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LACDMH Earns Four National Achievement Awards

National Association of Counties recognizes LACDMH programs for mothers, schools, underserved community outreach, behavioral crisis response

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) was recently recognized with four 2024 Achievement Awards from the National Association of Counties (NACo). The awards are given annually to highlight innovative county programs that strengthen resident services.

LACDMH was recognized for the following programs:

- **Maternal Mental Health/Perinatal Mental Health Champions:** LACDMH established a network of clinical champions across [all eight service areas](#) to identify and help mothers who may be experiencing perinatal psychiatric disorders. The program is in collaboration with the Departments of Health Services, Public Health, and Public Social Services.
- **[Community Schools Initiative \(CS\)](#):** The CS model focuses on building collaboration with schools, their local community resources, and families to support a student's overall well-being. This initiative is a partnership between LACDMH and the L.A. County Office of Education.
- **[The United Mental Health Promoters](#):** This program aims to reduce mental health stigma throughout the County, particularly in historically underserved cultural and linguistic communities, by increasing awareness, removing barriers, and improving timely access to appropriate resources.
- **[Alternative Crisis Response \(ACR\)](#):** The ACR team provides an alternative crisis response to law enforcement for individuals experiencing a mental health emergency. The ACR team includes the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline and LACDMH Access Help Line.

The Department will be recognized alongside all the other Achievement Award winners at the NACo Achievement Awards Luncheon on July 14 at the [NACo Annual Conference and Exposition](#) in Hillsborough County, Florida. The full list of 18 Best in

Class honorees, other national programs, and the more than 110 Achievement Awards recognizing Los Angeles County programs can be found on the [NACo website](#). The National Association of Counties (NACo) serves nearly 40,000 county elected officials and 3.6 million county employees.

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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 over 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 or follow @LACDMH on [Facebook](#), [Twitter \(X\)](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).