

Incubation Academy: Transforming LA Through Partnership

Expanding Mental Health Services Through Community-Based Organizations

Transforming LA Through Partnership is an innovative capacity building program designed to help small and mid-sized grassroots organizations get the mentorship, training and technical assistance they need to be better prepared to compete for and manage funding from the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH). By building up the capacity of trusted community-based organizations (CBOs), LACDMH expands its potential provider network and access to preventative mental health services for underserved communities across LA County.

Collaborating for Excellence

Transforming LA is a public-private partnership between LACDMH, which has dedicated \$5 million in Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funding to this effort, and a group of philanthropic funders – the Anthony and Jeanne Pritzker Family Foundation, Cedars-Sinai, the Crail-Johnson Foundation, First 5 LA, the UniHealth Foundation and the Weingart Foundation – who have contributed almost \$1 million to support the Incubation Academy. The County's Center for Strategic Partnerships has played a central role in coordinating the private sector commitment to Transforming LA.

Community Partners is serving as the implementing partner for Transforming LA, and 29 CBOs were selected as the initial cohort.

Providing Tools and Trainings for Success

The 29 CBOs will receive training, technical assistance, and capacity building through a series of online academy sessions, meetings with small groups and one-on-one coaching and consultation tailored to their specific needs and goals. Once the organizations have completed the online sessions, they will receive funding from Community Partners to implement a project that will increase community access to preventative mental health services. The CBOs will also have access to funds to support institutional capacity needs, including technology, software, and other infrastructure costs.
