



Board of Supervisors Family & Social Services Cluster Agenda Review Meeting

DATE: October 22, 2025

TIME: 1:30PM

MEETING CHAIRS: Monica Banken, 5th Supervisorial District

CEO MEETING FACILITATOR: Claudia Alarcon

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Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration

500 West Temple Street

Los Angeles, California 90012

Room 140

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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):
-- No items --
- III. **Motion(s)**
 - **SD3/SD4:** Supporting the Los Angeles County Office of Food Systems
 - **SD4:** Strategically Aligning Los Angeles County's Youth's and Students' Safe Spaces, Programming, and Services
 - **SD4/SD2:** Exploring a Prohibited Predatory or Aggressive Solicitation Zone and Oversight Measures Around DPSS and Other County Offices
- IV. **Presentation/Discussion Items:**
 - a) **Department of Children and Family Services Presentation:** Intensive Services Foster Care Public Model Briefing Update.
- V. Standing item(s) and those continued from a previous meeting of the Board of Supervisors or from a previous FSS Agenda Review meeting.

VI. Public Comment

VII. Adjournment

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MOTION BY SUPERVISORS LINDSEY P. HORVATH
AND JANICE HAHN

November 4, 2025

Supporting the Los Angeles County Office of Food Systems

On February 9, 2021, the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved the creation of the Food Equity Roundtable,¹ a cross-sector advisory group tasked with developing recommendations to alleviate food insecurity across Los Angeles County (County). On February 7, 2023, the Board adopted the Roundtable's Food Equity Strategic Plan² (Action Plan) as a roadmap to equitable food access, including strategies to strengthen food access, health, and equity across communities. A primary recommendation was the establishment of a permanent Office of Food Equity (OFE) to coordinate cross-departmental and cross-sector food system strategies.

On June 14, 2023, the Chief Sustainability Office (CSO) provided a Report Back³ with recommendations for the OFE structure, which included OFE having six staff

¹ <https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/153656.pdf>

² <https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/93d111ab-3cd3-4eee-a537-99ae474bf70c.pdf>

³ <https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/177672.pdf>

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members, being housed within a County unit, and having an annual operating budget. On November 7, 2023, the Board approved the creation of the OFE⁴ as a public-private partnership to focus on key issues important to both County government and community partners, while maintaining flexibility and autonomy. In 2024, the Chief Executive Office (CEO) submitted additional Report Backs outlining the structure, placement, and staffing plan for the new office. Based on those recommendations and evolving circumstances, the OFE has developed as follows:

- 1) The OFE was established as a public-private partnership between the County and Community Partners as the fiscal sponsor, with philanthropic support from the Annenberg Foundation, Weingart Foundation, and California Community Foundation. An Executive Director for OFE was hired in November 2024.
- 2) OFE began operations on January 6, 2025, at which time the Food Equity Roundtable sunsetted as an informal stakeholder advisory group; its members continue to participate as stakeholders in meetings convened by OFE.
- 3) OFE has changed its name to the Office of Food Systems (OFS) to better reflect its mandate under the Action Plan: to address systemic causes of food insecurity and poor health in food insecure populations, strengthen the local food economy, and build resilient regional supply chains.

The work of OFS requires strong coordination with County departments to effectively address systems-level food issues. This includes strengthening cross-sector partnerships to advance strategic priorities and providing policy support and guidance to

⁴ <https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/ef57d1c7-a78f-454e-a7f7-38131ee016dc.pdf>

build a more equitable, sustainable, and resilient food system. The value in having a dedicated lead for food system response during times of crisis was demonstrated during and after the 2025 Los Angeles Wildfires, when OFS convened County agencies and community partners to maintain emergency food access. OFS has proposed a telephone tree-like communication plan to use for food systems coordination during future disasters or emergencies. Under this plan, OFS would convene representatives from different parts of the food system including County representatives, grocery retail, food banks, restaurants, and more.

County residents continue to face increasing threats to food security: deep federal cuts to programs such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Local Food for Schools programs, rising grocery costs, and disruptions to food access caused by both natural and man-made disasters like federal immigration enforcement activity. Against this backdrop, it is more important than ever for the County to maintain a dedicated office to protect and strengthen food access and food systems.

