

## Service Area 6 Homeless Connect Day

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*From left to right: Andrew Onaghish, Officer Contreras, M.C. Harris, City Deputy E. Sandoval, Officer Boyerie*

After months of meetings on homeless issues, LACDMH Service Area 6 held “Homeless Connect Day” on February 26, 2016. The event was another step forward to set the stage in finding homes for the homeless.

LACDMH was among many agencies and community resource vendors that consumers could link with at the event. LACDMH SB 82 Team, Service Area Advisory Committee 6, Older Adult System of Care, and Los Angeles City provided resource tables.

LACDMH services, free health screenings, eye exams, veterans’ services, Identification card assistance and free haircuts were available. Participants from Special Services for Groups and (HOP-ICS) Homeless Outreach Programs Integration Care Service, (HOP-ICS) Trauma team provided interactive painting, and DJ Tony Rushing provided music. Kids from the community enjoyed face painting and free clothes donated by LACDMH West Central Community Family Center. Soul Survivor sang old school music during the all-day activities. Our LAPD Community Relations Officers, who address our homeless community with outreach assistance, attended the event. It was the best ever.



*From left to right: DMH SB-82 Team Rosa Alvarez, Sherry Yam, Joana Rios, and Randall Mullins*

<b>Provider/Service</b>	<b>Total</b>
Homeless Residents (signed in)	357
ADDAP	17
Work Source	100
DMH	193
A New Way of Life	66
LAUSD	79
Social Security	18
LA County Department of Community and Senior Services	68
Child Support	52
Weber Community Center	21
Great Beginnings for Black Babies	50
MJB	51
CES Assessment (SPDATs) completed	71
Received Shelter	5
California IDs	39
Eye glasses	48
Charles Drew	16
Clothing	85