



Los Angeles County Office of Violence Prevention

Gender Based Violence (GBV) Prevention Policy Deputies Meeting

July 17, 2025



GBV Program Updates



GBV Prevention Community Grant Timeline



GBV Prevention Community Grant Statistics



Information session was attended by over 150 attendees



Received and answered 100 questions and answers from proposers via email and the information sessions



Received 92 total applications

GBV Prevention RFP Applications

- Healthy Relationships Education and Training – 50 applications
 - SD 1: 12
 - SD 2: 14
 - SD 3: 8
 - SD 4: 9
 - SD 5: 9
- Engaging Men and Boys – 16 applications (countywide)
- LGBTQ+ Youth Leadership – 9 applications (countywide)
- Economic Empowerment for Women and Girls – 27 applications (countywide)

GBV Prevention RFP Subcontractors

Healthy Relationships Education and Training:

- Alma Family Services (SD 1)
- Inner City Visions (SD 2)
- Haven Hills (SD 3)
- Interval House (SD 4)
- Child & Family Center (SD 5)

Engaging Men and Boys:

(countywide)

- Jail Guitar Doors
- The Prism Way

LGBTQ+ Youth Leaders:

(countywide)

- Minority AIDS Project
- Latino Equality Alliance
- Men's Health Foundation

Economic Empowerment for Women and Girls:

(countywide)

