



Board of Supervisors Family & Social Services Cluster Agenda Review Meeting

DATE: September 10, 2025

TIME: 1:30PM

MEETING CHAIRS: Monica Banken, 5th Supervisorial District

CEO MEETING FACILITATOR: Claudia Alarcon

THIS MEETING IS HELD UNDER THE GUIDELINES OF BOARD POLICY 3.055.

To participate in the meeting in-person, the meeting location is:

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration

500 West Temple Street

Los Angeles, California 90012

Room 140

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The meeting chair will determine the amount of time allowed for each item.

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- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Consent Item(s)** (Any Information Item is subject to discussion and/or presentation at the request of two or more Board offices):
 - a) **Department of Children and Family Services:** Request to Extend a Contract with the Regents of the University of California Los Angeles for Preparation and Support for Families Considering Adopting Children with Special Needs.
- III. **Board Motions:**

SD4/SD2: Acquisition of Bellflower New Hope Shelter to Preserve Interim Housing in SPA 7.
- IV. **Presentation/Discussion Items:**
 - a) **Chief Executive Office/ Budget and Operations Management Branch:** Supplemental Changes Budget Recommendations Fiscal Year 2025-26.
 - b) **Los Angeles County Child Trafficking Leadership Team:** Progress Report.
- V. **Public Comment**

- VI.** Standing item(s) and those continued from a previous meeting of the Board of Supervisors or from a previous FSS Agenda Review meeting.
-- None --
- VII.** Adjournment

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO EMAIL A COMMENT ON AN ITEM ON THE FAMILY & SOCIAL SERVICES CLUSTER AGENDA, PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING EMAIL ADDRESS AND INCLUDE THE AGENDA NUMBER YOU ARE COMMENTING ON:

Family_Social_Services@ceo.lacounty.gov

BOARD LETTER/MEMO CLUSTER FACT SHEET

☒ Board Letter

☐ Board Memo

☐ Other

CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE	9/10/2025	
BOARD MEETING DATE	9/30/2025	
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> 1 st <input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd <input type="checkbox"/> 4 th <input type="checkbox"/> 5 th	
DEPARTMENT(S)	Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)	
SUBJECT	Request to Extend a Contract with the Regents of the University of California Los Angeles	
PROGRAM	Preparation and Support of Families Adopting Children with Special Needs (P&S)	
AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "Yes", please explain why: Services are needed during the time period required to complete a solicitation for replacement services.	
SB 1439 SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION FORM REVIEW COMPLETED BY EXEC OFFICE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No – Not Applicable If unsure whether a matter is subject to the Levine Act, email your packet to EOLevineAct@bos.lacounty.gov to avoid delays in scheduling your Board Letter.	
DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS	The current contract will expire on October 31, 2025.	
COST & FUNDING	Total cost: \$ 479,000	Funding source: 75% - Federal funds 17.5% - State funds 7.5% - Net County Cost
	TERMS (if applicable): N/A	
	Explanation: Federal revenue (75%) = \$359,250 State revenue (17.5%) = \$83,825 Net County Cost (7.5) = \$35,925	
PURPOSE OF REQUEST	The extension will allow the County sufficient time to complete the solicitation process without a lapse or disruption in current services.	
BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)	The P&S services promote permanency for children by preparing prospective resource/adoptive parents for the challenges associated with parenting special needs children. DCFS has determined that P&S services help improve timeframes for adoption matching and help to retain resource parents.	
EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Link to ARDI's Equity Lens: https://ceo.lacounty.gov/ardi/ If Yes, please explain how: The recommended actions will allow DCFS to continue to provide P&S services without interruption to prospective resource parents and adoptive families of children with special needs, from newborn to 17 years, particularly those children with prenatal exposure to alcohol and other substances.	
FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain how:	

ACT (FFPSA) LENS WAS UTILIZED	
SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Link to BOS Priorities: https://ceo.lacounty.gov/category/priorities-initiative/ If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how: Board Priority #1 – Child Protection prioritizing on key focus areas of prevention, safety, permanency, well-being, and cross-cutting approaches.
DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS	Name, Title, Phone # & Email: Aldo Marin, Boad Liaison (213) 351-5602 marina@dcfs.lacounty.gov



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September 30, 2025

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST TO EXTEND A CONTRACT WITH THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY
OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES FOR PREPARATION AND SUPPORT FOR
FAMILIES CONSIDERING ADOPTING CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT:

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) requests the Board's approval to extend the existing sole source contract with the Regents of the University of California Los Angeles (Regents of UCLA) to provide Preparation and Support for Families Considering Adopting Children with Special Needs (P&S) services for an additional year beyond the original contract term effective November 1, 2025 through October 31, 2026.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to extend the existing sole source contract with the Regents of UCLA for an additional one-year period beyond the original contract term by amendment (substantially similar to Attachment A) effective November 1, 2025 through October 31, 2026. The extension will enable DCFS to release, process and complete a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit a new contract without a lapse or disruption in current services. The Maximum Annual Contract Amount for the one-year extension is \$479,000 financed using 75 percent Federal funds, 17.5 percent State funds, and 7.5 percent net County cost. Sufficient funding for this contract is included in the Department's Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Adopted Budget and will be included in the DCFS FY 2026-2027 budget request.

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2. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to further extend the contract by written notice or amendment for an additional six months on an automatic month-to-month basis beyond October 31, 2026, if such time is necessary to complete the solicitation, provided that: a) sufficient funding is available; b) County Counsel approval is obtained; and c) Director of DCFS, or designee, notifies the Board and the Chief Executive Office (CEO), in writing, within 10 business days after the execution of such amendments.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDATION OF ACTION

On April 27, 2022, DCFS notified your Board that it intended to negotiate this contract with the Regents of UCLA. The Regents of UCLA, operating through the University of California Los Angeles Training, Intervention, Education and Services (TIES) for Families, has more than 18 years of experience in servicing DCFS families. TIES has a distinct program where families are eligible to receive ongoing, culturally responsive, trauma-informed, high-quality multidisciplinary services all in one location at no cost.

The P&S services focus on hard-to-place children with biological vulnerabilities and multiple placements. These services promote permanency for children by preparing prospective resource/adoptive parents and adoptive families for the challenges related to parenting special needs children. DCFS has determined that the P&S services help improve timeframes for adoption matching and help to retain resource parents.

The P&S contract includes the following services: 1) presentations at the pre-service classes to recruit families to participate in the P&S services program – the presentations educate prospective resource parents about the P&S program, prenatal drug exposure, and how trauma impacts behavior; 2) enhanced training for prospective and approved resource families interested in adoption, which would then allow them to be eligible for a multitude of therapeutic services by a multi-disciplinary team before, during, and after adoptive placement; 3) multi-disciplinary assessments/consultations for identified children who have been difficult to place due to their complex needs in order to help families make informed decisions about adopting special needs children; and 4) Therapeutic Grief Intervention services to support groups and individual counseling for prospective adoptive families who are dealing with the loss or potential loss of a child in their home whom they were hoping to adopt.

The recommended action will allow DCFS to continue to provide P&S services without interruption to prospective resource parents and adoptive families of children with special needs, from newborn to 17 years, particularly those children with prenatal exposure to alcohol and other substances.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions are consistent with the principles of the County Strategic Plan North Star #1, Make Investments That Transform Lives by supporting vulnerable populations through efforts that promote child safety, protection, and family well-being.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The Maximum Annual Contract Amount for the one-year extension is \$479,000 financed using 75 percent Federal funds, 17.5 percent State funds, and 7.5 percent net County cost. Sufficient funding for these contracts is included in the department's FY 2025-2026 Adopted Budget and will be included in the FY 2026-2027 budget request.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS), Management and Office Procedures Manual Letter OPS-01-02, Section 23-621.11 and Section 23-650.14 permits departments to enter into Procurement by Negotiation for sole source contracts with public educational institutions for a term of no more than three years.

On February 20, 2025, CDSS granted DCFS authority to extend the current P&S contract for an additional one-year period effective November 1, 2025 through October 31, 2026, and to solicit for a new contract with a five-year term. For more information, please see Attachment B. In addition, the Board was notified of this extension on May 30, 2025, as required by Board Policy 5.100.

County Counsel and the CEO have reviewed this Board letter. County Counsel has approved the amendment (Attachment A) as to form.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The P&S services are needed during the time period required to release, process and complete an RFP to solicit new contracts without a lapse or disruption in current services. The approval of the recommended action will allow DCFS the time necessary to diligently complete the solicitation process and award new contracts.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by the Board of Supervisors, it is requested that the Executive Officer/Clerk of the Board send an adopted stamped copy of the Board letter and attachments to the Department of Children and Family Services.

The Honorable Board of Supervisor
September 30, 2025
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Respectfully submitted,



BRANDON T. NICHOLS
Director

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Attachments

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors



AMENDMENT NUMBER THREE

PREPARATION AND SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES ADOPTING CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Assistance Listing Number 93.659

CONTRACT NUMBER 22-11-01

WITH

**THE REGENTS OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES
(REGENTS OF UCLA)**

AMENDMENT NUMBER THREE
PREPARATION AND SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES
ADOPTING CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
CONTRACT NUMBER 22-11-01

This Amendment Number Three ("Amendment") to the Preparation and Support for Families Adopting Children with Special Needs (P&S) Contract, ("Contract") is made and entered into by and between the County of Los Angeles ("COUNTY") and The Regents of the University of California Los Angeles (Regents of UCLA) ("CONTRACTOR"), in Los Angeles, California this _____ day of _____, 2025.

WHEREAS, COUNTY and CONTRACTOR are parties to the Contract adopted by the Board on October 18, 2022, and CONTRACTOR has been providing P&S Services to the COUNTY Department of Children and Family Services;

WHEREAS, this Amendment is prepared pursuant to the provisions set forth in SECTION 8.0, **STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS**, sub-section 8.1 Amendments;

WHEREAS, this Amendment extends the P&S Services contract beyond the original contract term, effective November 1, 2025 through October 31, 2026, to release and complete a solicitation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, COUNTY and CONTRACTOR mutually agree to the amend the contract as follows:

1. **Section 4.0, Term of Contract, Subsection 4.1.3**, is added to read as follows:

4.1.3 The Contract term is extended for an additional year effective November 1, 2025 through October 31, 2026.

2. **Section 5.0, Contract Sum**, Subsection 5.1, is amended to add Subsection 5.1.3 to read as follows:

5.1.3 The Maximum Annual Contract Sum for each year is as follows:

For the period of 11/01/22-10/31/23	\$ 484,680
For the period of 11/01/23-10/31/24:	\$ 513,080
For the period of 11/01/24-10/31/25:	\$ 511,660
<u>For the period of 11/01/25-10/31/26:</u>	<u>\$ 479,000</u>

3. A Line Item Budget and Budget Narrative for the period of November 1, 2025 through October 31, 2026, is attached to this amendment and incorporated as part of Exhibit C, **Line Item Budget and Budget Narrative**.

