



**March 8, 2023**

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!

#### **MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**



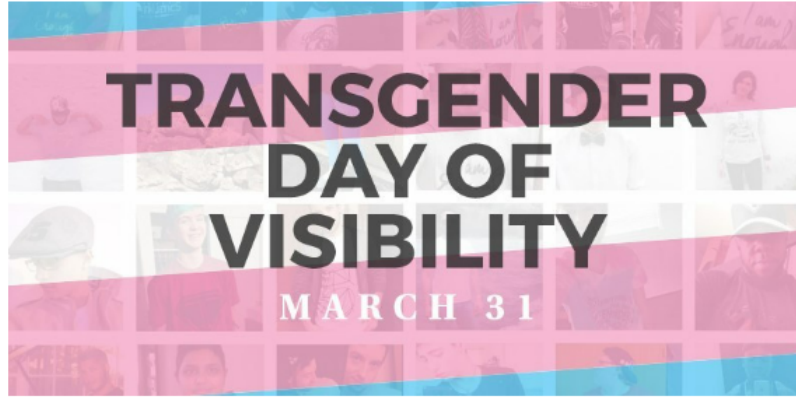
Every March we celebrate the contributions women have made to the United States and recognize the specific achievements women have made over the course of American history in a variety of fields. [Click here](#) to view the video **Glass Ceiling Breaker**.

To learn more about the history of Women's History Month, please visit the [Library of Congress](#). For Los Angeles Women's History Month Events click [HERE](#). For WeHo Events click [HERE](#).

Join the LA County Library in highlighting incredible women in history and their amazing, but sometimes unknown, contributions to their communities and the world all month with virtual programs for all ages. Click the link for more details and registration info for these and other great virtual events at your [LA County Library location](#).

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#### MARCH 31 IS INTERNATIONAL TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY



Transgender Day of Visibility is an international event on March 31 dedicated to recognizing the resilience and accomplishments of the transgender community. On this day, we celebrate the [transgender population](#) amongst us, raise awareness about the struggles that they face, and advocate for [more protected rights](#) for them in a bid to reform society and empower this community — as it so rightfully deserves.

[Trans Day of Visibility](#) is an annual awareness day celebrated around the world. The day is dedicated to celebrating the accomplishments of transgender and gender nonconforming people while raising awareness of the work that still needs to be done to achieve trans justice.

This webpage includes resources for educators, students, GSA members, and advocates can use to help create trans-inclusive school environments. [Learn more.](#)

## MARCH 31 IS NATIONAL CESAR CHAVEZ DAY



César Chávez Day is observed in the United States on March 31 each year. It celebrates the birthday of César Estrada Chávez and it serves as a tribute to his commitment to social justice and respect for human dignity. Chavez lived and died in the service of his community. His lifelong struggle for labor rights enlightened a generation of Americans to fight for better working conditions. Through his non-violent protests, he paved a way for many human rights activists.

Celebrate the life of inspirational labor leader César Chávez. Guests can learn about the fight for farm labor rights at this **free family day**. ¡Viva la Causal! ¡Huelga! ¡Lucha! Enjoy dance and art, culinary and garden workshops.

Guest performers include Xipe Totec, Ballet Folklórico Y Arriba Mexico, and Tierra Blanca Arts Center. Food and beverages will be available for sale.

Check out Cesar Chavez Family Day - ¡Viva la Causal! LA Plaza

Sun Mar 26, 2023

**12:00pm to 4:00pm**

**Age:** All Ages

**Price:** Free

**Location:** LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes

[501 N. Main St., Los Angeles, CA, 90012](#)

**AS EMERGENCY ORDERS END, LIFESAVING COVID-19 TOOLS REMAIN  
READILY ACCESSIBLE**



To keep the community in the Low COVID-19 Level, residents, workers and businesses are asked to continue to take sensible steps to protect themselves and those most vulnerable. This includes staying up-to-date on vaccines and boosters, testing before gatherings, seeking therapeutics when a COVID-19 infection is confirmed, and staying home when sick. Find more information below.

[More Info](#)

**DHS PUBLISHES ANNUAL HIGHLIGHTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS REPORT**



Read the report on how DHS has served patients, expanded services, strengthened its workforce, facilitated Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Antiracism. Read highlights regarding highly ranked hospital and clinic programs and efforts.

During the February 2023 Town Hall, Dr. Christina Ghaly introduces the 2022 Annual Report and the Highlights and Accomplishments in this [video](#).

Read the report below.

[2022 Year End Report](#)

## APPLY TODAY FOR GRANTS TO HELP INCREASE DISASTER RESILIENCY



Cal OES would like to invite you to join us for a briefing on the newly announced [Listos California grant opportunities](#) funded by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES).