- Maternal & Child Health Access
- Sanctuary of Hope



GBV Landscape Analysis Report

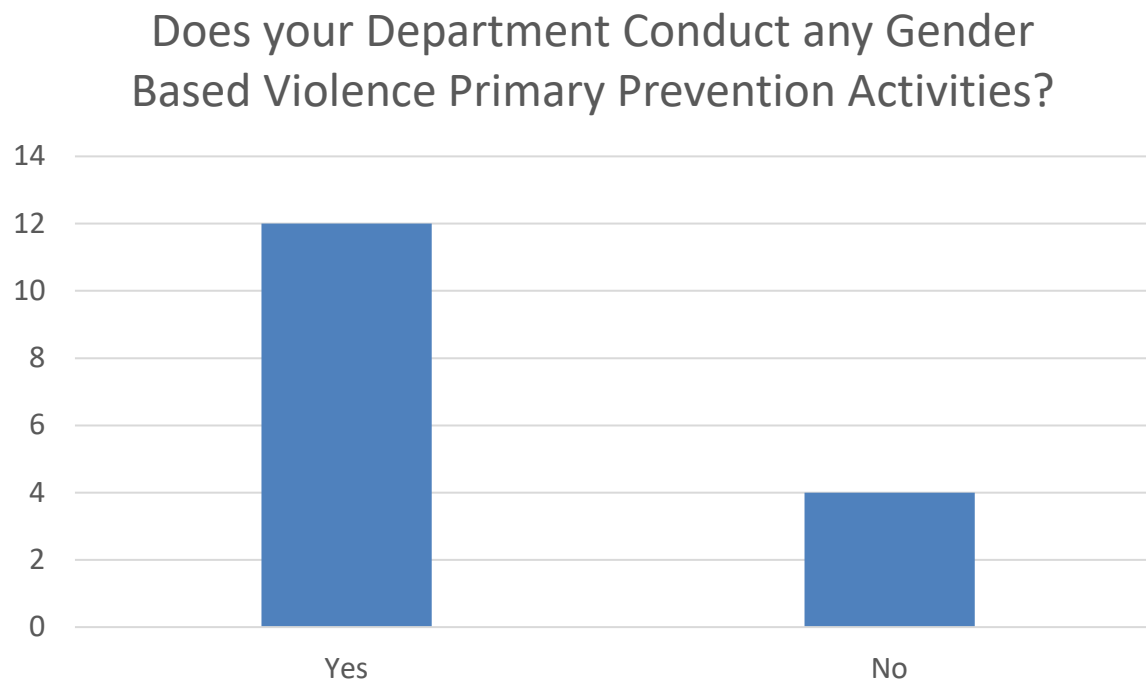


Gender Based Violence Prevention Services Survey

- 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

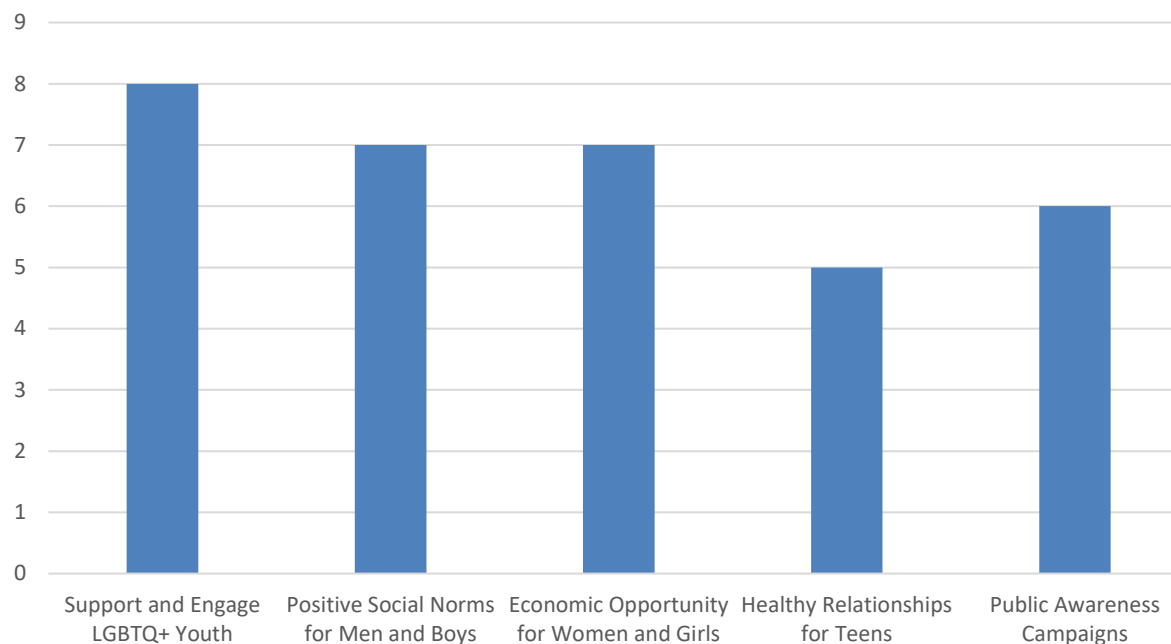
Gender Based Violence Prevention Services Survey Results

- Sixteen (16) responses received from County Departments including DYD, Libraries, Arts and Culture, DPSS, Animal Care and Control, DMH, DHS, DCFS, Regional Planning, HRC, District Attorney, Probation, Consumer and Business Affairs, JCOD, Aging and Disabilities, Parks and Recreation.



Gender Based Violence Prevention Services Survey Results

- Below is a breakdown of the prevention focus areas asked in the survey and the number of departments that indicated they have programming in that focus area.



Emerging Survey Themes

- **LGBTQ+ Youth:** County departments with GBV prevention activities often do not have dedicated programming for LGBTQ+ youth. However, inclusion of LGBTQ+ populations in programming is expanding.
- **Engaging Men and Boys:** Single adult men are often not engaged in programs unless they are perpetrators, victims, or fathers which presents an opportunity for expanding services to a wider audience.
- **Data and Evaluation:** Most departments do not have consistent data collection for GBV indicators. This could be due to GBV related questions or indicators not being built into existing data collection schemes or data being categorized too broadly.
- **Cross Sector Collaboration:** Existing collaborations between County Departments present exciting roadmaps to develop new partnerships for more effective service provision.

Report Recommendations

- **Establish a strategic vision and coordinated approach for how County government addresses GBV** and integrates efforts across existing policies and programs to support all survivors and prevent harms.
- **Improve research and data collection about the nature and scope of GBV victimization and perpetration;** develop common practices for GBV data collection with standardized codebooks across Departments to promote data sharing about populations served, outcomes and impacts; and utilize OVP's website as a centralized data and resource hub.
- **Continue to invest in GBV prevention programs and activities that center marginalized communities and those most impacted;** understand and replicate evidence based, and promising practices; Identify and explore opportunities to expand existing funding.



Sexual Assault Council Updates





LA County Sexual Assault Council Members

Publicly announced June 3rd, 2025

Application process

- Call for applications opened November 2024, closed December 6th, 2024
- Brief, online application

Eligibility Criteria

- Live or work in Los Angeles County
- Have lived experience, work with survivors, or be involved in some aspect of responding to and/or addressing sexual violence.
- Ability to serve as a liaison to local agencies, networks, or community coalitions.



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 staff representatives
- Applicants were selected based on eligibility criteria, their vision and commitment for LAC SAC and for their diverse experiences, communities, and demographics.
- Applicant notifications were sent in May 2025.



