throughout, the toolkit will integrate trauma-informed information and resources focused on supporting well-being during and after civic action, identifying safe spaces, and connecting with supportive services to address the emotional and mental impact civic engagement and criminalization may have on youth.

Updated Implementation Plan

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	PD and APD review initial landscape analysis and provide feedback on gaps and opportunities.	Mid July 2025	Completed
	Meet with LACOE and OIA to discuss proposed opportunities to expand their existing resources.	Late July 2025	Completed
	Meet with HRC and YC to gather feedback and inform updated plan.	Aug - Oct. 2025	Completed
Engage youth through focus groups and listening sessions to gather additional feedback on outlined KYR material content and topics.	Engage youth through focus groups and listening sessions to gather additional feedback on outlined KYR material content and topics.	October 2025	Completed
Adapt existing resources to create KYR toolkit and build out train-the-trainer workshop content.	DYD adapts existing resources and develops draft Youth KYR Toolkit.	Sept - Nov. 2025	Ongoing
	PD, APD, and County Counsel review toolkit and provide feedback.	November 2025	Ongoing
	Engage youth advisory group(s) for feedback and approval.	Nov - Dec. 2025	Ongoing
Develop communications campaign to increase public awareness	Collaborate with youth artists for illustration and design.	Nov - Dec. 2025	Ongoing
	Develop digital content, videos, and shared resource library.	January 2026	Ongoing
	Launch public communications campaign to complement launch of expanded workshops.	January 2026	Ongoing
Integrate existing programming and services	Print and disseminate materials.	January 2026	Ongoing
	Train providers on delivery of KYR materials and workshops.	January 2026	Ongoing

Next Steps

DYD will continue to work closely with the PD and APD to implement this plan and engage HRC and YC for their subject-matter expertise. DYD will also continue collaborating with LACOE and OIA to align materials with best practices and support outreach through schools. Throughout the process, DYD will work with these partners to engage youth advisory group(s), including but not limited to the Heart of YJR, to ensure all materials and outreach efforts remain engaging, accessible, and youth-centered.

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Toolkit Update

Informed by the initial landscape analysis, partner listening sessions, and additional research of already-existing resources, DYD has developed a draft KYR toolkit to ensure that youth understand their rights when engaging in civic action, such as participating in protests or demonstrations. This toolkit builds on existing materials from partners and experts in the field, such as from the PD and APD, and is intended to compile key information in one place using a youth-centered approach to ensure the material is engaging for young people. Once finalized, this toolkit will serve as the foundation for the promotion of KYR information and the creation of companion materials moving forward.

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Youth-Centered Design

DYD has onboarded a youth artist to design and develop the KYR educational and communications campaign materials to ensure they are engaging and relevant to youth. Over the next few months, DYD will be working closely with this youth artist to establish a cohesive and recognizable campaign identity and produce educational materials that make KYR civic engagement information accessible and relevant to youth.

Communications Plan

DYD, in partnership with PD and APD, has developed a draft communication campaign plan with the goal of empowering young people across Los Angeles County with knowledge and resources of their legal rights when participating in civic engagement. This campaign will prioritize young people (ages 12-26) in Los Angeles County, with a particular focus on youth with heightened risk such as immigrant youth, LGBTQ+ youth, youth of color, and those who are systems involved. This campaign will foster confidence, safety, and informed decision-making, through an accessible and engaging educational initiative.

Updated Implementation Plan

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Adapt existing resources to create KYR toolkit and build out workshop implementation plan.	Adapts existing resources and develops draft Youth KYR Toolkit.	Sept. - Nov. 2025	Completed
	PD, APD, and County Counsel review toolkit and provide feedback.	Dec. 2025 – Jan. 2026	Completed

	DYD refines toolkit content based on feedback from relevant partners.	Jan. - Feb. 2026	Ongoing
Develop communications campaign to increase public awareness.	Identify and onboard youth artist for illustration and design.	Jan. - Feb 2026	Completed
	Engage youth for feedback on comms campaign branding identity	Feb. - March 2026	Ongoing
	Develop digital content, videos, and shared resource library with PD and APD support.	March - April 2026	Ongoing
	Launch public communications campaign to complement launch of expanded workshops with PD and APD support.	April - July 2026	Ongoing
Integrate into existing programming and services.	Print and disseminate materials.	May - July 2026	Ongoing
	Delivery of KYR materials and workshops.	May - July 2026	Ongoing

Next Steps

DYD will continue to work closely with the PD and APD to implement this plan and engage County Counsel, HRC, and YC for their subject-matter expertise and update content and implementation plans based on feedback. DYD will also continue collaborating with LACOE and OIA to align materials with best practices and support outreach through schools once the campaign and materials are ready to promote.

