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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!

APRIL 11-17TH IS BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH WEEK



The Black Maternal Health Week, which is held annually April 11-17, is an annual week-long public health campaign founded and led by the [Black Mamas Matter Alliance](#) to build awareness, activism, and community-building to amplify the voices, perspectives and lived experiences of Black Mamas and birthing people.

This year's official theme for Black Maternal Health Week 2023 (#BMHW23) is "**Our Bodies Belong to Us: Restoring Black Autonomy and Joy!**" The activities and conversations hosted throughout the week intentionally center the values and traditions of the reproductive and birth justice movements. Register below for the week-long Zoom campaign.

RSVP

APRIL IS ARMENIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



On March 27, 2018, LA County Supervisors Kathryn Barger and Janice Hahn authored a motion, unanimously approved by the Board of Supervisors, to proclaim the month of April as Armenian History Month.

Los Angeles County is home to the greatest number of Armenians outside of Armenia. Each year, during the latter part of April, this Board commemorates the Armenian Genocide that began on April 24, 1915, and resulted in the tragic loss of 1.5 million innocent lives. Since 2017, this Board has also declared the month of April as Armenian History Month in recognition of the rich history of and tremendous contributions by this resilient community.

Watch a video about the history of Armenian Americans in California [HERE](#)

Diversify Your Reading. The Glendale Library Arts & Culture division is paying tribute to Armenians of the local community in a celebration of history and culture and in recognition of the community's struggle for inclusion and equity with a related list of recommended books [HERE](#)

APRIL IS NATIONAL ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH (NAAHM)



Celebrate the heritage, culture, and contributions of Arab Americans and Arabic-speaking Americans. The Arab American Institute reported that about 15,000 Middle Eastern immigrants from Egypt, Jordan, Palestine, and Iraq migrated to the U.S. yearly in the 1960s. The celebration of the holiday has previously been observed sporadically in various states and at different times of the year since the 1990s until 2017 when Arab America began a national initiative to coordinate all states under National Arab American Heritage Month. Watch a video about it [HERE](#)

APRIL IS LA COUNTY ARTS MONTH 2023



The Board of Supervisors declared April as Arts Month, a time to recognize the power of the arts to boost health and well-being, create vibrant communities, improve outcomes for youth, build empathy and understanding about different cultures, and contribute to our economy.

Discover LA County's library sites, museums, cultural venues and art activities in your neighborhood.

[Discover Local Arts & Culture](#)

HEALTHY FOOD KICKSTARTER PROJECT COMMUNITY GRANTS

THE HEALTHY FOOD KICKSTARTER PROJECT GRANT APPLICATION SOLICITUD DE BECA

LA County is partnering with Community Services Unlimited Inc. to provide grants to qualifying organizations and businesses that wish to launch or expand equitable food distribution programs in specifically identified target areas within the County.

Nonprofits and private/for-profit enterprises are eligible to apply for these funds.

Applications seeking to serve communities that have been historically underfunded and resourced will be prioritized.

To be eligible, proposed projects must take place within a COVID-19 Recovery Target Area within LA County. You may visit [COVID-19 Dashboard](#) and search for the address or zip code of your proposed project.

Applications open now through Friday, May 5th.

[APPLY HERE](#)

[More Info](#)

FREE PARENTING WEBINAR FOR ALL - ENDING CHANCLA CULTURE



Latinx Parenting has partnered with LA Best Babies Network to host a free introductory workshop for all those looking to decolonize their parenting & End Chancla Culture in their relationship with their niñas. This webinar is open to all parents, caregivers and home visiting staff in LA County.

Held Virtually:
Wednesday, April 26, 2023

10am-12pm PDT

[Register](#)

LOS ANGELES REFORMS FOR EQUITY AND PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF INSTITUTIONAL RACISM (L.A. REPAIR) PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING



L.A. REPAIR is the first [participatory budget pilot program](#) that will distribute roughly \$8.5 million directly to nine L.A. City neighborhoods, called REPAIR Zones which can be located using the online address search tool.

The vote will be open from April 1-30, 2023. You can either [vote online](#) at any time or in person at a voting event hosted by the city, the REPAIR Zone Advisory Committee or Community Engagement Partner. Learn how to vote and read the proposals on the ballot!