Selecting Council Members

- 17 council members were identified as part of first council
- Diverse representation across sectors, demographics, disciplines and supervisorial districts
 - Lived experience/survivors
 - Rape Crisis Centers, SART, Healthcare, DMH
 - LASD, County DA, Commission on Disabilities
 - CBO's, Service Providers, Campus/student services
- Each SD has between 9 and 11 representatives**

**Some council members represent multiple supervisorial districts.*

*** Seven members are from agencies/departments that serve all LA County.*



Role and Responsibilities of Council Members

1. Serve a two-year term from June 2025 – June 2027
2. Attend in person, monthly general council meetings
3. Dedicate 4-8 hours a month for LAC SAC duties and meetings
4. Complete a mandatory Brown Act training by County Counsel staff

LAC SAC Members – 2025 - 2027

Carlos Benavides - Artist and President of Los Angeles County Commission on Disabilities

Jill Blanks, LMFT - Clinical Supervisor at Antelope Valley Partners for Health

Jerry Cobb - Executive Director at Young B.O.S.S.

Danielle Daniels, LCSW - VA Long Beach Healthcare System, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Susana (Susy) Flores, M.S. - Director at Inner Circle Children's Advocacy Center

Dr. Jane Halladay Goldman - Senior Director UCLA Rape Treatment Center and Stuart House



LAC SAC Members – 2025 - 2027

Rachel Greene - Assistant Head Deputy, Sex Crimes Division
Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Barbara Kappos, LCSW - Executive Director East LA Women's Center

Patricia Lopez - Community Advocate and Assistant to Program
Development Native Development Network

Yvette Lozano - Deputy Executive Director Peace Over Violence

Lisa Hirsch Marin, LCSW, MSOD - Chief Program Officer at YWCA
Greater LA

Dianne Moreno, Lieutenant - Acting Captain of Special Victims Bureau
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department



LAC SAC Members – 2025 - 2027

Mayra Romo, MS - Founding Director Center for Advocacy, Prevention & Empowerment (CAPE) at CSU Dominguez Hills

Yasmin Tarver - Workforce Development Director at Jenesse Center

Cari Teran - Founding Director and CEO at Healing to You

Emily Wu Truong - Mental Health Advocate and Grief Artist
Asian Minds Matter, National Coalition for Mental Health Recovery,
National Asian American Pacific Islander Empowerment Network

Dr. Deborah Villanueva, LCSW - Psychiatric Social Worker at Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health



LAC SAC Bylaws

Mid-June 2025 - First draft of LAC SAC bylaws were sent to County Counsel for review

- Requested feedback by mid July 2025

GOAL: Present draft to the public and at the July 23rd council meeting

Send to county counsel for second review with public and LAC SAC member edits

GOAL: Present and adopt final version of bylaws at the September 16th LAC SAC meeting



LAC SAC Meeting Calendar

Los Angeles County Sexual Assault Council (LAC SAC) 2025 General Meeting Schedule

July 23rd, 2025, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

August 13th, 2025, 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

September 15th, 2025, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

October 16th, 2025, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

November 12th, 2025, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

December 16th, 2025, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

LAC SAC Workplan (July – December 2025)



FINALIZE AND ADOPT BYLAWS



COORDINATE WITH OVP ON
STRATEGIC PLANNING
PROCESS



ESTABLISH LAC SAC AD-HOC
AND/OR STANDING
COMMITTEES AS
MOVED/ADOPTED BY THE
COUNCIL



LAC SAC ANNUAL REPORT TO
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FOR 2025



Domestic Violence (DV) CareConnect Platform

Date: July 17, 2025

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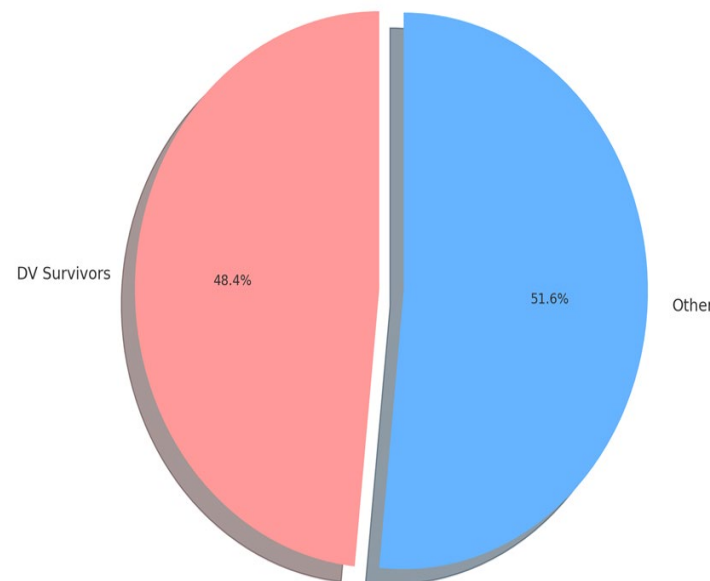
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Background

