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LACDMH Celebrates Juneteenth & Pride with Two Events for Black & LGBTQIA2-S+ Communities

Large-scale events encourage underserved communities to promote mental wellbeing, build resilience & inclusiveness

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) hosted two community celebrations last weekend; a Rainbow Resilience Pride event in West Hollywood and Juneteenth in South Los Angeles. Both events were supported by the <u>California Mental Health Services Authority</u> (CalMHSA) and were an extension of LACDMH's Take Action for Mental Health, L.A. County campaign to encourage people to take action on their mental health for themselves and others year-round.

"LACDMH is proud to partner with communities throughout Los Angeles County to break down barriers to mental health care and wellbeing," said LACDMH Director Dr. Lisa H. Wong. "Events such as these bring people together from all communities for food, fun, and wellness. Together, we can Take Action to improve the mental health and wellbeing of all residents."

The Juneteenth community event took place on June 29 at Earvin "Magic" Johnson Park in South L.A. while the Rainbow Resilience Pride event took place on June 30 at The Abbey in West Hollywood. Both events were free to attend and featured wellness activities, wellbeing resources, food, and fun for all.

"LACDMH is committed to reducing mental health stigma and increasing awareness through fun community activities throughout L.A. County," said LACDMH Chief Medical Officer Dr. Curley L. Bonds. "Every diverse community has their own unique needs, and the Department is proud to provide our resources in any way we can."

In addition to these June events, LACDMH encourages County residents in every diverse community to utilize the resources available through the Department and its partners, including the 24/7 Help Line at (800) 854-7771, 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, iPrevail digital wellness platform, our walk-in clinics and peer resource centers, and our partnerships with many L.A. County agencies and organizations. To learn more about these resources, visit <u>dmh.lacounty.gov</u>.

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 wellbeing for everyone across the County. For more information, visit <u>dmh.lacounty.gov</u> or follow @LACDMH on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter (X)</u>, <u>Instagram</u> and <u>YouTube</u>.