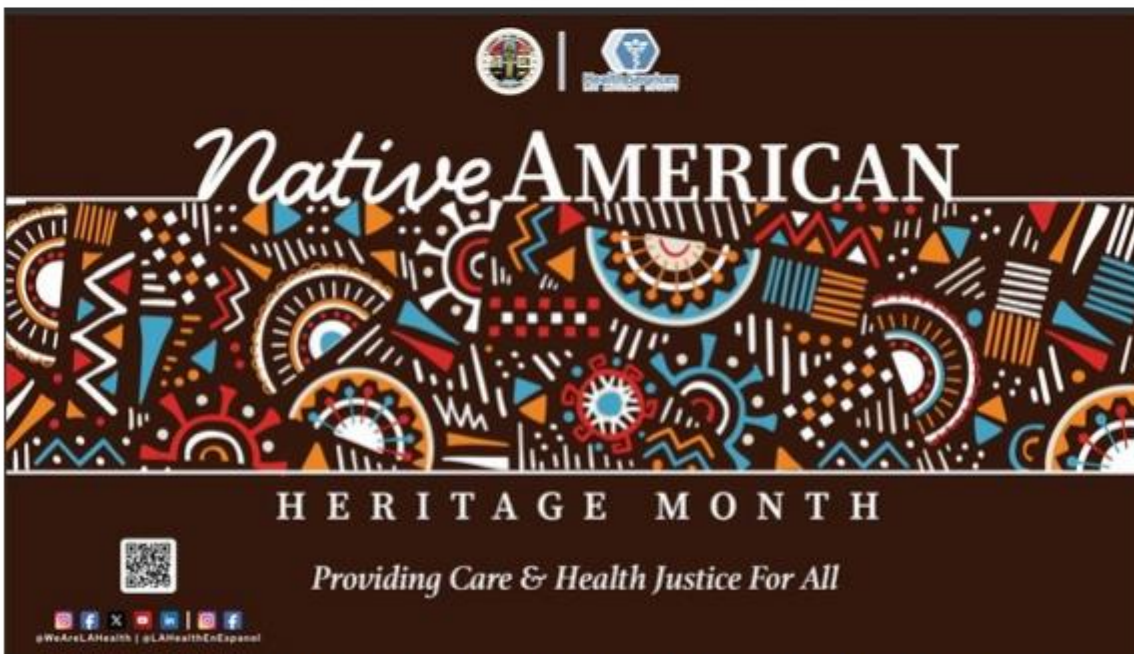




## Final Edition

LA County Health Services Community Connects will no longer be publishing this monthly newsletter. We've appreciated the opportunity to keep you informed as our valued community partners. Thank you for your support.

## NOVEMBER IS NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



The Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC) wishes everyone a happy Native American Heritage Month (NAHM)! NAHM is an opportunity to celebrate our community and the vast contributions we make. Visit the site [here](#).

Celebrating Native, American Indian, Alaska Native, Tribal Nations, Inuit, Métis, First Nations, Aboriginal, and Indigenous peoples, Native American Heritage Month honors

the ancestry, heritage, and vast accomplishments of Native Americans. To learn more, visit [NativeAmericanHeritageMonth.gov](http://NativeAmericanHeritageMonth.gov) or the [LA County Library website](#).

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## "MOVEMBER", MEN'S HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH



Movember is an annual campaign that takes place every November, aiming to raise awareness and funds for men's health issues, particularly prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and mental health.

At DHS, we fully support and encourage participation in Movember as part of our commitment to promoting overall well-being and ensuring that men's health receives the attention it deserves.

Fathers, partners, brothers and friends are facing a health crisis, yet it's rarely talked about. Men are dying too young and we can't afford to stay silent. Life can throw us curveballs. Yet even when things seem tough, there's a lot we can do to look after ourselves and others. If you're feeling low or overwhelmed, don't hesitate to reach out for support.

For additional information on the Movember Movement please visit <https://us.movember.com/>

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## THE HISTORY OF DIA DE LOS MUERTOS



Many Angelenos recently celebrated with local gatherings and events. Dia de los Muertos is, in fact, a celebration of life – it is not a time to mourn our loved ones, rather it is a time to remember the lives they lead and the many things they enjoyed during that life. Death is a part of life, and so we honor it.

