



# Los Angeles County Office of Violence Prevention

## Gender Based Violence (GBV) Prevention Policy Deputies Meeting

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**April 17, 2025**



# Program Updates

# GBV Prevention Grant Funding

- ❑ February 2025: Board Motion to authorize DPH to execute a contract with the Southern California Grantmakers (SCG) for gender-based violence (GBV) prevention services
- ❑ April 2025: Fully executed contract with SCG in the amount of \$2,260,500 for 15 months.
- ❑ May 2025: Request for Proposals Solicitation for agencies to apply for grant funding in 4 focus areas. Total amount: \$2M.
- ❑ June 2025: Grant Awards Announced.

## GBV Staffing

- Clara Chang was hired as the Assistant Program Specialist, Public Health Nurse Lead for the Gender Based Violence Initiative on March 19, 2025.
- Currently conducting interviews for Staff Analyst. 7 interviews conducted to date. 3 candidates advanced for second interview. We anticipate submitting a candidate name to HR before the end of April 2025.



# GBV Landscape Analysis



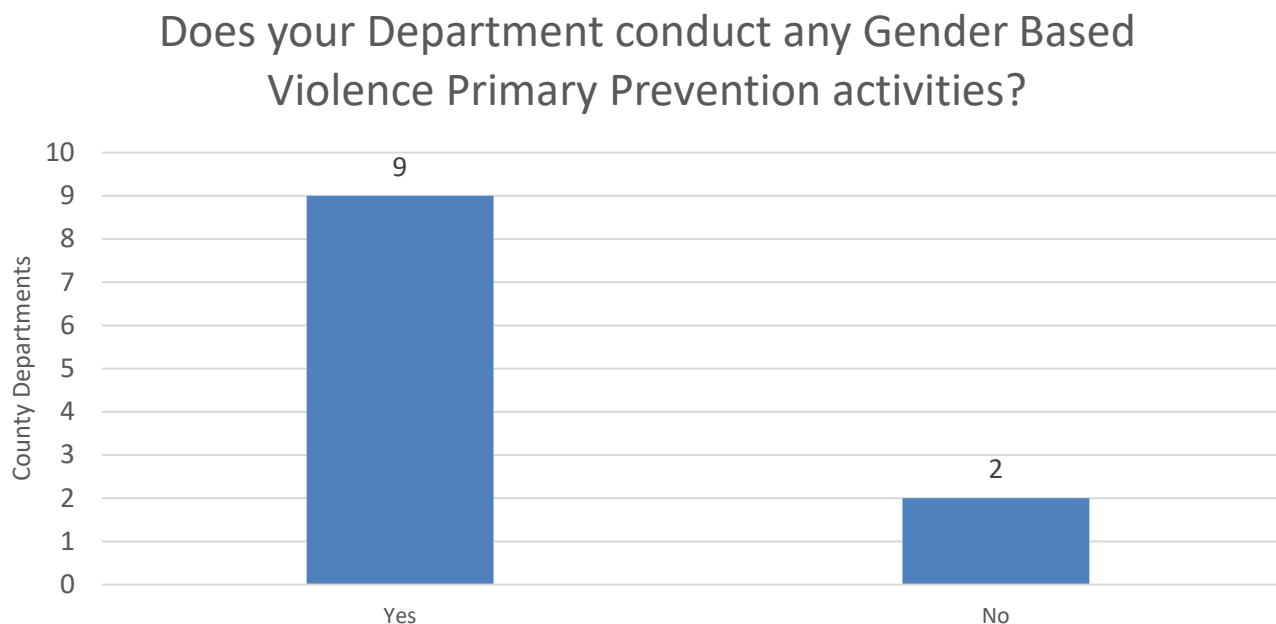
# Gender Based Violence Prevention Services Survey

- To understand the landscape of **primary prevention** services related to Gender Based Violence (GBV) in LA County Departments.
- Types of prevention activities queried in the survey:
  - Public awareness campaigns
  - Training and education for staff and community
  - Efforts to change social norms
  - Economic empowerment for women and girls
  - Improving access to services for survivors
  - Supporting and uplifting LGBTQ+ youth
  - Other upstream strategies that prevent GBV before it occurs



# Gender Based Violence Prevention Services Survey

- Eleven (11) responses received from County Departments including DYD, Libraries, Arts and Culture, DPSS, Animal Care and Control, DMH, DHS, DCFS, Regional Planning, HRC, District Attorney, and Probation.





# Gender Based Violence Prevention Services Survey

LA County Department Programs across GBV Prevention Focus Areas

## 8 Departments

Support and Engage  
LGBTQ+ Youth

## 5 Departments

Positive Social  
Norms for Men and  
Boys

## 4 Departments

Economic  
Empowerment for  
Women and Girls

## 3 Departments

Healthy  
Relationships

- 3 County Departments have implemented public awareness campaigns on GBV.
- Engaging LGBTQ+ youth sometimes meant including LGBTQ+ messaging in existing programming.





