



# Board of Supervisors

# Economic Development Policy

# Committee Meeting

**DATE:** February 5, 2026

**TIME:** 2:30 pm

**MEETING CHAIR:** Annette Trejo, 1<sup>st</sup> Supervisorial District

**DEO MEETING FACILITATOR:** Kevin Anderson and Heidi Schultheis

**This meeting is held under the guidelines of Board Policy 3.055**

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Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration

500 West Temple Street | Los Angeles, California 90012 | Room 140-A (1<sup>st</sup> floor)

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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. Presentation/Discussion Item(s)

- Board Letter:  
Department of Economic Opportunity: Authority to Extend the Term of the Exclusive Negotiation Agreement Among Compton Unified School District, Los Angeles County Development Authority, and Charles Drew University/Martin Luther King Wellness Collaborative, LLC., and Extension of the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Los Angeles County Development Authority and Compton Unified School District (5 minutes)
- Youth@Work Redesign Update (10 minutes)  
*Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)*

- CalFresh & Medi-Cal Work Requirement Policy Changes (15 minutes)  
*Department of Public Social Services (DPSS)*

### **III. Public Comment**

### **IV. Adjournment**

#### **Los Angeles County Economic Development Objectives:**

- Attract, develop, and retain businesses that provide quality jobs in high growth industries.
- Increase employment opportunities by improving workforce development skills and employer partnerships.
- Invest in infrastructure needs to improve and maintain competitiveness of LA County Region.
- Coordinate across multiple County agencies to ensure that services to workers, businesses and entrepreneurs are coordinated and streamlined to facilitate a “no wrong door approach” to serving our constituents.
- Work to balance jobs with housing.

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LA County Department of Economic Opportunity

# Youth@Work Redesign Update

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# Redesign Elements

## Target Customer

- Single customer: youth ages 14-24
- Dual customer: opportunity youth & high-road employers

## Customer Experience

- One track
- Four customized tracks based on age and participant goals for education and employment

## Service Providers

- America's Job Centers of California (AJCCs) and Workforce Development Boards (WDBs)
- Competitively procure youth-serving organizations + co-enrollment with AJCCs

## Program Systems

- Multiple data, payroll, and reporting systems at AJCCs
- Centralized system of record and payroll management

# Redesign Elements

## Work Sites

- Secured by each contractor as youth are engaged
- Strategic business development; contractor secures worksite commitments across high-growth and opportunity sectors in first quarter of contract

## Employer Campaign

- Flyers, emails, newsletters and interest forms
- Targeted employer campaign led by DEO targeting high-road employers

## Outcomes of Interest

- Outputs: career exposure, worksite placements, and completion of at least 120 hours of paid work experience
- Outcomes: high-school equivalency completion, post-secondary educational attainment, unsubsidized job placement in high-growth sectors with high-road employers

## Target state Theory of Change | Youth@Work target state theory of change focuses on driving long-term economic mobility outcomes through four pathways

VISION	DEO provides paid work experiences to unlock pathways to economic mobility for opportunity youth, closing opportunity gaps across youth in LA County					
OUTCOMES	Living wages earned		Increased income and financial resiliency			
INTERMEDIATE OUTCOMES	Career exploration for 14–15-year-old youth	High school equivalency (HSE) credential attainment	Post-secondary education enrollment	Steady employment in Center of Excellence (CoE) sectors <sup>1</sup>		
OUTPUTS	Skills attainment		Education attainment			
ACTIVITIES	<b>Pathway 1 – career exposure for 14–15-year-olds:</b> Provide 14 to 15-year-old opportunity youth with 20 hr. of paid soft skills training, 80 hours of paid work experience <sup>1</sup> , diploma attainment and supportive services <sup>2</sup>		<b>Pathway 2 – HSE credential attainment:</b> Provide 16 to 24-year-old opportunity youth with 20 hr. of paid soft skills training, an HSE training and certificate, 100 hours of paid work experience <sup>1</sup> , and supportive services <sup>2</sup>			
	<b>Pathway 3 – post-secondary education:</b> Provide 16 to 24-year-old opportunity youth who have diplomas/HSEs and are seeking post-secondary edu. with 20 hr. of paid soft skills training, 10 hr. of paid local college visits, 120 hr. of work exp. <sup>1</sup> , and supportive services <sup>2</sup>		<b>Pathway 4 – CoE employment:</b> Provide 16 to 24-year-old opportunity youth who may have HSEs and are seeking employment with 20 hours of paid soft skills training, career-specific training, 240 hours of paid work exp. <sup>1</sup> , mentorship for some, and supportive services <sup>2</sup>			
	<i>Increased career exposure and work experiences from pathways 1 to 4; participants can be referred to subsequent pathways and can only complete a given pathway once</i>					
	<b>Service providers:</b> 10-20 competitively selected community-based organizations who meet program delivery and performance requirements					
INPUTS	<b>Tools and processes:</b> Consolidated system of record and payroll management <b>Funding:</b> LA County, philanthropy, employer co-investment, service provider co-investment <b>Employers:</b> Center of Excellence sector worksites and other vetted worksites					