EXCEPT AS AMENDED HEREIN, ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS CONTRACT SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

**AMENDMENT NUMBER THREE
PREPARATION AND SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES
ADOPTING CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
CONTRACT NUMBER 22-11-01**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the COUNTY of Los Angeles has caused this Amendment Number Three to be subscribed on its behalf by the Director of the Department of Children and Family Services and the CONTRACTOR has caused this Amendment Number Three to be subscribed on its behalf by its duly authorized officer(s) as of the day, month and year first above written. The person(s) signing on behalf of the CONTRACTOR warrants under penalty of perjury that he or she is authorized to bind the CONTRACTOR in this Contract.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES:

CONTRACTOR:

By: _____
BRANDON T. NICHOLS, DIRECTOR
Department of Children and Family Services

Name of Agency

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Tax Identification Number

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
BY THE OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL
DAWYN R. HARRISON, COUNTY COUNSEL

By: _____
David Beaudet, Senior Deputy COUNTY Counselor

SOLE SOURCE CHECKLIST

Department Name: _____

- ☐ New Sole Source Contract
- ☐ Sole Source Amendment to Existing Contract

Date Existing Contract First Approved: _____

Check (✓)	JUSTIFICATION FOR SOLE SOURCE CONTRACTS AND AMENDMENTS Identify applicable justification and provide documentation for each checked item.
	➤ Only one bona fide source (monopoly) for the service exists; performance and price competition are not available. A monopoly is an <i>“Exclusive control of the supply of any service in a given market. If more than one source in a given market exists, a monopoly does not exist.”</i>
	➤ Compliance with applicable statutory and/or regulatory provisions.
	➤ Compliance with State and/or federal programmatic requirements.
	➤ Services provided by other public or County-related entities.
	➤ Services are needed to address an emergent or related time-sensitive need.
	➤ The service provider(s) is required under the provisions of a grant or regulatory requirement.
	➤ Services are needed during the time period required to complete a solicitation for replacement services; provided services are needed for no more than 12 months from the expiration of an existing contract which has no available option periods.
	➤ Maintenance and support services are needed for an existing solution/system during the time to complete a solicitation for a new replacement solution/system; provided the services are needed for no more than 24 months from the expiration of an existing maintenance and support contract which has no available option periods.
	➤ Maintenance service agreements exist on equipment which must be serviced by the original equipment manufacturer or an authorized service representative.
	➤ It is more cost-effective to obtain services by exercising an option under an existing contract.
	➤ It is in the best economic interest of the County (e.g., significant costs and time to replace an existing system or infrastructure, administrative cost and time savings and excessive learning curve for a new service provider, etc.). In such cases, departments must demonstrate due diligence in qualifying the cost-savings or cost-avoidance associated with the best economic interest of the County.

Chief Executive Office

Date

Sole Source Justification

Preparation and Support for Families Adopting Children with Special Needs (P&S)

Term: November 1, 2025 to October 31, 2026

1. What is being requested?

A one-year extension of the existing contract is requested to prevent a break in services while a competitive solicitation process, Request for Proposal (RFP), is underway.

2. Why is the product needed – how will it be used?

The current contract will expire on October 31, 2025. A one-year extension is needed to maintain continuity of services during the time required to complete the RFP process. The program provides critical services that promote permanency for children by preparing prospective resource and adoptive parents for the unique challenges of parenting children with special needs. DCFS has found that the Preparation and Support (P&S) program improves adoption matching timeframes and supports the retention of resource families.

3. Is this brand of product the only one that meets the user's requirements?

Yes. This contractor is uniquely positioned to meet the Department's needs. They are the only provider offering multidisciplinary assessments that match children with families based on individualized needs. Furthermore, families who complete the preparation training are eligible for no-cost access to group and individual mental health services.

4. Have other products or vendor been considered?

Yes, other contractors have been considered in the past. However, no other vendor offers the combination of multidisciplinary assessments and access to mental health services for resource/adoptive families.

5. Will purchase of this product avoid other costs?

Yes. The contractor delivers comprehensive services such as training, therapy, and assessments that would otherwise need to be sourced separately from multiple providers. This integration reduces administrative and service coordination costs while supporting family readiness and stability.

6. Is this product proprietary or available from other dealers?

Not applicable.

7. Reasonableness of price. Does County obtain a percentage discount or special discount not available to the private sector.

Not applicable.

8. What is the dollar value of the existing equipment?

Not applicable.



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May 30, 2025

To: Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Chair
Supervisor Hilda L. Solis
Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell
Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath
Supervisor Janice Hahn

From: Brandon T. Nichols
Director

NOTICE OF INTENT TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE CURRENT SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT FOR THE PREPARATION AND SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES CONSIDERING ADOPTING CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS SERVICES BEYOND THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT TERM

In compliance with Board Policy 5.100, Sole Source Contracts and Amendments, the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) is notifying the Board of its intent to extend the current Preparation and Support for Families Considering Adopting Children with Special Needs (P&S) contract with the Regents of the University of California Los Angeles (Regents of UCLA) beyond its original contract term.

The extension will allow DCFS to release and complete the solicitation process without a lapse or disruption in current services. The additional one-year extension, effective November 1, 2025 through October 31, 2026, will enable DCFS to process the Request for Proposals solicitation, which is anticipated to be released in September 2025. The Maximum Annual Contract amount will be \$479,000 for the additional one-year extension, financed using 75 percent Federal funds, 17.5 percent State funds and 7.5 percent net County cost. Funding for the P&S contract has been included in the Department's Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Recommended Budget.

The P&S services promote permanency for children by preparing prospective resource/adoptive parents for the challenges associated with parenting and providing permanency to special needs children between the ages of 0-17. P&S services is a training program designed to educate prospective resource/adoptive parents in the areas

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of prenatal substance exposure, biological vulnerabilities, multiple placements and abuse and neglect to help better meet the needs of children waiting to be adopted who have been unfavorably impacted. Additionally, P&S provides multidisciplinary evaluations on children in need of an adoptive family and grief support groups/individuals for families involved in concurrent planning.

On February 20, 2025, the California Department of Social Services granted DCFS authority to extend the current P&S contract for an additional one-year period effective November 1, 2025 through October 31, 2026. For more information, please see Attachment A.

If you have any questions or need additional information, you may contact me or your staff may contact Aldo Marin, Board Liaison, at (213) 371-6052.

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Attachment

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisor



February 20, 2025

Leticia Torres-Ibarra, Division Manager
Contracts Administration Division
Department of Children and Family Services
County of Los Angeles
425 Shatto Place
Los Angeles, CA 90020

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO EXTEND PREPARATION AND SUPPORT FOR
FAMILIES CONSIDERING ADOPTING CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL
NEEDS SERVICES CONTRACTS**

Dear Leticia Torres-Ibarra:

By letter dated February 6, 2025, the County of Los Angeles (County) requests approval to extend its existing Preparation and Support for Families Considering Adopting Children with Special Needs (P&S) Services contract for an additional one-year in order to complete the Request for Proposal (RFP) process for new contracts.

P&S services is a training program designed to educate prospective resource/adoptive parents in the areas of prenatal substance exposure, biological vulnerabilities, multiple placements, and abuse and neglect, to help better meet the needs of children waiting to be adopted.

The County makes the request pursuant to California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Manual of Policies and Procedures (MPP) 23-622.2. However, MPP 23-622.2 would not be the appropriate authority for this extension request. MPP 23-622.2 applies when *“the county is unable to renegotiate the contract for the extended term...”* which does not appear to be the case here.

However, since the County has made the request, CDSS will consider this request under MPP section 23-650.18, “[o]ther situations, where unique circumstances necessitate procurement by negotiation, shall require CDSS approval and, when necessary federal agency approval.”

The County states the RFP process for P&S services on average takes 18-24 months. The current contracts are scheduled to expire October 31, 2025, and the County is set to release the new solicitation in late 2025. To allow the County sufficient time to complete the solicitation process without a lapse or disruption in current services, CDSS

approves the request to extend the existing P&S contract extensions of the contracts for an additional one year.

In addition, the County requests a five (5) year contract term due to MPP 23.621.11 which limits these contracts to a three (3) year term. MPP Section 23-621.1.15.152 allows CDSS to consider a request for a contract term longer than three (3) years with the use of a competitive procurement. As required by regulation, CDSS must review the cost impact, the overall benefit to the program, the impact on competition of the longer term, and conformity to state and federal procurement laws and regulations in evaluating this request.

The County states that the three-year term does not allow for continuity of services given that the solicitation process takes 18 to 24 months to complete. A five (5) year contract term will allow the County to release a solicitation every three years rather than a year after new contracts are in place as with the three (3) year term. Additionally, by extending the contract term to a five (5) year period, the County will be able to achieve cost saving by conducting solicitations using longer intervals between solicitations which in turn will provide continuity of services by contractors. Program managers will also have the availability of sufficient data to evaluate and improve the SOW.

CDSS considered the impact on competition, the cost savings to the County and program benefits. On balance, the cost savings and program benefits appear to outweigh a potentially negative impact on competition. Additionally, five (5) year term appears to be in conformity with state and federal procurement laws and regulations. Therefore, the request is approved.

For comments or questions, I may be reached at Sharon.Hoshiyama@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Sharon Hoshiyama, Section Chief
Grants, MOU, Child Services Direct Services

**MOTION BY SUPERVISORS JANICE HAHN
AND HOLLY J. MITCHELL**

AGN. NO.
September 16, 2025

Acquisition of Bellflower New Hope Shelter to Preserve Interim Housing in SPA 7

On Monday May 18, 2020, the Bellflower City Council and many others dedicated the New Hope Temporary Shelter at 8833 Cedar Street in the City of Bellflower. New Hope began serving the Bellflower homeless population on Wednesday, May 20, 2020, in compliance with the City's landmark settlement agreement with homeless advocate plaintiffs on September 23, 2019. Bellflower was the first city in Los Angeles County (County) to sign on with Judge Carter's order as a method of addressing the pervasive homelessness issue.