Over the next few months, DYD and partners will be focusing on finalizing content, developing communications campaign, collaborating with the youth artist on the companion materials, and preparing for the future KYR workshop rollout. Throughout this process, DYD will engage young people, including but not limited to the Heart of Youth Justice Reimagined youth, to ensure all materials and outreach efforts remain engaging, accessible, and youth-centered.

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Toolkit Update

The Know Your Rights (KYR) toolkit remains under review and is being finalized in consultation with County Counsel. Upon completion, the toolkit will support upcoming outreach and educational efforts.

Partner Resource Alignment

DYD convened with partners from the Office of Immigrant Affairs (OIA) to explore strategies and identify resources to support the implementation of future KYR civic engagement workshops. Discussions focused on program planning, strategies for partnering with community-based subject-matter experts, and opportunities to share additional supportive resources. DYD also met with partners from the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH) to identify relevant resources and explore ways to incorporate additional mental health coping strategies into the KYR toolkit and workshop curriculum.

Youth-Centered Design & Communications Plan

In February, DYD onboarded a youth artist to design and develop Know Your Rights (KYR) educational and campaign materials, ensuring content is engaging, accessible, and relevant to young people. DYD continues to collaborate closely with the youth artist to establish a cohesive and recognizable campaign identity and produce materials that effectively communicate KYR civic engagement information.

In parallel, DYD, working in partnership with PD and APD, has developed a draft communications plan aimed at empowering young people across Los Angeles County with knowledge of their legal rights in civic engagement spaces. The campaign will prioritize youth ages 12–26, with a particular focus on those at heightened risk, including immigrant youth, LGBTQ+ youth, youth of color, and systems-involved youth.

Through an accessible and engaging educational approach, the campaign seeks to promote confidence, safety, and informed decision-making. Upon finalization of materials developed with the youth artist, DYD will begin campaign rollout in coordination with PD, APD, and additional County partners, including HRC, YC, OIA, and others.

Workshop Implementation Update

DYD is currently exploring potential partnerships with relevant providers to facilitate and lead KYR civic engagement workshops in the coming months. Implementation details, including workshop frequency and timeline, are being developed based on DYD's available funding and budget considerations. Workshop curriculum and content will also be developed in partnership with PD's & APD's legal expertise and input.

The workshops are intended to reach a range of audiences, including youth and community members, and may be integrated into DYD's existing programs and services. Through these efforts, participants will be equipped with the tools and resources needed to effectively engage in civic life.

Updated Implementation Plan

Strategy	Activities	Timing	Status
Landscape Analysis	Conduct exploratory calls with initial organizations identified.	Early July 2025	Completed
	PD and APD review initial analysis.	Mid July 2025	Completed
	Discuss opportunities to expand existing OIA and LACOE resources.	Late July 2025	Completed
	Meet with HRC and YC to gather feedback and inform updated plan.	Aug. - Oct. 2025	Completed
Youth Engagement	Engage youth through focus groups and listening sessions to gather feedback on KYR material.	Oct. 2025	Completed
Toolkit / Workshops	Adapt existing resources and develop draft Youth KYR Toolkit.	Sept. - Nov. 2025	Completed
	PD, APD, and County Counsel review toolkit and provide feedback.	Dec. 2025 - Jan. 2026	Completed
	Refine toolkit based on feedback.	Jan. - March 2026	Ongoing
Communications Campaign	Identify and onboard youth artist for illustration and design.	Jan. - Feb 2026	Completed
	Youth artist creates comms campaign branding and materials.	March - May 2026	Ongoing
	Engage youth for feedback on comms campaign branding identity	April - May 2026	Ongoing
	Develop digital content, videos, and shared resource library.	May - June 2026	Upcoming
	Launch public communications campaign to complement workshops.	July - Aug. 2026	Upcoming
Integration	Print and disseminate materials.	July - Aug. 2026	Upcoming

Next Steps

DYD will continue refining the Know Your Rights (KYR) toolkit in close coordination with County Counsel. DYD is also exploring potential partnerships with relevant providers to facilitate KYR workshops, with scope and timing contingent on available funding.

