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HOLLYWOOD 2.0 & OTHER MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS HONORED AT LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S 39TH ANNUAL PRODUCTIVITY AND QUALITY AWARDS

Director Lisa H. Wong, Psy.D. honored with Commission Chair Leadership Award

LOS ANGELES, CA — Last week, the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health's (LACDMH) [Hollywood 2.0 program](#) received top honors at the 39th annual Los Angeles County Productivity and Quality Awards (PQA) ceremony at the Music Center. With a 49 percent decrease in street homelessness in Hollywood last year, LACDMH's Hollywood 2.0 Innovations Project earned a place among the County's Top Ten award-winning programs for its community-based care for people with mental illness. LACDMH Director Lisa H. Wong, Psy.D., also received the Commission Chair Leadership Award, while the family-focused "Prevention Meets Possibility: Reimagined Services" program received a Commissioners' Legacy Award.

"I am incredibly proud of the innovative programs our dedicated staff have developed to better serve our communities and advance the Department's mission," said Dr. Wong. "While I am deeply honored to have received the leadership award, I am even more thrilled to see our Department's programs recognized for the meaningful impact they are making in the lives of those we serve. These achievements reflect the dedication, compassion and innovation of our staff, whose commitment to providing high-quality care and services make this work possible every day."

The [Hollywood 2.0 pilot program](#) provides comprehensive care for people with severe mental illness through the Hollywood Mental Health Cooperative; opportunities for connection and purpose through client-run programs such as Fountain House clubhouse; and access to short- and long-term housing through community partnerships at Anew Dawn, Walk of Fame and Mark Twain Hotel.

The **Prevention Meets Possibility: Reimagined Services program** (also known as the Antelope Valley Community Family Resource Center) is a collaborative effort involving the Fifth Supervisorial District, Chief Executive Office, L.A. County Department of Children and Family Services, All for Kids, Casey Foundation, and First 5 LA. It reimagines service delivery by creating trusted community hubs. Since July 2022, the

center has served nearly 87,000 people by helping families access housing, food, employment, mental health services, parenting support and other essential resources.

The Department also received recognition for programs it developed or supported in collaboration with other County departments, including:

- ***The Golden Eagle*** for the Care Camp Trauma-Informed Fire Relief program;
- ***The Community Equity and Inclusion Award*** for the Abundant Birth: Income and Support, Guaranteed program;
- ***Special Merit Awards*** for the Creative Well-Being program and the System Navigation Services: Nimble and Responsive program; and
- ***Certificates of Recognition*** for Smart Referrals: Streamlining Mental Health Access, Take Action for Mental Health L.A. County, Someone Who Stays: Preventing Foster Care, Who Do I Call for Help?, A New Approach to High-Utilizers of Emergency Care, and the Youth Suicide Prevention Program.

Each year, the Los Angeles Quality and Productivity Commission recognizes its top ten County programs and announces the top three Grand Eagle awards at its ceremony. This year, there were 95 submissions. The annual event recognizes County employees and departments that improve the efficiency, effectiveness and quality of public services. According to the Commission, applicants for this year's awards reported over \$425 million in cost benefits – savings, revenue and cost avoidance – for the County.

Learn more about the awards and award-winning programs in the [program book](#).

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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 nearing 10 million people. With an annual budget exceeding \$4.5 billion and over 7,800 budgeted positions, LACDMH is dedicated to hope, recovery, and wellbeing for everyone across Los Angeles County. For more information, visit dmh.lacounty.gov or follow @LACDMH on [Facebook](#), [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).