New Hope is a state-of-the-art, 50-bed shelter for Bellflower homeless individuals that is operated by Mercy House. The operator assists program participants with creating a housing plan and makes connections to housing resources to end their homelessness as soon as possible. The program maintains a strict no-walk-up policy and depends on referrals from local non-profit organizations, contracted homeless liaisons, and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Since the opening of this shelter, the City of Bellflower (City) has committed itself to continuing to fund the operations of this shelter.

Because of the continued rising costs of operating the shelter, the City is seeking to acquire the property where the New Hope shelter is located. The City has

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communicated with the owner of the site and found that it would cost \$4.5 million to purchase the property. The City has committed \$2.5 million towards the purchase and has requested \$2 million from the County.

The Board of Supervisors (Board) has been informed by the Chief Executive Office, Homeless Initiative that there is \$7.6 million in carryover funds within the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, which was created in 2015 to support housing solutions within the County. It is essential that the Board sustain the New Hoper Shelter interim housing beds in SPA 7 and support the continued partnership with the City of Bellflower.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Find that the proposed actions do not constitute a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because the proposed actions are excluded from the definition of a project by section 21065 of the Public Resources Code and are organizational or administrative activities of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment pursuant to section 15378(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines. In the alternative, the actions are exempt pursuant to section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because it can be seen with certainty that the activities will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment;
2. Direct the Chief Executive Officer, or her designee, to allocate \$2 million of carryover funds from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund for the acquisition of the New Hope Shelter in the City of Bellflower; and
3. Direct the Chief Executive Officer, or her designee, to enter into a funding agreement with the City of Bellflower not to exceed \$2 million for the acquisition of the New Hope Shelter in the City of Bellflower, subject to approval as to form by County Counsel.

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Family and Social Services
AGING AND DISABILITIES DEPARTMENT - ADMINISTRATION

Supplemental Changes
Fiscal Year 2025-26

Changes From 2025-26 Adopted Budget

	Gross Appropriation (\$)	Intrafund Transfer (\$)	Revenue (\$)	Net County Cost (\$)	Budg Pos
2025-26 Adopted Budget	134,399,000	94,322,000	13,145,000	26,932,000	593.0
1. Administration: Reflects a reduction in services and supplies as part of the Department's proportional share of countywide curtailments. (3-VOTES)	(1,687,000)	--	--	(1,687,000)	--
2. Adult Protective Services (APS) American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA): Reflects a decrease due to the exhaustion of one-time ARPA funding from the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) via the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), to enhance, improve, and expand protective services provided through the APS program. (3-VOTES)	(1,850,000)	(1,850,000)	--	--	--
3. APS Home Safe: Reflects an increase to align with the projected available funding from CDSS via DPSS to support APS clients who are homeless or on the verge of being homeless. (4-VOTES)	108,000	108,000	--	--	--
4. APS: Reflects a decrease to align the budget with the projected available State funding via DPSS for AB 135. (3-VOTES)	(744,000)	(744,000)	--	--	--
5. Aging and Disability Resource Connection: Reflects a net increase in appropriation due to the deletion of prior-year funding and the addition of FY 2025-26 one-time funding from the California Department of Aging (CDA) to provide coordinated networks of programs and services for older adults, people with disabilities, and caregivers in navigating the fragmented system of long-term services and supports. (4-VOTES)	7,000	--	7,000	--	--
6. ARPA: Reflects a net decrease in appropriation due to the deletion of prior-year funding and the addition of FY 2025-26 one-time funding from CDA for the Elderly Nutrition Program (ENP). (3-VOTES)	(221,000)	--	(221,000)	--	--
7. Modernizing Older Californians Act: Reflects a net increase due to the deletion of prior-year funding and the addition of FY 2025-26 one-time funding from CDA to provide supportive services for various Area Agency on Aging (AAA) programs and ENP. (4-VOTES)	457,000	--	457,000	--	--

	Gross Appropriation (\$)	Intrafund Transfer (\$)	Revenue (\$)	Net County Cost (\$)	Budg Pos
8. Building a Better Connection for Older Adults: Reflects a decrease in one-time ARPA funding to the projected FY 2025-26 level. (3-VOTES)	(178,000)	--	(178,000)	--	--
9. Enterprise Systems Maintenance: Reflects the Department's proportional share of enterprise systems maintenance costs (formerly eCAPS maintenance). (4-VOTES)	2,000	--	--	2,000	--
10. Cyber Security: Reflects an increase in one-time and ongoing funding to centrally protect and prevent threats to the County's information security assets by adopting and maintaining existing security solutions to reduce the County's cyber exposure risk while also reduction the County's overall cyber security expenditures. (4-VOTES)	17,000	--	--	17,000	--
11. Utility User Tax – Cy Pres: Reflects the carryover of unspent Utility User Tax – Cy Pres funding allocated for Court-approved projects. (4-VOTES)	48,000	--	--	48,000	--
12. Measure U – Utility User Tax: Reflects the reappropriation of prior-year unspent Measure U – Utility User Tax funding for programs within the unincorporated areas. (4-VOTES)	832,000	--	--	832,000	--
Total Changes	(3,209,000)	(2,486,000)	65,000	(788,000)	0.0
2025-26 Final Adopted	131,190,000	91,836,000	13,210,000	26,144,000	593.0

Family and Social Services
AGING AND DISABILITIES DEPARTMENT - ASSISTANCE

Supplemental Changes
Fiscal Year 2025-26

Changes From 2025-26 Adopted Budget

	Gross Appropriation (\$)	Intrafund Transfer (\$)	Revenue (\$)	Net County Cost (\$)	Budg Pos
2025-26 Adopted Budget	75,107,000	26,175,000	46,546,000	2,386,000	0.0
1. Elderly Nutrition Program (ENP): Reflects carryover funding to provide meals to seniors. (4-VOTES)	378,000	--	--	378,000	--
2. Adult Protective Services (APS) American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA): Reflects a decrease due to the exhaustion of one-time ARPA funding from the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) via the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), to enhance, improve, and expand protective services provided through the APS program. (3-VOTES)	(554,000)	(554,000)	--	--	--
3. APS Home Safe: Reflects an increase to align with the projected available funding from CDSS via DPSS to support APS clients who are homeless or on the verge of being homeless. (4-VOTES)	970,000	970,000	--	--	--
4. Aging and Disability Resource Connection: Reflects a net increase in appropriation due to the deletion of prior-year funding and the addition of FY 2025-26 one-time funding from the California Department of Aging (CDA) to provide coordinated networks of programs and services for older adults, people with disabilities, and caregivers in navigating the fragmented system of long-term services and supports. (4-VOTES)	134,000	--	134,000	--	--
5. ARPA: Reflects a net decrease in appropriation due to the deletion of prior-year funding and the addition of FY 2025-26 one-time funding from CDA for ENP. (3-VOTES)	(2,730,000)	--	(2,730,000)	--	--
6. Modernizing Older Californians Act: Reflects a net increase due to the deletion of prior-year funding and the addition of FY 2025-26 one-time funding from CDA to provide supportive services for various Area Agency on Aging (AAA) programs and ENP. (4-VOTES)	2,004,000	--	2,004,000	--	--
Total Changes	202,000	416,000	(592,000)	378,000	0.0
2025-26 Final Adopted	75,309,000	26,591,000	45,954,000	2,764,000	0.0

Family and Social Services
CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES DEPARTMENT
 Supplemental Changes
 Fiscal Year 2025-26

Changes From 2025-26 Adopted Budget

	Gross Appropriation (\$)	Intrafund Transfer (\$)	Revenue (\$)	Net County Cost (\$)	Budg Pos
2025-26 Adopted Budget	232,989,000	0	226,206,000	6,783,000	1,452.0
1. Administration: Reflects the termination of a building lease and the deletion of 1.0 vacant Intermediate Typist Clerk as part of the Department's proportional share of countywide curtailments. (3-VOTES)	(1,129,000)	--	(745,000)	(384,000)	(1.0)
2. Enterprise Systems Maintenance: Reflects the Department's proportional share of enterprise systems maintenance costs (formerly eCAPS maintenance). (4-VOTES)	16,000	--	15,000	1,000	--
3. Cyber Security: Reflects an increase in one-time and ongoing funding to centrally protect and prevent threats to the County's information security assets by adopting and maintaining existing security solutions to reduce the County's cyber exposure risk while also reduction the County's overall cyber security expenditures. (4-VOTES)	116,000	--	111,000	5,000	--
4. Salaries and Employee Benefits: Reflects Board-approved increases in salaries and employee benefits. (4-VOTES)	3,000	--	3,000	--	--
Total Changes	(994,000)	0	(616,000)	(378,000)	(1.0)
2025-26 Final Adopted	231,995,000	0	225,590,000	6,405,000	1,451.0

Family and Social Services
CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES- ADMINISTRATION
Supplemental Changes
Fiscal Year 2025-26

Changes From 2025-26 Adopted Budget

	Gross Appropriation (\$)	Intrafund Transfer (\$)	Revenue (\$)	Net County Cost (\$)	Budg Pos
2025-26 Adopted Budget	2,120,116,000	2,715,000	1,559,148,000	558,253,000	9,989.0
1. Administration: Reflects the reduction of various operating expenses and the deletion of 92.0 vacant items as part of the Department's proportional share of countywide curtailments. (3-VOTES)	(16,818,000)	--	--	(16,818,000)	(92.0)
2. Guaranteed Income Breathe Program Expansion: Reflects State funding to expand Breathe and use the existing Breathe program to serve additional DCFS Non-Minor Dependent foster youth. (4-VOTES)	4,672,000	--	4,672,000	--	--
3. Youth@Work: Reflects State funding to fund employment training/opportunities for child-welfare involved youth. (4-VOTES)	1,000,000	--	1,000,000	--	--
4. Families First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) Implementation: Reflects funding to support the expansion and implementation of evidence-based prevention programs and services to meet the needs of children and their families before they experience circumstances that result in entry into foster care. (4-VOTES)	4,163,000	--	4,163,000	--	--
5. South Bay Counseling Center: Reflects funding from the Department of Mental Health to provide facilitators with lived experience for Child and Family Team meetings. (4-VOTES)	4,707,000	4,707,000	--	--	--
6. Administrative Support Services: Reflects funding for 24.0 positions partially offset with by the deletion of 24.0 vacant positions to provide administrative support in Human Resources and Information Systems. (4-VOTES)	317,000	--	317,000	--	--
7. Facility Costs: Reflects one-time funding for the lump sum cost of acquisition and installation of low-voltage systems and tenant Improvements at various DCFS offices, in addition to on-going property lease increases. (4-VOTES)	36,052,000	--	36,052,000	--	--
8. Unavoidable Costs: Reflects cost increases from centralized departments' services primarily due to Board-approved salary increases. (4-VOTES)	3,283,000	87,000	3,196,000	--	--