To achieve these goals, it is necessary to increase cross-departmental collaboration on food issues, better integrate OFS into the County, and monitor the office's progress to plan for its long-term sustainability.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors request the Office of Food Systems (OFS), in consultation with the Chief Executive Office (CEO), Executive Office (EO), and Chief Sustainability Office (CSO), and in collaboration with the Departments of Aging & Disabilities, Children & Family Services, Consumer & Business Affairs, Economic Opportunity, Internal Services, Regional Planning, Parks and Recreation, Public Health, Public Social Services, Public Works, Probation, Youth

Development, Libraries, Homeless Services & Housing, Mental Health, Health Services, Justice, Care & Opportunity, the Center for Strategic Partnerships, Los Angeles County Office of Education, Office of Immigrant Affairs, Chief Information Office, and other relevant departments, as well as representatives from the philanthropic community to:

1. Develop plans for partnership and collaboration between OFS and all County departments, including the ones listed above, on joint projects, with each department designating a food systems liaison. During times of disasters or emergencies that impact food access in the County, Departments and Offices should participate in OFS's convenings and telephone tree-like communication structure.
2. Provide the Board with an interim OFS progress report in writing no later than June 16, 2026.
3. Provide the Board with a final report no later than October 20, 2026, followed by a verbal presentation to the Board, on a long-term strategic plan for OFS. The report should include a recommendation on how to integrate the OFS into the County, including a proposed organizational reporting structure, organizational goals, an operating budget, a fiscal plan, and the identification of potential funding sources.

WE, FURTHER, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors recognize OFS under its new name (formerly the Office of Food Equity) and:

1. Direct the CEO and Internal Services Department to list OFS on the CEO's website under "Board-Directed Priorities."
2. Direct CEO-Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations (LAIR) to provide OFS with updates as applicable on federal and state policy changes that impact

food access and food systems.

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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN

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Strategically Aligning Los Angeles County's Youth's and Students' Safe Spaces, Programming, and Services

The youth are our future. In Los Angeles County (County), 2,172,465 or over 20% of the over 10 million residents are youth¹ and their success, health, and ability to thrive are a priority of the County, as evidenced by the multitude of County-driven youth-centered programs, initiatives, and centers, independent and community-partnered, that are available to them, such as:

- The Department of Public Health (DPH) is planning to expand their Student Wellness Centers (SWC)², which are in over 40 schools, that provide students with “a youth-centered approach to substance use prevention and overall wellness education to support students throughout adolescence”;
- The Department of Mental Health's (DMH) Drop-In Centers³ that operate in collaboration with community providers for transition age youth to provide services such as clothing, educational services, employment assistance, housing assistance, linkage to mental health and case management, linkage to substance

¹ According to the 2023 Census Estimates. Individuals between the ages of 10-26. According to the LA County Department of Children and Family Services, Transition Age Youth (TAY) are individuals between the ages of 16-21.

² <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/pie/Education/wellbeingctrs.htm>

³ <https://dmh.lacounty.gov/our-services/transition-age-youth/>

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abuse treatment services, among many others⁴; as well as offer school-based programming in 2,248 individual school sites in 81 school districts⁵;

- The Executive Office’s Human Relations Commission (HRC), through the LA vs. Hate program, operates eight Dream Resource Centers⁶ in high schools throughout the County, in response to students facing hate and bullying incidents, to provide “wrap around support and resources to communities across the county who have been impacted or might be impacted by hate”⁷;
- The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) is in the process of implementing a Youth Engagement Section (YES) and has conceptual plans for a drop-in center for Transition Age Youth;
- The Department of Youth Development (DYD) is in the process of creating 24-hour youth centers and support for youth in schools⁸ and will be “facilitat[ing] a community centered process to design 24-Hour Youth Centers in alignment with Youth Justice Reimagined goals...”⁹ and
- The Los Angeles County Office of Education’s (LACOE) Community Schools Initiative (CIS), which was launched in 2019 to “disrupt inequities and break the cycle of poverty by leveraging assets to transform schools into ‘hubs’ of the community.”¹⁰

⁴ https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/dmh/1080865_TAYDrop-InCenters.pdf#:~:text=Drop%2DIn%20Centers%20provide%20temporary%20safety%20and%20basic,betwe en%20the%20ages%20of%2016%2D25%20years%20old.