*Watch the video about the history below!*

[Video](#)

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#### **VETERANS DAY WAS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10**



Veterans Day holds great significance as it provides us with an opportunity to express our gratitude for their selfless sacrifices in protecting our freedom and upholding our values. Thank you to all our veterans for their service! We salute you!

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#### **TRANSGENDER AWARENESS WEEK IS NOVEMBER 13 - NOVEMBER 19**



Transgender Awareness Week occurs annually between November 13th - November 19th, leading into Transgender Day of Remembrance on November 20th. During this week individuals, organizations, and groups help raise visibility on Transgender people and gender nonbinary individuals and the issues they face as a community.

How you can make a difference during Transgender Awareness Week and Transgender Day of Remembrance:

- Seek educational opportunities to learn about gender identity and issues affecting the trans and broader LGBTQ+ communities.
- Support your local LGBTQ+ center.
- Reach out to trans individuals in your life and let them know you support them.

211 LA can also help the transgender community with connections to housing, healthcare, employment opportunities, counseling services, and LGBTQ+ support groups.

Here are some [Support Resources for Families of Gender Diverse Youth](#)

[\*\*Resources\*\*](#)

## NOVEMBER 22 IS LEBANON INDEPENDENCE DAY



Lebanese Independence Day, celebrated on November 22, is a holiday spent with family and friends. Aside from an official army march in downtown Beirut, Lebanese Independence Day is primarily observed in schools. Every year on November 22, the entire country is filled with joy and gaiety as people recall the day Lebanon gained Independence. *Learn more about it [here](#).*

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: COMMUNITY NAVIGATOR SERVICES



CNM is excited to announce a new opportunity: the Community Navigator Program, made possible through Los Angeles County's allocation of American Rescue Plan funds. This program strengthens the efforts of community-based organizations dedicated to accelerating the economic and social recovery of communities most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Awardees will receive \$200,000-\$268,000, along with capacity-strengthening assistance.

- [Learn about deadlines, eligibility, and more.](#)

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## THINGS TO DO THIS THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY IN LOS ANGELES



Enjoy the long holiday weekend with a variety of events and these things to do on Thanksgiving in L.A., from turkey trots to illuminated [garden](#) walks to parades.

Stuff your holiday weekend with these things to do on Thanksgiving, from turkey trots to holiday marketplaces. *Find fun activities near you.*

[Things to Do](#)

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## JUSTICE CONNECT SUPPORT CENTER LAUNCHED



On October 1st, JCOD opened a call center dedicated to providing direct connection to pretrial services for people who have been arrested. [Justiceconnect.org](#) is available to justice-involved individuals, their families, and the community. [Justiceconnect.org](#) provides information about the pretrial process, JCOD's Support Center, available care management supportive services, and answers to frequently asked questions.

## SANTA MONICA FAMILY ICE SKATING NOW THROUGH JANUARY 15, 2024



Gather family and friends for a beloved holiday tradition. Ice at Santa Monica presented by Netflix is back for another magical season of outdoor ice skating and holiday festivities. Ice skate outdoors daily just four blocks from the Pacific Ocean, now through Jan. 15. Get tickets and information at [iceatsantamonica.com](https://iceatsantamonica.com).

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## LA COUNTY FIRE CAMP TRAINING CENTER COMING IN 2024



JCOD is currently working in partnership with County departments and community-based providers to prepare individuals for careers in fire service. JCOD is targeting individuals ages 18-27 who are former justice-impacted individuals, foster youth, and veterans. The first cohort will start in 2024. *For more information or to apply, click [here](#).*

[Apply](#)

**CFCI CARE GRANT YEAR 3 FUNDING APPLICATION PERIOD OPENS JANUARY**



\$175 million in Care Grants is up for grabs for qualifying CBOs. *Learn more about them in the application link and by viewing the video below.*

**Applications are now open until January 5th, 2024.**

Apply [here](#).

[CFCI Info Video](#)

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**DECEMBER 4 IS THE TENTH ANNUAL DHS DIABETES DAY**





Registration is now open for the 10th Annual DHS Diabetes Day on Monday, December 4, 2023.

Healthcare providers across DHS and LA County, including Community Partners, who provide services to patients with diabetes are welcome to join the event. You don't want to miss it!

You can see more information about the event [here](#), and you can view the [agenda here](#).

To register for the event at the California Endowment Center, please click [here](#). If you prefer to participate via Zoom, please register [here](#).

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