	Gross Appropriation (\$)	Intrafund Transfer (\$)	Revenue (\$)	Net County Cost (\$)	Budg Pos
9. Computers: Reflects funding for a one-time purchase of 2,000 computers, on-going cost for new software, and Local Area Network (LAN)/ Wide Area Network (WAN) upgrades. (4-VOTES)	3,725,000	--	3,725,000	--	--
10. 211 LA County Information and Referral Services: Reflects funding for 211 services. (4-VOTES)	907,000	--	907,000	--	--
11. Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC): Reflects carryover funding to provide one-time CSEC Advocacy Services. (4-VOTES)	260,000	--	--	260,000	--
12. Judgement and Damages: Reflects one-time funding for settlement of pending cases. (4-VOTES)	23,000,000	--	--	23,000,000	--
13. Antelope Valley Manpower Shortage Bonuses: Reflects funding to sustain critical recruitment and retention bonuses for Children's Social Workers and Supervising Children's Social Workers in the Antelope Valley offices. (4-VOTES)	6,678,000	--	6,678,000	--	--
14. Operating Costs: Reflects funding for medical hub clinic and public health nurse services, temporary shelter care facilities costs, and existing Transitional Housing Program Plus contract costs. (4-VOTES)	8,854,000	--	8,854,000	--	--
15. Salaries and Employee Benefits: Primarily reflects Board-approved increases in salaries and health insurance subsidies. (4-VOTES)	39,000	--	21,000	18,000	--
16. Cyber Security: Reflects an increase in one-time and ongoing funding to centrally protect and prevent threats to the County's information security assets by adopting and maintaining existing security solutions to reduce the County's cyber exposure risk while also reducing the County's overall cyber security expenditures. (4 VOTES)	945,000	--	496,000	449,000	--
17. Enterprise Systems Maintenance: Reflects the Department's proportional share of enterprise systems maintenance costs (formerly eCAPS maintenance). (4 VOTES)	128,000	--	67,000	61,000	--
Total Changes	81,912,000	4,794,000	70,148,000	6,970,000	(92.0)
2025-26 Final Adopted	2,202,028,000	7,509,000	1,629,296,000	565,223,000	9,897.0

Family and Social Services
CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES- ASSISTANCE
 Supplemental Changes
 Fiscal Year 2025-26

Changes From 2025-26 Adopted Budget

	Gross Appropriation (\$)	Intrafund Transfer (\$)	Revenue (\$)	Net County Cost (\$)	Budg Pos
2025-26 Adopted Budget	1,323,890,000	5,800,000	1,105,642,000	212,448,000	0.0
1. Adoption Assistance Program (AAP): Reflects funding for higher case costs associated with California Necessities Index (CNI) placement rate increases and an increase in federally eligible caseloads. (4-VOTES)	85,357,000	--	74,941,000	10,416,000	--
2. Foster Care (FC): Reflects funding for higher case costs associated with CNI placement rate increases. (4-VOTES)	40,821,000	--	16,274,000	24,547,000	--
3. FC: Reflects a decrease in appropriation and funding as a result of a decrease in caseloads and federal funding. (4-VOTES)	(80,067,000)	--	(65,687,000)	(14,380,000)	--
4. Kinship Guardianship Assistance (KinGAP): Reflects funding for higher case costs associated with CNI placement rate increases and projected caseloads. (4-VOTES)	4,462,000	--	3,152,000	1,310,000	--
5. Revenue Realignment: Reflects a decrease in 1991 Realignment offset by the increase of 2011 Realignment. (3-VOTES)	--	--	--	--	--
Total Changes	50,573,000	0	28,680,000	21,893,000	0.0
2025-26 Final Adopted	1,374,463,000	5,800,000	1,134,322,000	234,341,000	0.0

Family and Social Services
MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS
 Supplemental Changes
 Fiscal Year 2025-26

Changes From 2025-26 Adopted Budget

	Gross Appropriation (\$)	Intrafund Transfer (\$)	Revenue (\$)	Net County Cost (\$)	Budg Pos
2025-26 Adopted Budget	20,815,000	8,346,000	5,199,000	7,270,000	66.0
1. Administration: Reflects a reduction of 1.0 position and services and supplies as part of the Department's proportional share of countywide curtailments. (3-VOTES)	(391,000)	--	--	(391,000)	(1.0)
2. JIV Division: Reflects funding for 9.0 positions to provide direct assistance to justice-involved veterans at various touch points. (4-VOTES)	1,276,000	1,276,000	--	--	9.0
3. Opioid Settlement Funds: Reflects funding to assists justice-involved veterans by addressing opioid use, homelessness, and mental health needs. (4-VOTES)	1,121,000	--	1,121,000	--	--
4. Tenant Rental Agreement: Reflects an adjustment of revenue for occupied space at Bob Hope Patriotic Hall (BHPH). (3-VOTES)	(144,000)	--	(144,000)	--	--
5. Carryover: Reflects carryover to continue communications and veterans suicide review team contract services through FY 2025-26. (4-VOTES)	700,000	--	--	700,000	--
6. ISD Cyber Security: Reflects an increase in one-time and ongoing funding to centrally protect and prevent threats to the County's information security assets by adopting and maintaining existing security solutions to reduce the County's cyber exposure risk while also reducing the County's overall cyber security expenditures. (4-VOTES)	4,000	--	--	4,000	--
7. Salaries and Employee Benefits: Primarily reflects Board-approved increases in salaries and health insurance subsidies. (4-VOTES)	7,000	--	--	7,000	--
Total Changes	2,573,000	1,276,000	977,000	320,000	8.0
2025-26 Final Adopted	23,388,000	9,622,000	6,176,000	7,590,000	74.0

Family and Social Services
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES - ADMINISTRATION
 Supplemental Changes
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Changes From 2025-26 Adopted Budget

	Gross Appropriation (\$)	Intrafund Transfer (\$)	Revenue (\$)	Net County Cost (\$)	Budg Pos
2025-26 Adopted Budget	3,139,181,000	3,775,000	2,888,654,000	246,752,000	14,655.0
1. Administration: Reflects the deletion of 61.0 Eligibility Worker (EW) IIs, 7.0 Eligibility Supervisors and a decrease in overtime as part of the Department's proportional share of countywide curtailments. (3-VOTES)	(7,728,000)	--	(71,000)	(7,657,000)	(68.0)
2. Bureau of Special Operations Staffing: Reflects the addition of 10.0 Appeals Hearing Specialists and 2.0 Supervising Appeals Hearing Specialists, fully offset with the deletion of 12.0 vacant positions, State and federal revenues, and a decrease in services and supplies, to address the increase in appeals from application denials for cash assistance and eligibility redeterminations. (4-VOTES)	770,000	--	770,000	--	--
3. In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Staffing: Reflects the addition of 12.0 Senior Clerks, fully offset with the deletion of 12.0 vacant positions and State and federal revenues, to provide support in handling the high volume at the IHSS Call Service Center, fully offset with State and federal revenue. (4-VOTES)	591,000	--	591,000	--	--
4. Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Replacement: Reflects an increase in appropriation, offset with revenue and net County cost, to cover costs in EBT skimming/scamming instances. (4-VOTES)	44,585,000	--	39,673,000	4,912,000	--
5. CalFresh Employment & Training (CFET): Reflects one-time funding due to the State-directed claims restructuring of ineligible CFET costs. (4-VOTES)	12,500,000	--	--	12,500,000	--
6. Skills and Training to Achieve Readiness for Tomorrow (START) Redesign and Transition-Aged Youth (TAY)portunity Program: Reflects one-time funding for the redesign of the START Program and the welfare-to-work vocational services contract for the START TAYportunity Program. (4-VOTES)	6,863,000	--	--	6,863,000	--

	Gross Appropriation (\$)	Intrafund Transfer (\$)	Revenue (\$)	Net County Cost (\$)	Budg Pos
7. California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CW): Reflects a net increase in funding, fully offset with State and federal revenues, primarily due to increases in Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) case management services and childcare expenditures to eligible CW participants and ministerial contract cost adjustments to align to the spending levels, offset with a decrease in State and federal revenues for the CW Expanded Subsidized Employment Program. (4-VOTES)	12,632,000	--	12,632,000	--	--
8. Tenant Improvement (TI) and Low Voltage (LV) Costs: Reflects one-time carryover for TI and LV services for the Norwalk District replacement project primarily due to service delays. (4-VOTES)	7,157,000	--	5,147,000	2,010,000	--
9. Measure A: Reflects Measure A revenue and Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) federal revenue match to continue the Homeless Initiative's Benefits Advocacy program. (4-VOTES)	1,000,000	--	1,000,000	--	--
10. Aging and Disabilities Department Pass-through: Reflects a decrease in appropriation to align the budget with the State and federal allocations for the Adult Protective Services, Home Safe Program, American Rescue Plan Act, and AB 135, administered by the Aging and Disabilities Department. (3-VOTES)	(2,070,000)	--	(2,070,000)	--	--
11. Department of Health Services (DHS) Pass-through: Reflects a decrease in appropriation to align the budget with the State allocation for the Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP) and HDAP Targeted Strategic Investment, administered by DHS. (4-VOTES)	6,397,000	--	6,397,000	--	--
12. Department of Public Health (DPH) Pass-through: Reflects a decrease in appropriation to align the budget with the State and federal allocations for the Home Visiting Program administered by DPH. (3-VOTES)	(4,180,000)	--	(4,180,000)	--	--
13. Ministerial Adjustments of Operating Costs: Reflects ministerial cost adjustments to align the department's budget to the appropriate object class and revenue source for cost increases in services received and rendered to other County departments, short-term lease payments, capital lease/rent charges, other charges, capital assets, and services and supplies. (3-VOTES)	--	--	--	--	--
14. Salary and Employee Benefits: Reflects Board-approved increases in salaries and employee benefits. (4-VOTES)	2,000	--	2,000	--	--