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY HOMELESS CONNECT DAY



Gov Assistance



Legal Assistance



Housing Assistance



Las Palmas Park
505 S. Huntington St.
San Fernando, CA 91340

This one-day event is a collaboration between the County of Los Angeles, the State of California and non-profit agencies including LA Family Housing in SPA 2 to provide free one stop services to families and individuals experiencing homelessness. There will be legal services, CA ID services, health services, employment services, vocational services, tutoring services, safe parking representatives will be on site, and so much more!

Date: Thursday, April 20, 2023
9AM-1PM

GUARANTEED INCOME PROGRAM FOR SINGLE MOMS IN EL MONTE



The City of El Monte has a new [financial assistance program](#) for single mothers impacted by the Coronavirus. **Eligible applicants will be randomly selected to receive \$500 a month for one year.**

Eligible participants:

- Must live within El Monte city limits.
- Be a single female head of household with no spouse or partner present.
- Have children living in the household between ages of 0-17
- Have a verified income at or below the federal poverty line (according to the 2023 U.S. Department of Commerce guidelines).
- Be able to show a need for financial assistance due to being impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic.
- Must be able to submit documents verifying school enrollment, proof of residency, proof of income, and a government issued ID.

APPLICATIONS OPEN UNTIL APRIL 15, 2023

[Apply Online](#)

NEW RFP RELEASED FOR WORKFORCE SERVICES



The County's Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) just released their RFP for the America's Job Centers of California (AJCC) Modernization. This RFP is open to **non-profit organizations, for-profit organizations, public agencies, social enterprises, public or private higher education institutions and/or similar organizations interested in administering services as an AJCC** through the implementation of key modernization strategies and north star principles. They are interested in building a network that supports DEO's workforce development system.

The deadline to register for their online webinar to learn more is **April 20th** and the RFP is due by **June 22nd**. Please click below for more information and registration information.

Submit all questions by email to: deo-pro@opportunity.lacounty.gov. Please be sure to specify the RFP, paragraph number, and page number and quote the language that prompted the question.

[More Info](#)

FREE DISPUTE RESOLUTION HELP FOR ALL PEOPLE AND BUSINESSES

Los Angeles County Dispute Resolution Program

There is help available for County residents dealing with a dispute. [The Los Angeles County Dispute Resolution Program \(LADRP\)](#) provides free dispute resolution services to families, individuals and businesses. Mediation, an alternative method of resolving disputes, supports parties in the tailoring of agreements that mutually meet participants needs and interests so everyone wins.

LADRP helps with landlord-tenant disputes (rent, utilities, deposits), financial disputes (credit card bills, payday loans, personal loans, medical debt) and many other disputes. LADRP has 9 dispute resolution organizations, each having their unique services, languages, and cultural capacities. You can find more information about them [HERE](#).

[More Info](#)

AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM (ACP) OUTREACH GRANT FUNDING

 **Helping Households Connect**



Southern CA Association of Governments (SCAG) will be awarded a minimum of **\$500,000 of the ACP Outreach Grant Program funds** to utilize in helping bridge the digital divide through implementing innovative strategies to reach historically underserved and unserved communities across jurisdictions. The California Broadband Council (CBC) is seeking partners to organize and host these in-person *Get Connected!* events to provide an opportunity for California residents to get connected to affordable, reliable and high-speed internet.

Enrollment events will be hosted statewide on **Get Connected! Day, Saturday, April 22** for eligible households that are interested in applying for the ACP and who need assistance completing the application.

Interested in becoming a partner? [Fill out the interest form here.](#)

For more information on the upcoming *Get Connected!* events, visit internetforallnow.org/events.

[Program Info](#)

FREE LA COUNTY PARKS AFTER DARK (PAD)



The Spring edition of Parks after Dark kicks-off **March 23 and runs through April 15 on Thursday and Saturday nights from 6 to 9 pm for two evenings of fun**. Come experience an array of workshops and activities such as music, canvas painting, culinary art, family dances, arts, and crafts, and so much more.

Each PAD site will feature an **exclusive Teen Zone for youth ages 12-17 years**, where teenagers can engage in activities designed just for them. Hands-on interactive activities include skateboard design, Just Dance on Nintendo Switch, music production and instrument lessons, silk screen shirt printing, all within their own teen lounge, stocked with a snack bar.

[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](#)



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