⁵ https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/dmh/1114399_DMHSupportingSchoolCommunities102121.pdf

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<https://www.lavshate.org/programs#:~:text=The%20eight%20Dream%20Centers%20currently,Morningside %20High%20School%20in%20Inglewood>

⁷ Id.

⁸ <https://dyd.lacounty.gov/development/>

⁹ Id.

¹⁰ <https://www.lacoe.edu/news/2025-06-06-2025-community-schools-initiative-making-a-difference-across-los-angeles-county>

It's apparent that these County Departments and offices, through their initiatives, have shared goals and objectives to enrich our youth, provide them with safe spaces and places, identify and link them to resources and services, and help them navigate complex systems and issues.

Some of the County Departments, such as DCFS have many internally driven programs and initiatives, including those which they've partnered with community-based organizations and providers to provide a variety of resources and services to parents, youth, and caregivers. For example, the DCFS website, with webpages directed at teens, have resources with links to information and benefits, but it also has links to DCFS' community partners that offer either similar programming or resources.

With the abundance of centers, programs, and initiatives geared towards our youth, the County, however, needs to ensure that these programs are working hand-in-hand, streamlining and aligning their efforts to reduce any redundancy in programming and service offerings, limiting competition internally and externally for resources and clients, and be mindful of how these projects are or will be funded through one-time, ongoing, and philanthropy dollars.

Ultimately, the collective goal and objective is to ensure these valuable resources can be made accessible and available to as many youth in the County as possible and offered by safe providers, places, and spaces. It's important that our County Departments, as well as our community partners, are working collaboratively and in partnership with each other to be the best ally to our most vulnerable youth and being strategic in identifying the where, how resources and services are offered, and what kind of services are best for what target population. With the financial uncertainty that the County is currently facing and planning for the years ahead, this is when we assess, evaluate, and

move in unity to support our youth.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct the Departments of Public Health (DPH), Mental Health (DMH), Youth Development (DYD), Children and Family Services (DCFS), Executive Office's Human Relations Commission (HRC), in collaboration with the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE), including the Board of Supervisors (Board) initiated Los Angeles County Transition Age Youth (TAY) Table, and any other County Department or entity that has or is in the process of developing centers, drop-ins, and spaces to provides services and resources to youth and students to provide the Chief Executive Office's Policy Implementation and Alignment Branch (CEO-PIAB) with individual reports, in writing, in 60 days, on the following, but not limited to:
 - a. A description of their centers and programs, along with a list of services and resources that are/will be provided to youth and student clients, including programs and centers offered by community-based providers that the departments are partnering with or referring to;
 - b. The purpose, objectives, outcomes met or to be met, how progress is/will be tracked and measured, and what the performance metrics are/will be;
 - c. The population the program is designed to serve or target, how clients are/will be referred, and what is/will be involved in the intake process;
 - d. How are/will language barriers and cultural competency be addressed;
 - e. How the program is/will be funded (one-time and ongoing), staffed, and operated;
 - f. What services and resources are/will be provided and by whom; and
 - g. Any other relevant information describing the project, program, or initiative.

I, **FURTHER MOVE**, that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct the Chief Executive Office's Policy Implementation and Alignment Branch (CEO-PIAB) collect, review, evaluate, and assess the individual report backs directed in Directive 1 and provide the Board, in writing in 120 days:
 - a. A crosswalk analysis on the similarities, differences, overlap, redundancies of the centers, programs, services, and resources;
 - b. Review audits, contracts, evaluations and surveys of programs to inform the development of recommendations; and
 - c. Recommendations on:
 - i. How the County Departments and entities can better coordinate their initiatives with the purpose of reducing redundancy and increasing efficiencies, coordination, integration, and effectiveness to better serve youth and students in Los Angeles County;
 - ii. How to ensure community, providers, and potential clients are aware of the existence of these programs and are receiving the most relevant and appropriate services based on their needs, taking into account language access, cultural competency, and accessibility to centers and resources;
 - iii. Data collection and sharing, taking into account legalities, privacy, and confidentiality, to better understand the needs of the population; and
 - iv. How funds supporting the projects, programs, and initiatives can be used more efficiently and effectively.