	Gross Appropriation (\$)	Intrafund Transfer (\$)	Revenue (\$)	Net County Cost (\$)	Budg Pos
15. Cyber Security: Reflects an increase in one-time and ongoing funding to centrally protect and prevent threats to the County's information security assets by adopting and maintaining existing security solutions to reduce the County's cyber exposure risk while also reducing the County's overall cyber security expenditures. (4-VOTES)	1,071,000	--	858,000	213,000	--
16. Enterprise Systems Maintenance: Reflects the Department's proportional share of enterprise systems maintenance costs (formerly eCAPS maintenance). (4-VOTES)	145,000	--	116,000	29,000	--
17. Reclassification: Reflects a Board-approved reclassification of 36.0 positions. The cost variance is fully offset with State and federal revenues and a decrease in services and supplies. (4-VOTES)	1,061,000	--	1,061,000	--	--
Total Changes	80,796,000	--	61,926,000	18,870,000	(68.0)
2025-26 Final Adopted	3,219,977,000	3,775,000	2,950,580,000	265,622,000	14,587.0

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	Gross Appropriation (\$)	Intrafund Transfer (\$)	Revenue (\$)	Net County Cost (\$)	Budg Pos
2025-26 Adopted Budget	2,939,766,000	--	2,358,915,000	580,851,000	0.0
1. General Relief (GR): Reflects one-time carryover funding in appropriation primarily due to the GR Guaranteed Income Program. (4-VOTES)	947,000	--	--	947,000	--
2. California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CW): Reflects an increase in appropriation primarily due to CW caseload increases. (4-VOTES)	21,126,000	--	20,012,000	1,114,000	--
3. Refugee Cash Assistance: Reflects a net decrease in appropriation primarily due to a decrease in projected caseload and cost per case from FY 2024-25. (3-VOTES)	(11,837,000)	--	(11,837,000)	--	--
4. Cash Assistance for Immigrants: Reflects an increase in appropriation primarily due to projected increases in caseload and cost per case. (4-VOTES)	33,474,000	--	33,474,000	--	--
5. Refugee Employment Program: Reflects an increase in appropriation primarily due to the Refugee Housing Support Program and Ukrainian refugee support services. (4-VOTES)	8,182,000	--	8,182,000	--	--
Total Changes	51,892,000	--	49,831,000	2,061,000	--
2025-26 Final Adopted	2,991,658,000	--	2,408,746,000	582,912,000	0.0

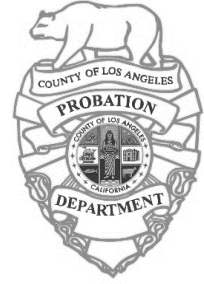


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SUBJECT: **LOS ANGELES COUNTY CHILD TRAFFICKING LEADERSHIP TEAM
(CTLT) REPORT (ITEM NO. 45, AGENDA OF APRIL 1, 2025)**

The last report to the Board from the CTLT was presented on April 1, 2025, which addressed an overview of the CTLT, Guiding Principles and Approach, Strategic Plan Integration, as well as the Subcommittees and Year One Priorities. This current report will provide updates on the following:

1. Integrated Strategic Plan
2. Subcommittee Year 1 Priority Updates
3. Child Trafficking Data
4. Report back on moving forward with recommendations to Reimagine Los Angeles County's approach to Human Trafficking (Item No. 6, agenda of February 4, 2025), specifically the feasibility of creating a countywide Human Trafficking prevention coordinating body recommendation and next steps.

1. INTEGRATED STRATEGIC PLAN

In the October 6, 2024 report to the Board on the Strategic Plan, two separate plans were presented—one addressing commercial sexual exploitation and the other focusing on labor trafficking, including forced criminality. In response, the Board requested, and the Child Trafficking Leadership Team (CTLT) committed to, integrating both plans to create a more comprehensive approach to human trafficking in Los Angeles County. The integrated strategic plan was completed on May 23, 2025,

and on July 17, 2025, it was further organized by subcommittee responsibility. Over the next few months, the subcommittees will develop clear timelines and prioritize action items within their respective areas, creating an accountability guide to direct implementation over the next four years.

As noted in the last Board report, integration of sex trafficking and labor trafficking efforts will be more straightforward in some areas were already underway, including expanding training, conducting resource mapping, and broadening community-based outreach and partnerships. In other areas, additional learning and collaboration with various community and county stakeholders is needed. These areas may also require the development of new protocols to ensure an effective and supportive response to victims of labor trafficking and labor trafficking by forced criminality.

2. SUBCOMMITTEE YEAR ONE PRIORITY UPDATES

The three CTLT subcommittees have been established and continue to meet regularly to address the key priorities outlined in the Strategic Plan. Each subcommittee engages community members and individuals with lived experience to ensure diverse perspectives are reflected in the prioritization, decision-making, implementation, and evaluation of deliverables. All identified priorities are being carefully reviewed with a focus on building clear, community-based pathways to services that connect youth and families to support without unnecessary system involvement. This approach aims to reduce the risk of further harm and ensure access to services in a safe, welcoming environment—free from fears of collateral consequences (e.g., immigration-related family separation, deportation) that might deter individuals from seeking help.

Below is an overview of the three subcommittees and their Year One priorities that have been preliminarily defined.

Education and Awareness Subcommittee – Lead by the Department of Public Health and Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE)

The Education and Awareness sub-committee year 1 priorities and updates are:

- 1) Identify, adapt, and/or develop inclusive human trafficking prevention curriculum/a to deliver in select schools, including training components appropriate for students, teachers and staff, and parents and caregivers.
- 2) Develop, adapt, or improve guidance to school districts for creating and implementing school safety protocols, which explain how to respond to human trafficking and comply with reporting laws.
- 3) Update Los Angeles County Human Trafficking Website with new content on trafficking of children and youth, reflecting key themes of new 5-year child trafficking strategic plan.

Priority 1/2:

The Education and Awareness Committee has focused our collective efforts on reviewing existing human trafficking prevention curricula, inviting committee members and guest speakers to share educational programming and digital resources. After several months of presentations and discussions, we have identified two existing curricula, offered by two non-profit organizations, which meet or mostly meet the criteria we established. These criteria include but are not limited to 1) coverage of all forms of child trafficking, 2) attention to diverse populations of children and youth, 3) framing that empowers children, promotes strength-based approaches, and protects their rights, 4) training program design and budget align with County needs and means.

We are exploring next steps to formalize and implement the training plan. One goal is to plan a 3-day train-the-trainer event in which we would certify a cohort of approximately 20 people to master a high-quality human trafficking training curricula they would present to schools and families, allowing us to cover middle school and high school students, their teachers and staff, and their parents and caregivers. Participants in the train-the-trainer may include County staff from DCFS, DPH, DMH, LACOE, and other departments; staff from community partner organizations; survivors and families; and advocates. We are also exploring another curriculum that would bring dynamic survivor trainers to schools, to engage youth in dialogue after they watch training videos, and also provide bilingual trainings for parents and caregivers.

Understanding that contracting and curriculum adoption and implementation are a lengthy process, the Education and Awareness Committee is finalizing a reference guide and list of online resources and tools. LACOE will circulate these resources to districts throughout Los Angeles County, including juvenile court schools, during the first few weeks of the 2025-2026 school year. Schools can immediately use these resources to increase awareness and understanding of trafficking, improve recognition of trafficking, and clarify their reporting and response roles. LACOE will also share with schools existing, county-wide child trafficking trainings by DCFS and Cast, so that educators may attend along with County staff and community partners. Information about training will also be housed on the updated county web page. (see next Priority).

In addition, Cast, under its training contract with DCFS, is developing a 15 minute-maximum length educational video for junior and senior high school students that will serve to educate and empower them on the issue.

Priority 3:

The website workgroup under the Education and Awareness subcommittee has developed new materials to live on the County's Human Trafficking Website, including the reference guide referred to above, a myths vs facts sheet on child and youth

trafficking, new flyers, and other resources. These materials are being reviewed and finalized to be shared with the full Education and Awareness subcommittee, and then with the Child Trafficking Leadership Team coordinator and committee for review and discussion. A presentation to the CTLT will be held in September.

The Education and Awareness Committee continues working closely with the other committees for alignment and advancement of the county-wide plan.

Community Resources and Services (CR&S) Subcommittee – Lead by the CTLT Coordinator, the National Center for Youth Law (NCYL), and Department of Mental Health

The CR&S sub-committee year 1 priorities and updates are:

Community resource mapping – The subcommittee is continuing community resource mapping to identify trusted and vetted service providers in the community in all areas of identified need for youth and families, and to build relationships among those providers. In June, the committee co-chairs held an introductory meeting for new providers who had not been involved previously in the subcommittee. In addition, co-chairs sent out a survey to subcommittee participants to gather additional information about services offered, eligibility, location, and other key information. In the coming months, the subcommittee will be identifying champions within each SPA to support more localized mapping of available resources.

Learning opportunities – Over the past six months, the subcommittee hosted a series of learning sessions to address identified gaps in knowledge among community members and service providers, with the goal of building community capacity to respond to trafficking without system involvement. Sessions featured presentations from agencies including Thai CDC, Casa De La Familia, Survivor Justice Center, 1736 Family Crisis Center, and the Department of Labor, along with ongoing engagement in the County's Mandated Supporting Initiative and the Community Pathways Collaborative. In alignment with the Board's request to engage and leverage existing county resources, the subcommittee will continue to meet with community members and service providers to identify emerging training needs, schedule targeted learning sessions, and expand partnerships with additional agencies.