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Youth Workshops Update

In June, DYD, PD, and APD partnered with the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA) to facilitate and host KYR civic engagement workshops for young people within DYD's Heart of Youth Justice Reimagined (HYJR) youth leadership space. These workshops were held in person throughout Antelope Valley, San Fernando Valley, East

LA, South LA, and Long Beach. Through these efforts, over 140 youth were equipped with education to effectively engage in civic life, including an overview of their basic constitutional rights, a parent/caregiver conversation guide, role-play scenarios, and youth resources. Attorneys from the PD & APD offices were also present to guide and answer any legal questions that youth or community members had during the workshops. You can find a brief overview video of the South LA workshop [here](#).

Provider Trainings Update

In addition to the youth workshops, DYD held virtual KYR civic engagement trainings for DYD providers to strengthen their capacity related to youth civic rights and to help them identify strategies to support youth safety, emotional well-being, and informed decision-making during civic participation. These virtual trainings were also facilitated by CHIRLA and included PD & APD attorneys to answer any legal questions that providers had during the session. In total, over 50 DYD provider staff were trained on how to integrate educational KYR youth education into their existing programs and services.

Youth Toolkit Update

Informed by the initial landscape analysis, partner listening sessions, and research of already-existing resources, DYD in partnership with PD and APD developed a KYR toolkit. This toolkit builds on existing materials from subject matter experts and compiles key information in one place. Additionally, the toolkit includes educational materials created by a local youth graphic designer who was hired to ensure the material is engaging for young people. The toolkit went under review with County Counsel and now finalized, the toolkit will support upcoming outreach, and efforts to educate and empower young people to safely participate in civic engagement. Translated versions of this toolkit will also be available soon.

Youth-Centered Design & Communications Campaign

DYD onboarded a youth artist to design and develop the KYR educational and campaign materials, ensuring content is engaging, accessible, and relevant to young people. Through the end of June, DYD collaborated closely with the youth artist to establish a cohesive campaign identity and produce materials that effectively communicate KYR civic engagement information.

The “LA Youth: Know Your Rights” campaign aims to help young people engage safely in civic action by informing them of their rights to prevent legal consequences or harm. Working in partnership with PD and APD, a communications plan has been developed aimed at empowering young people across Los Angeles County with knowledge of their legal rights in civic engagement spaces. The campaign will prioritize youth ages 12–26, including those at heightened risk, such as immigrant youth, LGBTQ+ youth, youth of color, and systems-involved youth. Through an accessible and engaging educational approach, the campaign will promote all its information and resources via a landing page (dyd.lacounty.gov/kyr) and through social media and partnership efforts.

In August, DYD will begin campaign rollout in coordination with PD, APD, and additional County partners, including HRC, YC, OIA, and others.

Updated Implementation Plan

Strategy	Activities	Timing	Status
Landscape Analysis	Conduct exploratory calls with initial organizations identified.	Early July 2025	Completed
	PD and APD review initial analysis.	Mid July 2025	Completed
	Discuss opportunities to expand existing OIA and LACOE resources.	Late July 2025	Completed
	Meet with HRC and YC to gather feedback and inform updated plan.	Aug. - Oct. 2025	Completed
Youth Engagement	Engage youth through focus groups and listening sessions to gather feedback on KYR material.	Oct. 2025	Completed
KYR Toolkit & Workshops	Adapt existing resources and develop draft Youth KYR Toolkit.	Sept. - Nov. 2025	Completed
	PD, APD, and County Counsel review toolkit and provide feedback.	Dec. 2025 - Jan. 2026	Completed
	Refine toolkit based on feedback	Jan. - March 2026	Completed
	Partner with local CBO to facilitate educational KYR workshops for youth and train DYD providers.	June 2026	Completed
Communications Campaign	Identify and onboard youth artist for illustration and design.	Jan. - Feb 2026	Completed
	Youth artist creates comms campaign branding and materials.	March - May 2026	Completed
	Develop digital content, videos, and shared resource library in collaboration with PD & APD.	May - June 2026	Completed
	Translation of KYR materials to be more accessible, in collaboration with PD & APD.	July-August 2026	Ongoing

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	Launch public communications campaign/digital library of educational KYR materials and resources for youth and families, in collaboration with PD & APD.	Aug. 2026	Upcoming
Integration	Print and disseminate materials, in collaboration with PD & APD.	Aug.-Sept. 2026	Upcoming

Next Steps

DYD, in partnership with PD and APD, will continue to coordinate with relevant county partners, local agencies, and internal providers to help promote the launch of the “LA Youth: Know Your Rights” campaign.

In August, DYD, PD, and APD aims to launch the public campaign and digital library of educational KYR materials and resources for youth and families. DYD is also looking to translate these materials to other key languages to increase accessibility of materials, with timing contingent on available funding.

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