All applications are due by March 20.

[More Info](#)

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## EMERGENCY CALFRESH BENEFIT ALLOTMENTS ENDING



Many of you are aware that the Emergency Allotments for CalFresh benefits are ending this month. If you are working with folks who are on CalFresh, the best thing they can do now is to make sure that DPSS has the most up-to-date information about their circumstances (e.g. household size, income, and deductions) to ensure they are receiving the maximum benefit. These include things like: housing costs, medical expenses (only if you are age 60+ or have a disability), and dependent or childcare costs. Folks who need to update their information should contact DPSS by calling 1-877-847-3663 or visit their local county social services office in person. An office locator map can be found here: [www.CalFreshFood.org](http://www.CalFreshFood.org).

[More Info](#)

## FREE VIRTUAL NARCAN TRAINING TO PREVENT OVERDOSE



"Save a LIFE" recognizing and responding to a overdose with Naloxone. All services are FREE to the community. \*Get a free Naloxone kit! Each session is 1 hour long.

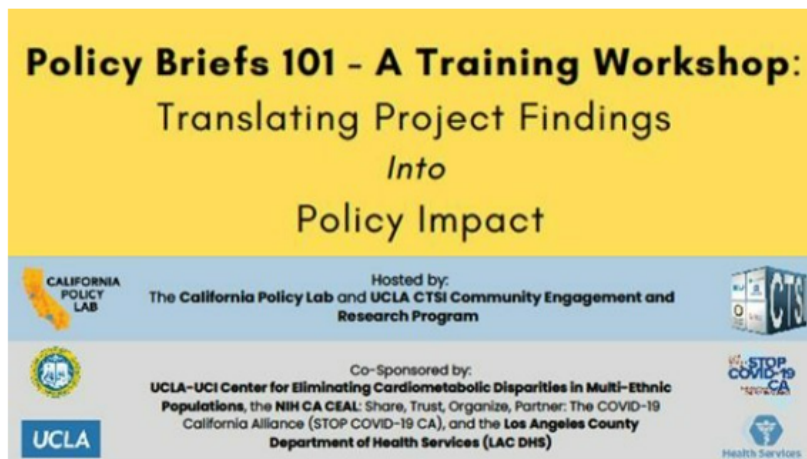
SPANISH: Friday, March 17 (1:30 - 2:30 PM)

ENGLISH: Thursday, March 24 (3:30 - 4:30 PM)

[Register](#)

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## UPCOMING FREE VIRTUAL WORKSHOP ON DEVELOPING POLICY BRIEFS



Join a free upcoming virtual workshop on March 16 by our partners at UCLA on how to highlight/feature your work through a policy brief. The DHS Medical Legal Community Partnership will be featured! Please attend and pass along the invite to anyone who might be interested. The workshop is designed for community-partnered researchers and community-based organizations, and anyone interested in improving the policy impact of their work!

Learn other ways to disseminate your work and translate your project or research findings into policy briefs.

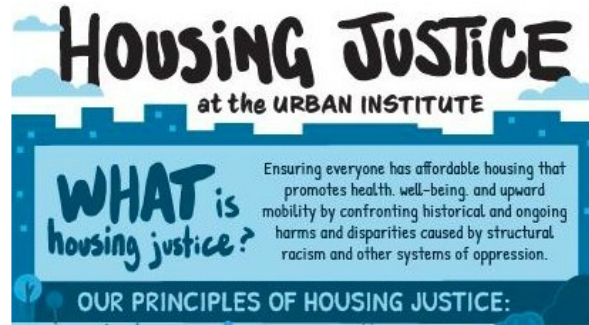
Workshop objectives and more information are in the attached [flyer](#).

Thursday, March 16, 2-4 pm. Please register early using this [link](#).

[Register](#)

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#### URBAN INSTITUTE WANTS TO SHARE NEW HOUSING RESOURCES

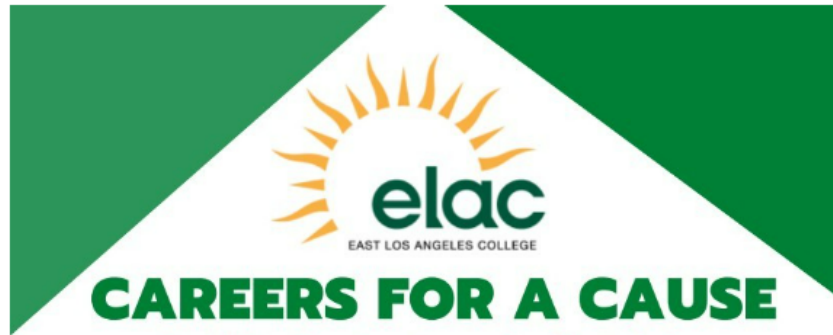


Urban Institute launched the [Housing Justice Hub](#) to share new tools and resources with the mission to elevate and inform the evolving housing justice field through shared resources, analyses, and tools.