Peer navigator summit – On October 30, 2025, the subcommittee will host a peer navigator summit aimed at building ethical and sustainable youth leadership in anti-trafficking work. Young people with lived experience of trafficking, system involvement, homelessness, and other adversities bring critical insight and motivation to improve both direct services and system reforms. However, without clear ethical guidelines, strong support structures, and safeguards, youth leadership opportunities can unintentionally result in exploitation or re-traumatization. This one-day convening will establish safety protocols, ethical frameworks, and capacity-building strategies to

ensure youth leaders are supported, empowered, and meaningfully engaged. The summit will also focus on developing leadership skills, fostering peer support networks, and promoting a culture of empowerment grounded in trauma-informed practices. The information gathered will inform future practices of County agencies and community-based partners with respect to ethical and sustainable youth leadership.

Additionally, under the umbrella of the Community Resources and Services subcommittee other workgroups have been established to carry out specific action items within the Strategic Plan.

Youth Commission Initiatives— Lead by the Los Angeles County Youth Commission (LACYC)

In continued support of the child trafficking five-year strategic plan implementation, the Los Angeles County Youth Commission (LACYC) incorporated awareness videos in their hosted youth/community engagements events. The LACYC hosted district listening sessions in Whittier (district four), Compton (district two), and Valley Glen (district three) and child trafficking awareness videos were shared during those events. In addition, as a standing agenda item, child trafficking awareness videos were presented during the LACYC's monthly regular meetings.

The LACYC continues their partnership by serving as the lead of the Youth Empowerment Committee (YEC) to ensure youth voice is uplifted, supported, and empowered. The YEC is a youth-led body that intends to develop engagement strategies to support the implementation of the five-year strategic plan and create safe spaces for youth to connect, grow, and learn.

To date, the LACYC year one priorities have included hosting the inaugural 1st Annual CSEC Empowerment event led by Commissioner Brittianna Robinson, displaying child trafficking awareness videos during the LACYC's regular meetings and community events (district listening sessions), and leading the Youth Empowerment Committee (YEC).

Parent Empowerment Program (PEP) Workgroup – Lead by the Department of Mental Health

In Year One, the Parent Empowerment Program (PEP) work group prioritized the review and enhancement of the existing curriculum with a focus on integrating a stronger prevention lens. This included engagement with past facilitators and curriculum developers to assess structure and content, resulting in the recommendation to develop two curriculum tracks: one for prevention and another for parents of youth who have experienced trafficking. Eight parents were recruited to

actively participate in the curriculum review, receiving the full 10-week program and tools for feedback. A follow-up meeting confirmed their commitment to review the materials and provide detailed input throughout July and August.

Next steps include gathering and analyzing parent feedback, reviewing historical PEP exit surveys, and conducting focus groups and surveys with community partners to better understand parent priorities. A comprehensive curriculum revision process will begin in fall 2025, with content updates informed by parent input, service provider feedback, and identified best practices. The revised curriculum will be available in both English and Spanish and aligned with current community needs. A pilot of the updated curriculum is planned for Year Two, targeting both system-involved and non-system-involved youth and families through strengthened community partnerships.

Safe Youth Zone (SYZ) Workgroup - Lead by the Department of Health Services

The Safe Youth Zone (SYZ) Workgroup's Year One priorities include updating the SYZ Poster and Quick Reference Guide, developing a toolkit for non-county organizations, expanding county partnerships to include Parks and Recreation, producing a training video for community partners, and conducting focus groups with system-involved youth, trafficking survivors, the Los Angeles County Youth Commission (LACYC), and the Department of Youth Development (DYD) to create an effective youth-focused messaging strategy. Additional workgroup priorities include: (1) Safe Youth Zone updates through targeted outreach to faith-based organizations, community-based organizations, the City of Long Beach, and LA County Parks and Recreation; and (2) updates to SYZ materials, including posters, placards, quick reference guides, and protocols.

The County of Los Angeles Library has fully implemented SYZ at all 85 library facilities, with signage posted, staff trained, and finalized protocols in place, along with a public FAQ. SYZ was also implemented at the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services Ron Arias Health Equity Center and the Office of Youth Development, with signage, staff training, and protocols completed. Additional outreach highlights include presentations to multiple faith-based organizations through the LAC Faith-Based Collaborative and at the Faith-Based Vendor Fair in Long Beach (March 2025), as well as presentations to LAC Parks and Recreation, which, upon approval, is scheduled to implement SYZ in fall 2025. Staff also met with the DPH Youth Advisory Council to explore partnerships in developing youth-focused messaging strategies.

Safe Healing Centers – Lead by the Department of Youth Development (DYD)

In alignment with the strategic plan action item, *Collaborate with DYD in development of Safe and Secure Healing Centers as alternatives to detention to ensure they are equipped to identify and serve youth impacted by child trafficking*, in July DYD launched its first Safe Healing Center partnership with Zoe International, an

organization that serves young girls and gender expansive (GGE) youth who have experienced commercial sexual exploitation (CSEC). Safe Healing Centers (SHCs) are small, community-based therapeutic homes offering a crucial alternative to traditional juvenile halls or camps for court-ordered youth. They embody DYD's commitment to creating healing alternatives to incarceration and are a core component of the Youth Justice Reimagined initiative. DYD has expanded Zoe's program and staffing model to be able to house more justice-involved girls and gender-expansive youth.

DYD has also partnered with Beloved Village, Boys Republic, and A New Way of Life to launch SHCs for young women, all of which are at various stages of property renovation and acquisition and are scheduled to launch within the next year.

Systems and Protocol Subcommittee – Lead by the Department of Children & Family Services (DCFS) and the Probation Department

The Systems & Protocols sub-committee year 1 priorities and updates are:

Policy and Protocol Development:

DCFS is updating the language in relevant internal policies to be inclusive of all forms of child trafficking: child sex trafficking, child labor trafficking and labor trafficking by forced criminality. Policies that are taking priority for review and updating include the DCFS Assessment of Exploitation policy, Child Protection Hotline policy, and the Multi-Agency Response Team policy. In addition, the Child Trafficking Desk Guide for DCFS Social Workers is currently being updated to include guidance on the assessment of child trafficking and best practices when working with children, youth, and families impacted by all forms of trafficking. The goal by the end of the year is for 100% of all DCFS policies that address trafficking and identified in the first-year implementation plan will comprehensively address all forms of trafficking.

Progress on Policy Development

The Committee first tackled reviewing and updating DCFS' Assessment of Exploitation policy, which was finalized and submitted to the DCFS Policy Section on July 22, 2025. The policy originally focused on the assessment of the commercial sexual exploitation of children and youth, but the policy has now been updated to provide comprehensive guidance on how to identify, assess, report, and document children who are victims of labor trafficking and labor trafficking by forced criminality. DCFS and Probation collaborated with the Systems and Protocols Committee members to update the policy and incorporate feedback from the committee as appropriate. The final draft of the updated policy has been enhanced to fully integrate the assessment of labor trafficking and labor trafficking by forced criminality to equip DCFS social workers with the information needed to do a more comprehensive, accurate assessment of children and youth who are at-risk or victims of child trafficking. Updated child trafficking potential indicators, enhanced description of

interviewing techniques and questions, and investigative elements to address were enhanced. Further, the policy now provides direction to document incidents of child labor trafficking and labor trafficking by forced criminality on the child welfare services case documentation system, as CDSS created new Statewide Special Project Codes (SPCs) which can be utilized to document the labor trafficking of children. The updated policy states that child labor trafficking may involve serious physical harm or a substantial risk of serious physical harm to a child resulting from the failure or inability of the parent or guardian to adequately supervise or protect the child, which may be grounds for the child to be removed from the home and/or come under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court (Welfare and Institutions Code section 300(b)(1) California Code, WIC 300. This may include children who are labor trafficked by a parent or guardian. The policy has also been updated to reflect that while there does not need to be a finding of negligence/failure to protect by the parent when filing a petition in dependency court alleging commercial sexual exploitation of a child, parental negligence/failure to protect and/or parental absence/abandonment does need to be present in order to file a petition for children who are being labor trafficked. The DCFS Policy Section is expected to have the Assessment of Exploitation policy reviewed and approved by November, 2025.

The second policy under review is the Child Protection Hotline policy for any updates that may be needed to ensure that it is in alignment with the Assessment of Exploitation policy. Training for the Child Protection Hotline is set to launch by September, 2025, to ensure that hotline staff understand how to screen for both sex and labor trafficking, as well as document incidents of sex and labor trafficking and labor trafficking by forced criminality. It is expected that a final updated Child Protection Hotline policy will be completed by November, 2025, and submitted to the DCFS Policy Section for final review and approval.

The third policy that will undergo review starting in September is the Multi-Agency Response Team policy. The goal is to submit a final updated policy by December, 2025. An updated Child Trafficking Desk Guide for Social Workers is currently undergoing a revision to fully integrate labor trafficking and will be reviewed and discussed during the Child Trafficking Steering Committee meeting on August 27, 2025, and the Systems and Protocols committee meeting on September 9, 2025. This updated desk guide is expected to be completed by September, 2025. The Desk Guide pulls information and guidance from the Assessment of Exploitation policy, but takes a deeper dive into the dynamics of child trafficking, best practice approach guidance, serving underserved populations, addressing traumatic impacts, supporting caregivers, and providing resources that are available through County and community-based resources.

Integrated Training/Curriculum Development:

Comprehensive, integrated training on child trafficking using a public health approach was developed by Cast in collaboration with the Committee and was launched on

March 6, 2025. The training is provided for free for County staff and a wide array of community partners. The training, entitled the “Human Trafficking of Minors and Youth 101” provides Continuing Education Units for free and is offered on a monthly basis. The updated training addresses the specialized needs of under-served populations, including LGBTQ+ youth, foreign-born, immigrant and Native American youth through a culturally responsive and linguistically relevant lens.

In addition, the launching of Human Trafficking of Children and Youth 101 for Resource Parents begins on September 3, 2025. Further, an integrated Human Trafficking of Minors and Youth 102 (advanced training) is launching on October 1, 2025.

Education and Awareness training for DCFS/Probation Youth:

DCFS currently has a Human Trafficking Training contract with Cast that will be extended for a fifth and final contract year covering May 1, 2025, through April 30, 2026. A new request for proposal for Child Trafficking Training Services was released on June 10, 2025 to establish a new installment of a training contract so LA County can continue to provide free trainings to a wide array of system, County and community partners, as well as children, youth, and families. A mandatory proposer’s conference was held on July 15, 2025, and proposals were due on August 5, 2025. The Training Contract will be utilized to support the delivery of child trafficking education and awareness curriculum to both system involved and non-system involved youth, parents and multi-sector partners. DCFS and Probation will provide prevention education and awareness in an effort to divert youth from becoming victims of trafficking and exploitation.