1. Work experiences should be in a Center of Excellence sector particularly for pathways 3 and 4. CoE sectors include: Aerospace & Defense, Biotech and Life Sciences, Construction & Infrastructure, Creative Sector, Early Care & Education, Healthcare, Hospitality & Tourism, Information Tech., Trade, Transportation & Logistics, Government, and Social Services. Exceptions are permitted, particularly for pathways 1 and 2, if worksites offer a high-quality work experience. Per youth focus groups and stakeholder interviews, high quality includes 1) clear expectations, 2) no more than 2-3 hours w/o direct oversight, 3) day-to-day responsibilities aligned with specific work experience sector or pathway to gain skills and experience where job shortages exist, and 4) regular feedback and coaching

2. Non-financial supportive services include a bank account, CalWORKS (incl. childcare), CalFRESH, health insurance, and housing assistance if eligible

# Upcoming CalFresh & Medi-Cal Work Requirement Policy Changes

January 2026



Presented by:

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# CalFresh ABAWD Time Limits and Work Requirements





# Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents Exemptions



ABAWDs are subject to time limits. Within a 36-month period, they can receive three full months of CalFresh benefits before needing to meet work requirements to continue receiving CalFresh.

CalFresh individuals are eligible for an exemption from time limits if they are:

- Under 18 and over 64 years of age;
- Residing in a CalFresh household with a member under 14;
- Medically certified as mentally or physically unfit to work;
- Participating in the Office of Refugee Resettlement Training Program;
- Exempt from work registration;
- Pregnant; and
- Indian, Urban Indian, California Indian or other Indians eligible for Indian Health Services.

As of December 2025, there are **276,164** ABAWDs (88%) who are non-exempt and will need to meet work requirements.



# Meeting ABAWD Work Requirements



CalFresh individuals identified as ABAWDs will need to meet work requirements by:

- Being employed 80 hours per month;
- Participating in a CalFresh Employment and Training Program 80 hours per month;
- Completing community service or complete volunteer work 80 hours per month;
- A combination of any of the month; or
- Completing Workfare per a DPSS pre-determined set of hours.



# Workfare and Community Service/Volunteering



To assist ABAWDs in meeting their work requirements, DPSS is:

- ✓ Recruiting Workfare and Community Service/Volunteer sites;
- ✓ Determining how these opportunities can be effectively communicated to CalFresh customers and potential partners;
- ✓ Exploring reporting automation to streamline how customers and partners report work requirement compliance; and
- ✓ Ensuring that Community Service/Volunteer sites can also be leveraged to meet Medi-Cal work requirements.

Note: Workfare and Community Service/Volunteer sites must be non-profit Community-Based Organizations, Faith-Based Organizations, or Government agencies.

# Medi-Cal Work Requirements



# Medi-Cal Work and Community Engagement Requirements



Effective January 1, 2027, adults ages 19 through 64 enrolled in the Affordable Care Act Medi-Cal Expansion will be required to complete 80 hours of work or community engagement activities per month.

In LA County approximately 1.5 million\* individuals will be required to comply with work and community engagement requirements.

\* December 2025 Data

# Meeting Work and Community Engagement Requirements



Work and community engagement activities may be a combination of:

- Work;
- Education (enrolled at least half-time);
- Community service; or
- Earning income that equals up to 80 hours of the federal minimum wage, \$580 per month ( $\$7.25 \times 80$ ).

**Excluded** from the work and community engagement requirements:

- Individuals who receive Medi-Cal under **any** other coverage group;
  - e.g., Older adults aged 65 and older, children, or pregnant individuals.
- Individuals who are eligible for restricted-scope Medi-Cal or pregnancy services only.

# Work and Community Engagement Exemptions



The following groups are **exempt** from the work and community engagement requirements:

- Entitled to Medicare Part A or Enrolled in Part B;
- American Indian Alaska Natives;
- Parents/guardians/caregivers of a dependent child ages 13 and younger or disabled individual;
- Pregnant or during the Medi-Cal postpartum period;
- Foster Youth or Former Foster Youth under age 26;
- Incarcerated or recently released (within past 90 days);
- Meeting CalWORKs or CalFresh work requirements;
- Fully Disabled Veterans;
- Individuals participating in a drug/alcohol treatment program; and
- Medically Frail.

# Questions?

