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**L.A. County Department of Mental Health and Partners Cut Ribbon for the
Antelope Valley Community Family Resource Center**

LANCASTER, Calif. – Today, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH)—in collaboration with Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Antelope Valley Partners for Health, Casey Family Programs, Children’s Bureau, First 5 LA, L.A. County’s Chief Executive Office and Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)—held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Antelope Valley Community Family Resource Center (AV CFRC), which serves a regional hub for residents to access services provided by government agencies and community nonprofits.

“Today’s ribbon cutting is a milestone. It’s the culmination of three hard years of work to bring services that will support and strengthen the well-being of children and families,” said Supervisor Barger. “Centers like this one are able to reduce family poverty and parent isolation. They help improve parenting skills and decrease child maltreatment and out-of-home placements. Ultimately, they help children receive the permanency and support they deserve.”

This is the first of three AV CFRCs opening in the Antelope Valley area, with additional centers planned for Palmdale and Wilsona/Lake Los Angeles in the near future. LACDMH has invested \$1.5 million of funding in FY 21/22 to support the AV CFRC project.

“With the myriad challenges that face our families and societies, especially during the pandemic, the recurring memo is that we should take care of each other,” said Jonathan Sherin, M.D., Ph.D., Director of LACDMH. “These resource centers are a way to empower communities and a way to reset our structure and respond to the community voice and need. The Department of Mental Health has been implementing for a while this model of a community access point, areas where people organically come together, train up, help navigate systems and link people with the resources they need.”

The center’s programming will include community outreach and prevention-oriented activities that will empower community voice and leadership, while mitigating risk factors and increasing engagement, access, and wellbeing.

Services include:

- Case management
- Navigation support
- Warm / live linkages to physical and mental health services
- Education and workforce development resources
- Health promotion and advocacy services

AV CFRC is a unique partnership across multiple agencies and organizations (including LACDMH, DCFS, Department of Public Health, Department of Health Services, First 5 LA, Children's Bureau, Casey Family Programs and Antelope Valley Partners for Health) to increase community and family access to public programs available to promote wellbeing through a wide range of health, outreach and education services, with an emphasis on identifying and meeting the specific health, linguistic, social and cultural needs of Antelope Valley residents and community members.

The Lancaster AV CFRC site is located at 44226 10th Street West, Lancaster, CA 93534, and is open Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information about the center and its programming, call (661) 942-4719.

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About The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH)

As the nation's largest public mental health department, we ensure access to care and treatment for our most vulnerable residents in a region with more than 10 million people. With an annual budget approaching \$3B and a committed staff of 6,000, LACDMH embodies a "heart-forward" approach to supporting hope, recovery and wellbeing across the County. For more information, visit dmh.lacounty.gov or follow @LACDMH on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).