DCFS and Probation, in collaboration with Cast and the Power Project, and with the feedback from the Systems and Protocols Committee, developed a new education and awareness training for teens and parents, which was finalized on August 6, 2025, and scheduled to launch on August 13th, 2025. The newly integrated curriculum, entitled “Straight Up 101: Empowering Youth and Parents Against Human Trafficking” shares the myths and realities of both sex and labor trafficking, potential signs of child trafficking, risk factors, online recruitment, vulnerabilities that traffickers take advantage of, prevention strategies, and resources that are available. The curriculum is appropriate for all genders between the ages of 12 and 24 years old. The curriculum will initially be provided via a webinar to increase accessibility. The invitation was shared with DCFS and Probation staff to share with teens and parents, resource parents, transitional housing programs, and community-based organizations. The plan is to also test the new curriculum in-person with youth living in congregate care.

Youth Empowerment, Peer Mentors, and Youth Leadership:

On Friday, July 25th, 2025, DCFS and the Youth Commission, in partnership with Advocacy Services for Commercially Exploited Youth contracted providers, Vista Del Mar, Optimist, and DMH launched the Youth Empowerment Committee 2.0, with Commissioner Brittianna Robinson and Youth Leader, Talya Thompson, leading the meeting. The committee exists to empower, uplift, educate, and support youth. Through structured programming, leadership development, and community bonding, the committee aims to foster healing, growth and resilience, while building future leadership. The committee will meet monthly to learn about and acquire leadership skills to develop our future youth leaders and advocates. The committee members will be applying their leadership skills during an upcoming Disneyland outing this September by assisting with the implementation of this special event for DCFS and Probation youth.

3. **CHILD TRAFFICKING DATA**

Law Enforcement First Responder Protocol (FRP) Overview, Expansion and Data

FRP Overview - The Los Angeles County Law Enforcement First Responder Protocol for Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (FRP), launched in 2014, ensures that when youth are identified as experiencing or at risk of commercial sexual exploitation, law enforcement, county agencies, and community-based advocates deliver a rapid, coordinated, service-based response. The Protocol emphasizes intensive engagement during the critical first 72 hours, including an expedited 90-minute response by law enforcement using victim-centered, trauma-informed approaches, urgent medical assessments, and immediate basic needs support. A multidisciplinary team meets with the youth to establish a safety plan, with follow-up check-ins over the first three days. Advocates remain connected to the youth for a minimum of 90 days, providing ongoing case management, crisis intervention, and guidance through county systems.

Law Enforcement Expansion - In 2014, the Protocol was implemented in a pilot area consisting of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) Compton and Century Stations, and the Long Beach Police Department. In late 2015, implementation expanded to the Los Angeles Police Department's (LAPD) 77th and Southeast Divisions, and by the end of 2016, it had rolled out to all LASD stations. As of August 15, 2025, the Protocol has further expanded to include the Pomona, Inglewood, Hawthorne, Gardena, El Segundo, Bell Gardens, Pasadena, South Gate, and LAX Police Departments. The team continues to actively engage with additional law enforcement agencies with the goal of ongoing expansion.

Data - From August 14, 2014, through August 13, 2025, the First Responder Protocol (FRP) recorded 1,557 recoveries of missing and exploited youth, drawn from the Child Welfare System/Case Management System, the Probation Case Management

System, and intake forms completed by community-based advocates. Of these recoveries, 84% were unique youth, meaning they were recovered only once, while 13% were recovered between two and four times, and 3% were recovered between five and fourteen times. Annual totals by FRP year were: 2014–15: **39**; 2015–16: **145**; 2016–17: **192**; 2017–18: **225**; 2018–19: **205**; 2019–20: **180**; 2020–21: **185**; 2021–22: **136**; 2022–23: **50**; 2023–24: **105**; and 2024–25: **95**.

Ages ranged from 9 to 18, with 33% age 15 or younger and 67% being 16–17-year-olds. Cisgender girls represented 99% of recoveries, and girls of color comprised 85%, underscoring the ongoing need to improve identification of boys and LGBTQ+ youth. Most youth (70%) were living at home with a parent, relative, or guardian at the time of recovery, while 30% were missing from foster care.

Jurisdictional data shows 28% of recovered youth had an open DCFS case or referral, 13% were dual-status youth, and 14% had prior DCFS involvement without an open case. Another 5% were new to DCFS, 5% were probation-only youth, 24% were from out of county, and 11% were from out of state—a combined 35% consistently coming from outside the county or state. Medical clearance at the time of recovery occurred in 40% of cases, with the remainder either not receiving one due to returning home, refusal, going missing again, or lack of documentation. This highlights the ongoing need for consistent medical follow-up and clear messaging to youth about its importance.

Law enforcement recovery data shows that LAPD accounted for the majority of recoveries at 65%, followed by LASD (22%), Long Beach PD (8%), Pomona PD (4%), and other participating agencies combined (1%). The vast majority of recoveries (77%) occurred after hours—Monday through Friday evenings/nights and on weekends—reinforcing the need for 24-hour advocacy and system response.

Regarding recovery locations, 75% of youth were recovered from the street, 12% from hotels, 7% from situations where the youth or family called law enforcement for help, and 6% from other scenarios such as community member calls, hospitals, schools, or traffic stops. Of those recovered from the street, nearly half (48%) were identified on the Figueroa Corridor, a well-known trafficking area. These findings emphasize both the geographic concentration of exploitation and the importance of sustained, coordinated responses between law enforcement, community-based advocates, and service systems.

This 11-year dataset underscores both the persistence and complexity of commercial sexual exploitation in Los Angeles County. While coordinated efforts have led to significant recoveries, the high proportion of repeat recoveries, concentration of cases in specific geographic areas, and overrepresentation of girls of color point to the urgent need for sustained, 24-hour, community-driven interventions. The data is a call to

action for continued collaboration, targeted prevention, and comprehensive services that address both immediate safety and long-term stability for every youth.

Child Protection Hotline Data

The DCFS Child Protection Hotline has collected data on commercial sexual exploitation since 2013. Attached is a snapshot of the data from 2013–2024, including Referrals and New Case Openings; Referrals by Sex Assigned at Birth; Referrals by Ethnicity; Referrals by Age; Referrals by Reporting Party; and Service Planning Area from which referrals were received. Refer to **Attachment A** for detailed numbers and trend analysis.

4. REPORT BACK ON MOVING FORWARD WITH RECOMMENDATIONS TO REIMAGINE LOS ANGELES COUNTY’S APPROACH TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING (ITEM NO. 6, AGENDA OF FEBRUARY 4, 2025), SPECIFICALLY THE FEASIBILITY OF CREATING A COUNTYWIDE HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION COORDINATING BODY AND RECOMMENDATION AND NEXT STEPS

On February 4, 2025, the Board of Supervisors adopted a motion directing the Chief Executive Office (CEO), in collaboration with various County departments and the Los Angeles County Regional Human Trafficking Task Force (LARHTTF), to conduct a feasibility study on establishing a Countywide Human Trafficking (HT) prevention coordinating body within the Department of Public Health (DPH). The intent was to shift toward a preventative public health model, strengthen collaboration with the County’s existing HT task forces and community-based organizations (CBOs), and enhance support for HT victims.

On August 15, 2025, the CEO’s reported back to the Board included a recommendation that, over the next 90 days, the child trafficking consultant from the Child Trafficking Leadership Team (CTLT) and a local CBO co-convene a focused workgroup to develop a proposed structure and action plan for improving coordination among existing task forces. This approach was recommended due to current fiscal constraints and DPH’s inability to assume the lead role in establishing a Countywide coordinating body at this time.

Based on the CEO’s recommendation, a workgroup will be established with representatives from County Counsel, the District Attorney’s Office, the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA), Public Health, human trafficking organizations supporting adults impacted by sex and labor trafficking, individuals with lived experience, and other appropriate stakeholders. The workgroup will focus on non-carceral approaches, with additional advisors providing input on strategies that advance the County’s commitment to a comprehensive, public health–centered approach to adult trafficking.

Within 90 days, the workgroup will complete the deliverables outlined below and provide the Board recommendations and next steps:

- Propose a feasible structure for strengthening coordination across the existing HT taskforces and bodies focused on HT efforts;
- Identify needs and deliverables to support adults impacted by both sex and labor trafficking using a public health approach;
- Ensure diverse perspectives on response to adults experiencing HT and labor exploitation are integrated into the proposed structure; and
- Explore external funding opportunities at the federal, State, and local levels, as well as work with the Center for Strategic Partnerships to identify potential philanthropic support for this work.

The Los Angeles County Child Trafficking Leadership Team will provide the following updates in the next report scheduled for April 2026:

- Strategic Plan Subcommittee Year 1 updates and Year 2 priorities
- Update on workgroup regarding labor trafficking and labor trafficking by forced criminality

Should your Board have any questions or require additional information, please contact CTLT Coordinator Michelle Guymon at (323) 797-1598.

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**Department of Children and Family Services
CSEC Hotline Referral Data**

CSEC Referrals, New Case Openings and New Entries into Foster Care as a result of CSEC referrals called into the Child Protection Hotline (CPH):

LA County has been experiencing a downward trend in the number of CSEC referrals received through the CPH since FY 21-22. This drop is likely due to a combination of factors: The dismantling of LAPD's child trafficking unit in 2020, reduction of law enforcement resources, and the impact of SB 357 that became effective on Jan 1, 2023. Thus, there is a need to bring greater focus on developing new strategies to identify youth who are at-risk and victims of exploitation through community engagement, education/awareness and capacity building among community partners, including schools and the faith community, to provide support, services, and/or linkage to prevention and intervention services.

Data Source: CSW/CMS Datamart,

This data includes EO and In-person Referrals.