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

AGN. NO.
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Exploring a Prohibited Predatory or Aggressive Solicitation Zone and Oversight Measures Around DPSS and Other County Offices

The Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) provides vital benefits and services to hundreds of thousands of Los Angeles County (County) residents each month, including CalFresh, CalWORKs, General Relief, and Medi-Cal. These programs serve low-income and vulnerable residents. DPSS offices may experience high volumes of foot traffic, particularly during peak hours and at the beginning and end of the month.

Unfortunately, we have recently received reports of some individuals and vendors engaging in predatory or obstructive practices outside certain offices, which can disrupt County operations and interfere with public access to services. DPSS has also received anecdotal concerns from customers stating that some solicitors have asked for copies of documents containing sensitive information, including copies of their EBT card, WD2 wage statements, Social Security Award letters, and/or Unemployment/Disability statements, in order to qualify for vendor-offered products and services. This practice potentially subjects customers to EBT theft or exposing their personal information for nefarious purposes. DPSS customers are reminded of the importance of not sharing their personal information with solicitors/agencies by DPSS workers and through social media channels. In addition, recent reports have also raised concerns about intermediaries who

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may have targeted low-income neighborhoods to recruit or influence claimants, with some individuals who were allegedly being paid or coerced to pursue claims against the County. This practice, known as “capping,” is illegal and such practices raises concerns about fairness, integrity, and the exploitation of vulnerable populations. These predatory schemes erode public trust and underscore the urgent need for enhanced oversight, enforcement, and preventative regulations.

DPSS lacks enforcement authority over areas outside its physical premises, such as adjacent sidewalks or shared-use public spaces. As a result, effective protection of residents will require collaboration with the City of Los Angeles, as well as other municipalities where DPSS offices are located. To safeguard residents seeking County social services from coercive, confusing, or exploitative solicitation, it is in the public interest to explore the feasibility of establishing a Prohibited Predatory or Aggressive Solicitation Ordinance to reduce these risks, ensure safe and equitable access to County buildings, and deter solicitation practices that could undermine service delivery.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), in consultation with County Counsel, the Sheriff’s Department, and the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA), and other relevant departments, to report back within 60 days on the feasibility of establishing a Prohibited Predatory Solicitation or Aggressive Solicitation Ordinance around DPSS and other County offices in Los Angeles County. The report should include:

1. **Legal and Operational Framework:** Review of current legal and operational framework and recommended changes to the legal and operational parameters including consideration of an ordinance prohibiting predatory solicitation, including

allowable distance, scope of prohibited conduct, enforcement mechanisms, and penalties for violations;

2. **Activity Assessment:** A survey and review of the types and frequency of predatory or obstructive activities occurring outside DPSS offices or other critical County locations, including identifying high-traffic times and geographic “hot spots”;
3. **Public Education and Signage:** Strategies for community outreach, public education, and visible signage to inform the public, clients, and vendors about prohibited activities and delineated restricted areas, as appropriate;
4. **Intergovernmental Coordination:** A plan for coordination with other municipalities such as the City of Los Angeles and other municipalities (e.g., Pasadena, Glendale, Pomona, and Compton) where DPSS offices are located, to explore joint action or parallel ordinances ensuring countywide consistency in protecting residents from predatory practices;
5. **Coordinated Enforcement:** Identification of opportunities for coordinated enforcement with County departments for civil enforcement or with local law enforcement agencies;
6. **Pilot Implementation:** Feasibility of a pilot program to test coordinated enforcement and outreach protocols at identified high-traffic DPSS locations, with particular attention to maintaining public access, safety, and health;
7. **Long-Term Strategy:** Recommendations for sustainable, longer-term strategies to deter predatory activity around DPSS and other County offices, including partnerships with cities, community-based organizations, and potential state legislative or

regulatory solutions to strengthen protections against coercive or exploitative solicitation; and

8. **Alternative Solutions:** Recommendations for alternative regulation solutions outside of the Prohibited Predatory Solicitation or Aggressive Solicitation Ordinance including additional and/or supplementary solutions available to protect people waiting in line.

