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**LACDMH Hosts Grand Opening for Antelope Valley Child & Adolescent Program**  
***First County-operated children's mental health program opens in Palmdale***

**Palmdale, Calif.** — Today, the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) celebrated the grand opening of the Antelope Valley's first County-operated, youth-focused mental health program at its new offices in Palmdale (2323 E. Palmdale Blvd., Suite A). The event featured a tour of the facilities and remarks from Theion Perkins, R.N., B.S.N., M.S.N., LACDMH's Sr. Deputy Director for Outpatient Care Services; Anders Corey, Health Deputy for Fifth District County Supervisor Kathryn Barger; and program leadership.

The Antelope Valley Child and Adolescent Program is open to individuals from birth to age 21 and provides them and their families with client-centered and trauma-informed mental health services. The program offers individual, group, and family therapy; crisis evaluation and intervention; case management and community linkage; medication evaluation and support; and psychological testing.

"Expanding our well-being resources and programs in the Antelope Valley allows us to continue our mission of bringing hope and healing to our youngest residents and their families," said LACDMH Director Dr. Lisa H. Wong. "We look forward to enhancing our services and supporting the needs of those who call Palmdale and the surrounding communities home."

The Child and Adolescent program includes 30 trained mental health providers, including marriage and family therapists, clinical social workers, psychologists, and psychiatrists. The program also has medical case workers and community health workers for additional support, community outreach, and service linkage.

"Today's event was more than just opening the County's first Antelope Valley clinic for children and adolescents, it was about welcoming the community through our doors and helping them become familiar with the critical care that LACDMH can provide to the region's families," said James Coomes, L.C.S.W., Chief of LACDMH's Service Area 1 (Antelope Valley). "Our Child and Adolescent Program is dedicated to providing a broad range of quality mental health services and specialty care services for eating disorders, complex trauma, family conflict, and more."

The Child and Adolescent program is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday/Wednesday/Friday and from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday/Thursday. To reach the program center, call (661) 223-3800.

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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 of \$3.8B and 7,000 budgeted positions, LACDMH is dedicated to hope, recovery, and well-being for everyone across the County. For more information, visit [dmh.lacounty.gov](http://dmh.lacounty.gov) or follow @LACDMH on [Facebook](#), [Twitter \(X\)](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).