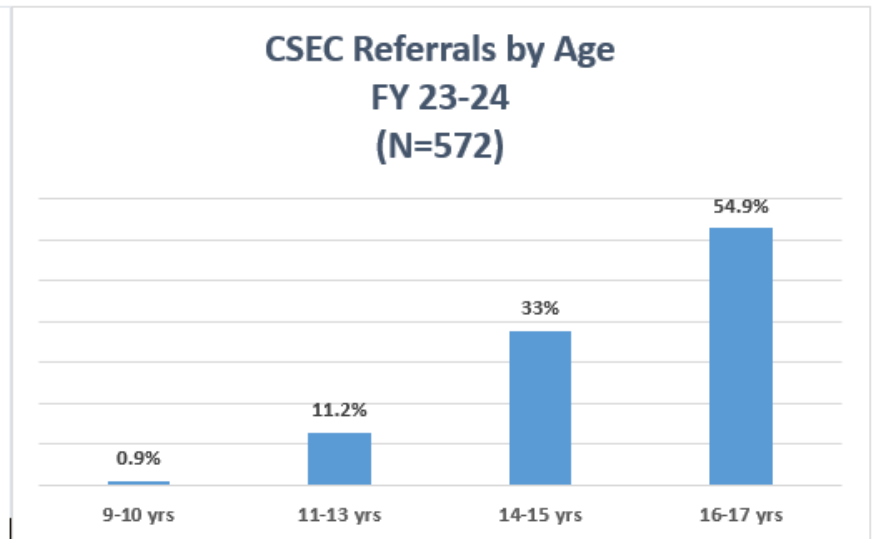
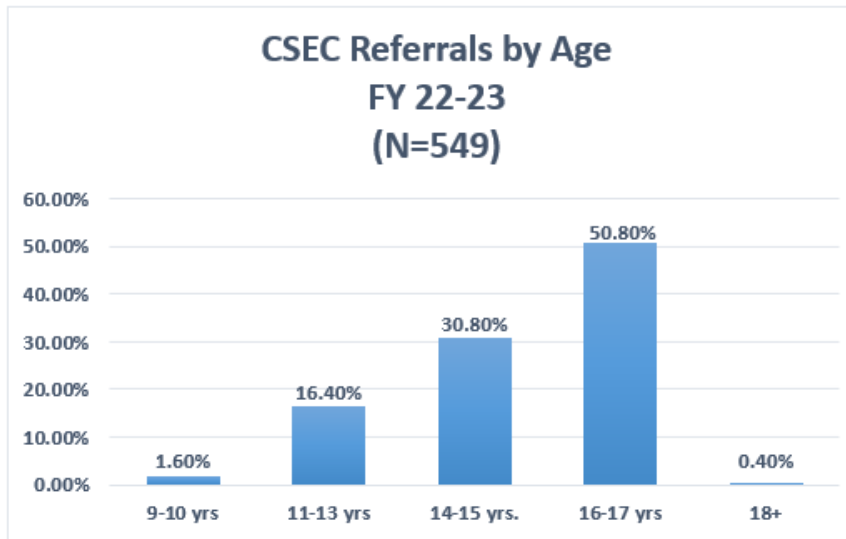
Fiscal Year	Referrals	Case Openings	% Case Openings	Placements	%Placements
FY 2013-2014	239	14	5.9%	16	6.70%
FY 2014-2015	529	54	10.2%	29	5.5.%
FY 2015-2016	654	60	9.2%	35	5.40%
FY 2016-2017	796	69	8.7%	69	8.70%
FY 2017-2018	777	73	9.4%	33	4.2%
FY 2018-2019	665	92	13.8%	32	4.8%
FY 2019-2020	930	89	9.5%	40	4.3%
FY 2020-2021	979	217	22%	37	3.8%
FY 2021-2022	737	57	8%	21	3%
FY 2022-2023	549	34	6.2%	17	3.1%
FY 2023-2024	572	46	8%	17	3%

CSEC Referrals by Sex Assigned at Birth and Fiscal Year:

Trend shows that referrals for females have decreased while referrals for males have increased. There has been a 51% change increase in the number of males identified as possible victims of exploitation from FY 18-19 to FY 22-23. LA County needs to continue this trend and provide messaging and materials that are more inclusive of all genders, including the creation of curriculums and events that are inclusive and accessible.

FY	Female	Male
FY 18-19	93% (618)	7% (47)
FY 19-20	91.4% (850)	8.5% (79)
FY 20-21	92% (904)	8% (75)
FY 21-22	91.5% (674)	8.4% (62)
FY 22-23	89.4% (491)	10.6% (58)
FY 23-24	90.6% (518)	9.4% (54)

CSEC Referrals by age: Note that 18% of referrals in FY 22-23 and 12% of referrals in FY 23-24 are for 9-13 year olds, indicating that prevention work needs to start early. *Early intervention/prevention is key.*



Referrals by Ethnicity and Fiscal Year:

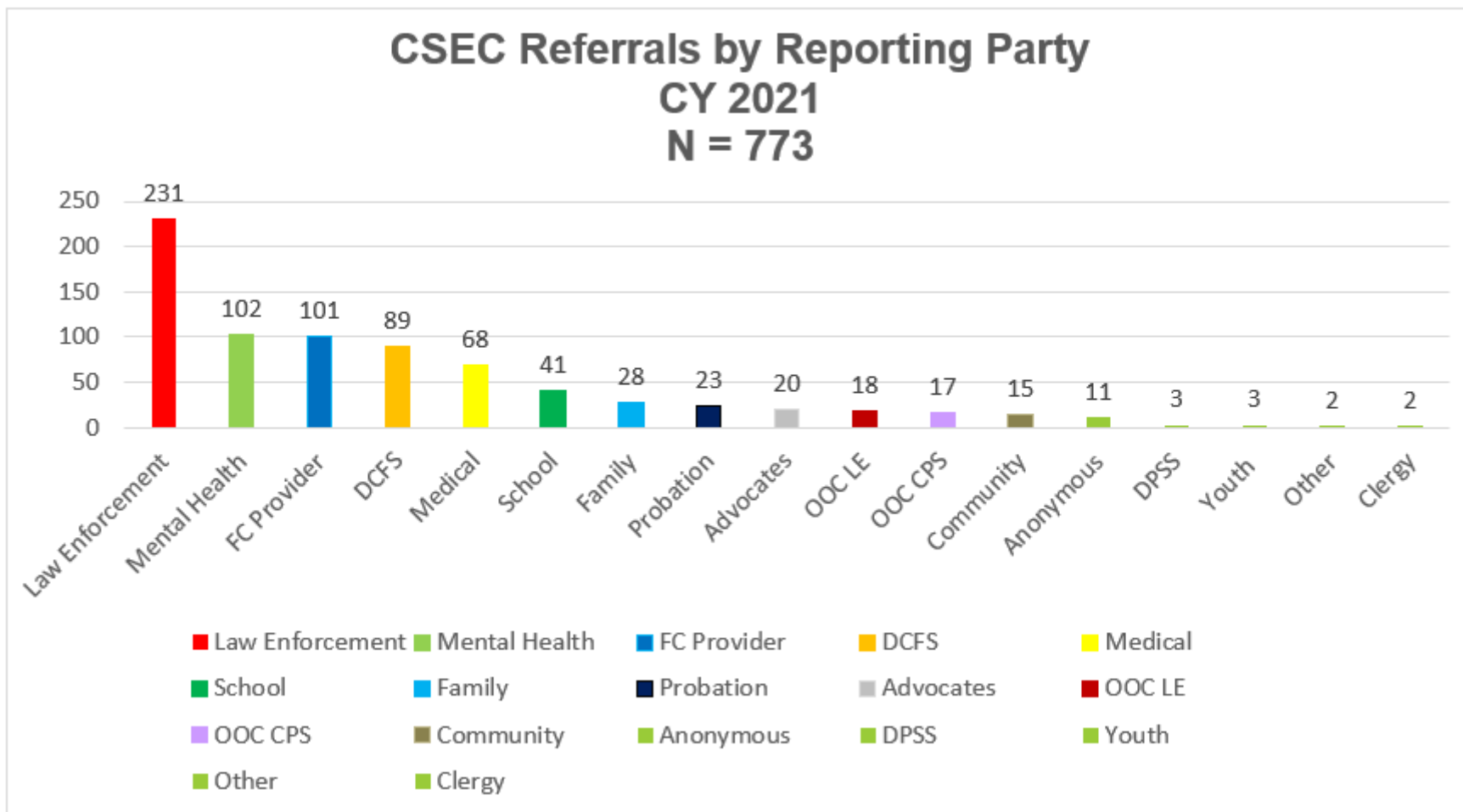
An increasing number of Hispanic youth are being referred for exploitation. During Fiscal Year 18-19, 41% of CSEC referrals were for Hispanic children. This number has steadily increased during the past 4 fiscal years, reaching a high of 50.6% in FY 22-23. This increase could possibly be attributed to the rise in immigration, unaccompanied minors crossing the borders, and the increase in child labor violations seen across the U.S. due to the Covid-19 pandemic that created labor shortages. In many instances, there is intersectionality between children who are both sex and labor trafficked.

There has been a 20% *change decrease* in the percentage of Black children referred to the CPHL from FY 18-19 to FY 22-23, going from 44% in FY 18-19 to 35% in FY 22-23. This could be attributed to less children being referred through the First Responder's Protocol which focuses on street exploitation in South Los Angeles, where there is disproportionality of Black youth. There remains disparity and disproportionality among Black children in CSEC referrals, as they represent 10% of the LA County population, yet make up 35% of all CSEC referrals in FY 22-23. LA County may also be seeing a recent downward trend of White children referred for exploitation, with 20% referred in FY 20-21 down to 9.3% in FY 22-23.

Ethnicity	FY18-19	FY19-20	FY20-21	FY21-22	FY22-23	FY23-24
Hispanic	41%	42%	42%	43%	50.6% (278)	46.2% (264)
Black	44%	38%	33%	38%	35% (192)	38.1% (218)
White	11%	15%	20%	12%	9.3% (51)	9.6% (55)
Asian/PI	1%	1%	1.5%	2%	1% (6)	2.1% (12)
Am. Ind	.1%	.5%	.1%	.4%	0%	0.3% (2)
Other	2%	4.2%	4%	.4%	4% (22)	3.7% (21)

CSEC Referrals by Reporting Party:

The top five disciplines that report commercial sexual exploitation for Calendar Year 2021 and for Fiscal Year 23-24 are law enforcement, mental health, DCFS, foster care providers, and health services.



CSEC Referrals by Reporting Party
FY 23-24
N=572