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Intensive Services Foster Care- Public Model

(ISFC-PM)

ISFC Public Model

The ISFC program is intended to serve children/youth who require intensive treatment and behavioral supports, as well as children/youth with specialized health care needs. An eligible child for ISFC is a child or Non-minor dependent in foster care who requires a higher level of care of supervision as determined by the Level of Care (LOC) Rate Determination Protocol. The goal of the ISFC program is to ensure that youth in foster care receive the services they need in a home-based family care setting or to avoid or exit a short-term residential therapeutic program.

ISFC PM secondary CSWs coordinate and deliver ISFC supports to Resource Parents/Relative Caregivers and the ISFC eligible children, youth, and NMDs placed in their homes. The ISFC PM unit refers interested Resource Parents to appropriate trainings and supervises ISFC Program placements. They work closely with the existing Intensive Mental Health Service teams such as Wraparound or IFCCS, as well as medical providers or assist with linkage if not yet linked.

ISFC Resource Parent Requirements

- **Relative Caregivers are also eligible for ISFC services!**
- Resource Parent must agree to have 1-2 monthly visits by a secondary ISFC CSW, as well as weekly telephonic check in calls.
- Participate in the development of the child/youth's plan. Ensure the well-being of the child/youth, and participate in the implementation of the child/youth's needs and services plan, including participating as part of the Child and Family Team.
- The ISFC program allows for **no more than two children/youth in foster care**, one or both of whom may be an ISFC eligible child placed in an ISFC resource family home. In order to accommodate sibling group placements when at least one sibling (but no more than two) is identified as an ISFC child/youth, there can be no more than a total of five foster children in an ISFC resource family home.
- Current ISFC rate to caregiver is \$3284 (FY 24/25) per month
- Resource Parent must participate in the ISFC-PM training requirements:
 - 40 hours of initial training completed within 120 days of ISFC program enrollment date (this includes possible RFA and SCI trainings already completed)
 - 24 additional hours of ongoing training within the first year that the ISFC-PM Program was initiated. Trainings are offered by Foster Parent College and ISFC CSW will assist in assigning trainings specific to the youth in their care.
 - 12 hours of training annually

ISFC secondary CSW Supports

- ISFC CSW assigned as secondary in CWS/CMS
- Navigate the linkage and/or connection of the Resource Parent to appropriate trainings and track compliance and completion. Assess for continued training needs based on the needs of the youth.
- Navigate the linkage and/or connection of the child to appropriate mental health services and supports if not linked as well as to other non-mental health services and supports (extracurricular activities, etc)
- Ensure the child's educational needs align with services currently in place (IEP/504 Plan)
- Facilitate CFTMs (when Intensive Mental Health Services team is not the lead); participate in CFTMs when facilitated by IMHS.
- Support primary CSW with Placement Preservation CFTMs as a result of a 14-day notice or any likelihood of placement instability.
- Visit child/youth and resource parent face-to-face minimum one time per month. Visit caregiver two times monthly during initial three months of ISFC-PM services. Check-in with caregiver telephonically weekly to offer support and consultation. Visit frequency should be determined by the CFT and addressed in regular CFTMs, taking into consideration the number of service providers and DCFS staff in the home.
- Complete Rate letter and 280 request to put ISFC rate on when caregiver meets requirements

Current Stats

10/1/2025

- Current open ISFC PM cases- 140
- Closed cases since start of program December 2023-218
- Avg length of service closed cases- 7 months
- Average age all cases- 11
- ISFC youth placed with relatives- 22

How to refer to ISFC-Public Model

- Referrals are made directly by Level of Care CSW during initial and redetermination LOC assessments. ISFC staff provide ongoing informational presentations to Regional Offices and programs in order to identify eligible cases.
- ISFC-Public Model questions or case consultations can be addressed by emailing the ISFC inbox- ISFC@dcfs.lacounty.gov or contacting ISFC PM staff directly:

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