[More Info](#)

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#### EAST LA COLLEGE CAREERS FOR A CAUSE (C4C) SOCIAL SERVICES EMPLOYMENT TRAINING RECRUITMENT FOR SPRING 2023



### **Social Services Pre-Apprenticeship Training**

[C4C](#) is an 8-week employment training program is now accepting applications through Tuesday, March 21, 2023, for individuals with lived homelessness, re-entry, or other experiences of marginalization. Individuals accepted into the program will receive a weekly stipend, free computer, case management, and supportive services to ensure successful training completion and job placement in the homeless or social services industry. More Info [HERE](#).

The [C4C training](#) will be held in person from 4/17/23 to 6/9/2023 at the following location:

**East Los Angeles College**

**1301 Avenida Cesar Chavez**

**Monterey Park, CA 91754**

**(Classes held Monday - Friday)**

Please share this opportunity within your networks and with your clients/participants who are compassionate about helping others, able to attend the entire 8-week training session, and ready to work.

[Apply](#)

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**FUN FOR EVERYONE THIS SPRING AT LA COUNTY PARKS**



# IT'S PARK TIME!

## SOMETHING FOR EVERY BODY

*Explore • Engage • Connect*

Youth & Adult Sports • Nature Centers • Aquatics • Every Body Plays  
 Golf • Recreation Classes • Our SPOT Teen Program • Senior Programs  
 Open Gym • Youth Employment • Snack Program • Spring Holiday Events

**PARKS.LACOUNTY.GOV/SPRING**

Visit LA County Parks this spring for fun, recreation and adventure! They are offering a variety of new, FREE and paid programs for youth and families, ranging from sports clinics and nature exploration programs to aquatics and many other exciting programs that you'll find below. Whether it be one or all of these activities, there's something for everybody this spring with LA County Parks!

For more information, visit [parks.lacounty.gov/spring](https://parks.lacounty.gov/spring).

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**COMPTON COLLEGE CAREERS FOR A CAUSE (C4C) SOCIAL SERVICES  
 EMPLOYMENT TRAINING RECRUITMENT FOR SPRING 2023**



## CAREERS FOR A CAUSE

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The **C4C training** will be held in person from 4/17/23 to 6/9/2023 at the following location:

**Compton College**

**1111 Artesia Blvd**

**Compton, CA 90221**

**(Classes held Monday - Friday)**

Please share this opportunity within your networks and with your clients/participants who are compassionate about helping others, able to attend the entire 8-week training session, and ready to work.

[Apply](#)

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**2023 FREE TAX DAY EVENTS TO ALL LA COUNTY RESIDENTS**



Get access to the tax credits you are entitled to and save thousands of dollars this tax season. We offer free, reliable, accessible tax preparation services to all LA county residents - regardless of immigration status - and education on tax credits, like the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), that can save you over \$10,000 on your taxes.

**Free Tax Prep LA**

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## **LACDMH AND CalMHSA ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR TAKE ACTION FOR MENTAL HEALTH L.A. COUNTY COMMUNITY GRANT OPPORTUNITY**



The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) in collaboration with the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) is excited to announce a grant program with awards of up to \$150,000 per grantee to promote well-being and community connection in Los Angeles County.

The grant program is developed for programs to coincide with May Mental Health Awareness Month and foster community connection as a part of LACDMH's *Take Action for Mental Health L.A. County* campaign. Events submitted for consideration should take place during the months of May and June 2023, and focus on decreasing stigma and discrimination, increasing help seeking behaviors, increasing awareness of and access to mental health services and resources or any activities that address **one or more negative effects** of untreated mental illness.

Grants will be awarded to organizations that promote mental health and well-being through community engagement. Grant proposals must be submitted through CalMHSA's e-procurement portal at <https://calmhsa.bonfirehub.com/>, and proposals are being accepted now through March 3, 2023, 5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time.

Initial grant payments will be awarded on March 24, 2023. The grants are made possible through the CA Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prevention and Early Intervention funding.

### **Who Should Apply?**

The following types of applicants are eligible:

- Non-profit agencies

- For-profit agencies
- Faith-based organizations
- Schools
- Other entities dedicated to carrying out diverse community engagement efforts to help promote stronger community ties and civic engagement

For more information regarding this opportunity, visit CalMHSA's Bids & Contracting Opportunities [webpage](#).

[CalMHSA Page](#)

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#### 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](https://ph.lacounty.gov/covidinfopadres))
- [One Degree Community Resources](#)