Domestic Violence (DV) is a leading cause of homelessness, with thousands of survivors needing shelter each night.

- In 2024, 48.4%₁ of people experiencing homelessness in LA County reported experiencing DV.
- A lack of centralized, real-time data on bed availability contributes to thousands of people unable to access life-saving shelter.



Current State

Survivors must call multiple shelters to identify available emergency beds, which can cause re-traumatization.

Victim service providers (VSPs) have limited visibility into other providers' shelter availability, making it difficult to quickly and easily refer clients.

VSPs have expressed interest in creating a more coordinated system to better support survivors accessing housing and services.

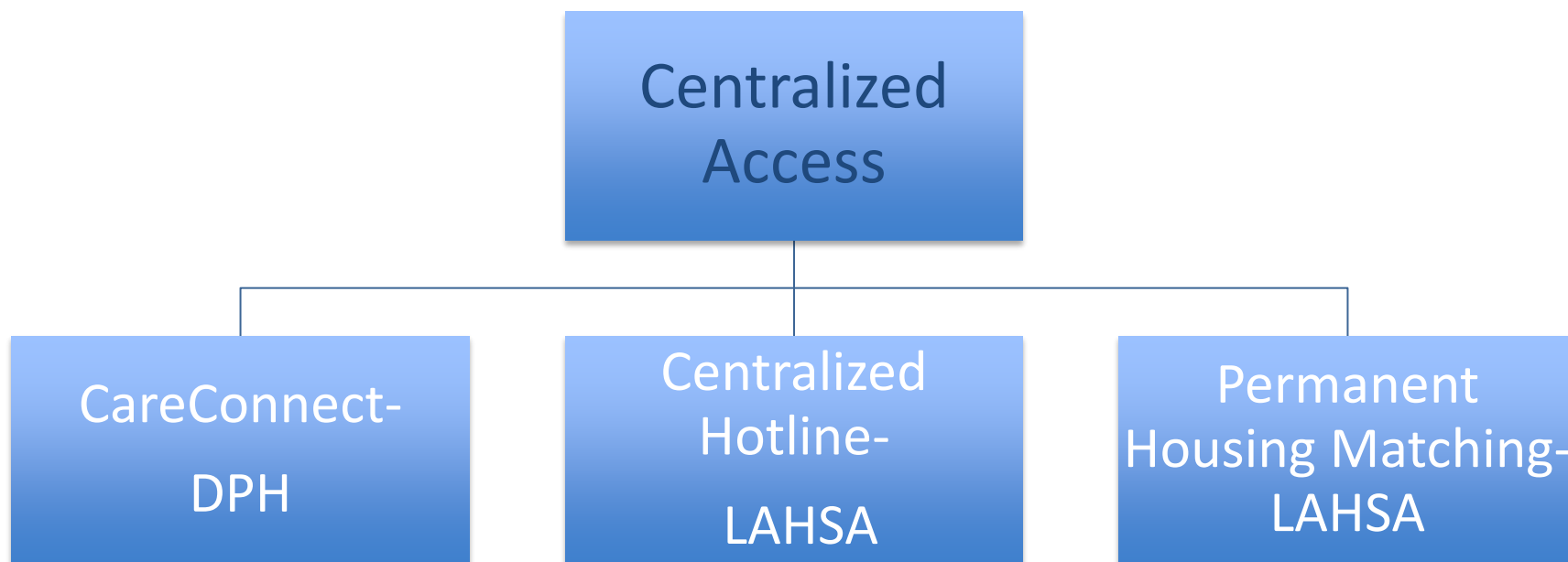
Survivors of DV and GBV have requested a more centralized system to better meet their needs.

Solution:

What is Centralized Access

Centralized Access is a coordinated system with the goal of identifying and securing safety, services, and permanent housing for survivors of gender-based violence.