# Gaps and Opportunities

- **Terminology and Definitions:** GBV prevention services are interpreted differently across county departments and programs and terminology as well as evaluation of GBV varies; this affects our ability to understand the types and impacts of GBV prevention services.
- **Flexibility of Funding:** strict participation and eligibility requirements attached to funding sources limits the ability to incorporate innovative strategies or grants to agencies for prevention services.
- **Silos:** Services, programs, and data are often siloed in departments which can hinder cross sector collaboration and information sharing.



## Next Steps

- ❑ Continue to reach out to County departments, LAUSD and LACOE, to complete the landscape analysis and understand where there are opportunities to collaborate, coordinate and leverage resources.
- ❑ Synthesize results of the department survey and develop a written report by June 2025.
- ❑ Partner with the Prevention and Promotion Systems Governing Committee (PPSGC) and Coordination Team (PPCIT) to coordinate prevention efforts and co-create a desired future state for GBV prevention in LA County and disrupt intergenerational cycles of violence.
- ❑ In collaboration with Government Affairs, monitor and share the impact of legislative and policy changes on GBV programs and services in Los Angeles County.



# **Los Angeles County Sexual Assault Council (LAC SAC)**



# Background of LAC SAC

- Need – no dedicated LA County Body focused on Sexual Violence Prevention and Response
- Informal SAC Coordinating Council (2001-2006)
- LA County Commission for Women Ad Hoc Committee on Sexual Assault
- Board Motion (October 2022)
- Formalized in OVP with Staff and Budget of \$1.76M (2024)

## Data – Sexual Violence

In Los Angeles County between 2018-2022 there were 6,267 emergency department visits for sexual assault.

- 87% were female
- 80% were under 35 years old
- Black individuals had the highest rates at 2.7 times higher than overall county rate

Los Angeles County Health Survey (2023) –  
An estimated 427,000 adults in LA County have ever experienced unwanted sex by an intimate partner.

## Establishing the Council

The purpose of LAC SAC is to assemble multiple sectors and individuals with lived experience that have a connection to sexual violence to coordinate across systems, facilitate communication, and create alignment between public safety agencies, healthcare providers, legal systems, survivors, county, and community partners that will allow for better service collaboration and integration, and therefore, better support survivors and more adequately meet the needs of the community.



# Establishing the Council

- **Subject to Brown Act**
- **Council Should Include:**
  - Those with Lived Experience
  - Hospitals/Healthcare
  - Immigration Agencies
  - LGBTQ+ Agencies
  - Elderly and Disabilities
  - Child Protective Services/CSEC
  - Colleges/Universities
  - Public Safety/Law Enforcement/Crime Lab
  - SV Service Providers
  - District Attorney/Victim Services/Courts
  - Rape Crisis Centers
  - Agencies serving Re-entry/Unhoused populations
  - SART Centers/Forensic Nurses
  - Military and Veteran Affairs

# Stakeholder Priorities

Priorities identified from Ad-Hoc Committee's report and 10/28/24 convening of stakeholders:

- **Provide Training and Education**
- **Improve Data Collection and Sharing**
- **Advocate for local, state and national policy and funding**
- **Facilitate System Level Coordination**
  - Sexual Assault Response Teams (SART)/Rape Crisis Centers
  - Direct Service Providers
  - Resources and Referrals (warm handoffs)
  - County Departments and Services (Mental Health, Substance Use Disorders, Housing, etc.)





# Selecting Council Members

Applicants were self-nominated

- 50 applications received
- wide variety of sectors, disciplines, lived experiences, geography

LAC SAC Selection Committee -

- 3 Community Partners, 3 County partners (HRC, DHS, and DYD) and 3 OVP representatives
- Applicants will be selected based on eligibility criteria, commitment and vision for LAC SAC and diversity of experiences, communities, and demographics.
- Notifications will go out in May 2025.

# Collaboration and Coordination

SAC will leverage existing and new resources to address the intersections between multiple forms of violence, health (physical, mental and behavioral), education, housing, the criminal justice system, etc.

- Health Promotion Bureau –
  - OVP - TPI and GBV Prevention initiatives
  - Domestic Violence Council
  - Maternal Child and Adolescent Health
  - Office of Women's Health
- DPH -
  - Clinics, SAPC, Student Wellbeing Centers, DHSP, etc.
- County Departments and Initiatives -
  - DHS, DMH, HRC, DYD, DCFS, ARDI, OCP, etc.



# Multipronged Process

## Immediate Goals and Activities

- DVC SAC presentation and update March 2025
- GBV Cluster SAC meeting presentation and update April 2025
- SAAM and PH Week Activities April 2025
- Stakeholder convening end April 2025
- SAC webpage on OVP website May 2025
- Select council members May 2025
- SAC orientation meeting June 2025
- First LAC SAC meeting end of June 2025



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