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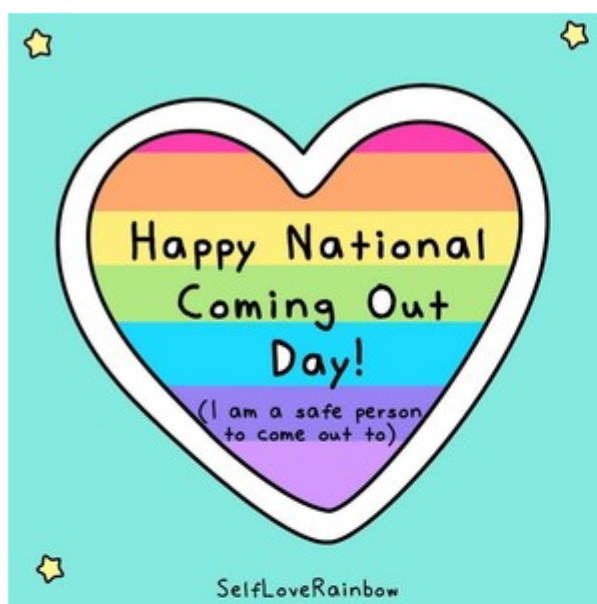
LA County Health Services is proud to share Community Connects, a monthly newsletter designed to inform our valued community partners. As you work to engage and support our diverse communities we will provide you with updates, information and resources.

We appreciate your continued partnership and efforts!

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS CONDEMNS RACIST STATEMENTS BY LA CITY ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

There is no place in LA County for the divisiveness revealed in the statements made by LA City elected and appointed officials on the audio recordings released recently. Community Programs condemns their racist, anti-Black, anti-Indigenous, and anti-LGBTQ+ comments and actions that only serve to further divide our communities. At Community Programs, we denounce all forms of racism and cultural prejudice. We stand in support with LA County communities to create an accountable system that genuinely fosters equity, health, and safety for all.

HAPPY NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY- FIND OUT ABOUT OPENING UP TO YOUR PROVIDER



Find information on how to open up about your sexual orientation and gender identity with your provider.

While talking to your provider about your sexual orientation, gender identity, and pronouns might seem awkward or uncomfortable, being open and honest can be helpful in managing your health.

Coming out is a deeply personal choice that is yours alone. But if you do decide to share this information with your provider, here are a few tips for getting the conversation started.

[More Info](#)

FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH



In 2009, U.S. Congress recognized October as Filipino American History Month in the United States. Filipino Americans are the second-largest Asian American group in the nation and the third-largest ethnic group in California, after Latinas/os and African Americans.

[Learn More](#)

WAITING LIST FOR SECTION 8 VOUCHER PROGRAM REOPENING

Section 8 Waitlist Now Open!

HACLA's Section 8 Waiting List opened today, Monday, October 17th. Prospective applicants have until Sunday, October 30th at 5:00pm submit their names to the list.

Interested households can confirm eligibility and apply at HACLA.HCVList.org. This is an online-only application, but anyone can access in-person assistance at any of Los Angeles public library.


For more information visit HACLA.HCVList.org or call (213) 523-7328.

The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) will open the waiting list lottery for Section 8 between Oct. 17 to Oct. 30 and interested individuals may apply online through [HACLA's website](https://HACLA.HCVList.org).

[Read the Public Notice](#)

[Apply Here](#)

CAREER TRAINING WITH LA COUNTY'S CAREERS FOR A CAUSE PROGRAM




CAREERS FOR A CAUSE

an LA County job training program

Earn & learn with us! Start a career & help individuals with similar lived experiences.

C4C connects individuals with lived life experiences such as homelessness, justice system involvement, and other marginalizations to hands on, paid training and job placements in the social services sector.

See upcoming recruitments: linktr.ee/careers4acause



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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Individuals with lived homelessness or justice system experience can get hands on, paid training to kick start a meaningful career in the homeless services sector!

Careers for a Cause is an 8-week hybrid training program designed to train and to employ potential participants by providing weekly stipends, case management support, job placement services and more.

Help us spread the word! Individuals can [visit here](#) to see a listing of our upcoming open recruitment programs available throughout LA County.

MORE HISPANIC/LATINO POPULATION SPECIFIC WELL-BEING RESOURCES



The LA County Department of Mental Health has used this month's Hispanic-Latino Heritage month as an opportunity to focus on population specific well-being needs. The following are some of the ways how:

- Around-the-clock availability of Spanish-speaking staff at our [24/7 Help Line](#), as well as access to third-party services who can translate/interpret additional Latin American languages.
- Engagement with our stakeholders during program development, implementation, and evaluation, particularly through the [Latino Underserved Cultural Communities \(UsCC\) group](#).
- Our [United Mental Health Promoters program](#), which educates Hispanic-Latino communities about mental health issues, stigma reduction, and available supports through LACDMH and its partners.

We look forward to building upon these programs to better meet the mental health needs of L.A. County's Hispanic-Latino communities. If you would like to get involved, please contact Dr. Luis Guzman, liaison to our Latino UsCC, at LGuzman@dmh.lacounty.gov.

LISTENING TO BLACK CALIFORNIANS



California, home to the most culturally diverse population in the country and the fifth-largest Black population of any state, has a major opportunity to be a leader in health equity. But, again and again, research has shown that racism and structural barriers in the health care system prevent Black Californians from achieving the health they actively seek.

[*Listening to Black Californians*](#) is one of the largest studies focused on the health care experiences of Black Californians to date. It represents in-depth interviews with 100 Black Californians and 18 focus groups, as well as a statewide survey of 3,325 adult Black Californians. Read the findings below.

[Read Report](#)

LACDPH IS RECRUITING PUBLIC HEALTH AMERICORPS MEMBERS



LA County Department of Public Health is actively recruiting AmeriCorps team members. Members will conduct COVID-19 outreach and education and disseminate community resources. No experience is necessary. Receive a living wage in exchange for the opportunity to make an impact in YOUR community while acquiring public health experience and mentorship. For more information and to apply visit: www.hsp-inc.com/ameriCorps/

[More Info](#)

BE SMART FOR HALLOWEEN NIGHT

The Los Angeles County Department of Health Services wants to make sure that parents are prepared for the holiday. (And we don't just mean stocked up on candy treats.) The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) warns parents that kids 5-15 years old are most likely to get hurt by falling down. Falls are the leading cause of injury on Halloween night.

[More Info](#)

LA COUNTY HELPFUL RESOURCES:

- [Community Vaccine Resource Page](#)
- [COVID-19 Testing](#)
- [Get Ahead - LA Financial Resources](#)
- [Vaccine Locator Tool](#)
- [COVID-19 Resources for Parents and Guardians](#) (Spanish: [ph.lacounty.gov/covidinfopadres](#))
- [One Degree Community Resources](#)