Centralized Access Components



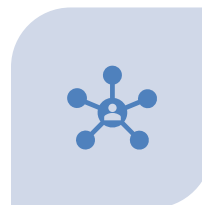
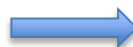
Centralized Access Activities



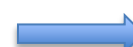
PROVIDERS & COMMUNITY MEMBERS RAISE CONCERNS ABOUT DIFFICULTY PLACING SURVIVORS IN EMERGENCY & TRANSITIONAL SHELTER AS WELL AS PERMANENT HOUSING.



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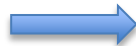
THE CENTRALIZED ADMINISTRATORS MEET REGULARLY TO DISCUSS SOLUTIONS AND COMMUNITY FEEDBACK.



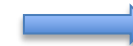
LISTENING SESSIONS ARE HELD WITH PROVIDERS AND LIVED EXPERIENCE ADVOCATES.



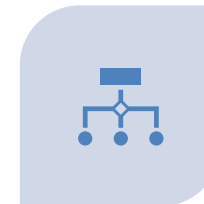
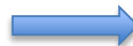
CENTRALIZED ACCESS AND SYSTEM THROUGHPUT WORKING GROUPS BEGIN.



CARE CONNECT IS IDENTIFIED AS A VIABLE OPTION FOR THE PLATFORM COMPONENT OF CENTRALIZED ACCESS.



COMMUNITY SESSIONS ARE HELD TO DISCUSS CARE CONNECT PLATFORM AND POTENTIAL PILOT PROJECT.



SD3 MOTION FOR DPH TO FUND 10 AGENCIES AND PROJECT MANAGER FOR CARECONNECT PILOT IS PASSED.



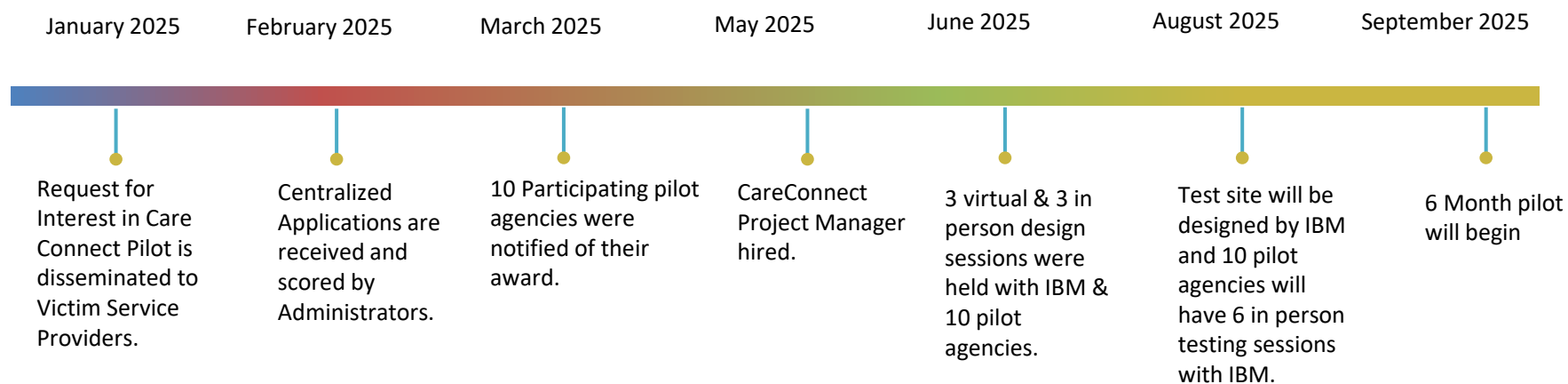
The DV CareConnect platform is a part of a larger collaborative project between the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, LA City Community Investment for Families Department (CIFD), and LA County Public Health to redesign and streamline the DV shelter system referred to as **Centralized Access**.

DV CareConnect

- Utilize existing County resource platform (CareConnect) to create system alignment for VSPs
- Better coordinate and maximize utilization of resources
- DV CareConnect will create a single trauma-informed path for survivors to connect to shelter and other resources – ultimately increasing the number of survivors achieving safe permanent housing.
- Ensure each program can efficiently connect survivors to safety, permanent housing, and stability to reduce the number of survivors experiencing homelessness.
- Ensure systemic pathway from entry point to permanent housing.



CareConnect Timeline



Next Steps

The targeted goal for all DPH DV contractors to be integrated into CareConnect is FY 26-27.



THANK YOU



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