



Skid Row Action Plan Newsletter

Los Angeles County Department of Health Services Update



What's Happening with the Skid Row Action Plan?

Caption: Community Members gather and walk through a banner to mark the Grand Opening of the Skid Row Care Campus Banner.

The Skid Row Action Plan is a community planning initiative to improve the health and safety of the Skid Row community. The plan seeks to respond to decades of harm and institutional racism. The Action Plan is the result of a robust community planning process and builds on the community infrastructure, rich history of community organizing, creativity and strengths that have existed in Skid Row for years. The Action Plan reflects the aspirations and vision of community members, community organizations and government partners.

This fall we celebrated the accomplishments of the SRAP Permanent Housing Resident Council as the first cohort of members finished their term. The SRAP Safe Services Resident Council is hard at work on a community survey. We also welcomed the first SRAP Harm Reduction Resident Council.

The Skid Row Care Campus expanded hours to nights and weekends and had its grand opening celebration in August. The Care Campus also launched an important recommendation from the implementation report with the implementation of arts, wellness and spirituality programming on the campus. Economic opportunity days continue on Thursdays at the Care Campus with Chrysalis and Hub Cities joining for co-location with the Job Connector program.

SRAP Community Meetings will be held quarterly going forward. The next community meeting is planned for January. Housing for Health will also be launching SRAP office hours monthly at the Skid Row Care Campus. To learn more about the Skid Row Action Plan go to: <https://dhs.lacounty.gov/housing-for-health/our-services/housing-for-health/special-initiatives/> or scan the QR code.





Permanent Housing Resident Council

The Permanent Housing Resident Council recently met to celebrate the the conclusion of their board's one-year term. The board was formed under the Skid Row Action Plan to bring the voices of Skid Row residents into housing policy decisions. The members of the board were selected through a rigorous community-driven process. The process ensured that the resident council reflected the trust, commitment and lived knowledge of our community. The celebration included food, speeches and a chance to connect and acknowledge the work of the council. Council member Suzzette Shaw stated "Having a seat on the council, allows my community to have a voice and help shape the initiatives that benefit everyone in LA County."

Interim Housing

Skid Row Air Traffic Control continues to support the community with interim housing placements from its location at the Skid Row Care Campus, located at 442 Crocker St (Crocker between 4th and 5th). Skid Row Air Traffic Control is a partnership between the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services' Housing for Health, the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority. The goal of Skid Row Air Traffic Control is to reduce the time from referral to interim housing placement and the team schedules same-day intakes whenever possible.

To make a referral, outreach teams and community partners can stop by the Skid Row Care Campus Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8am and 4:30pm, to submit a copy of the application and to have a triage conversation with staff to identify an appropriate placement. Completed applications can also be emailed to sracihapps@dhs.lacounty.gov. If you have any questions about Skid Row Air Traffic Control or require a copy of the application, please reach out via the contact info above.

Harm Reduction

The Maple Health Hub is now open daily from 8:00am until 3:00pm. Homeless Health Care Los Angeles operates the drop-in center which provides small snacks, coffee and movies. JWCH is in the process of developing a community respite program. Currently 10 beds are available for short term respite on the first come first serve basis. The Maple Health Hub will start renovations in early 2026. The Maple Health Hub is located 640 Maple Street-Just look for the yellow gate!

Through Care First, Community Investment (CFCI) and AB109 Funding awards, The Drop-In Center located in the Skid Row Care Campus Health Hub on Crocker Street will begin offering extended hours around the beginning of the year. The Harm Reduction Resident Council recently started!

Naloxone is available 24 hours at the following locations

Brothers Market 501 5th St.

AK Market 900 E. 7th St.

AK Market 801 E.7th St.

Green Apple market 605 South San Pedro St.

S5th Street Smoke Shop 259 east 5th St.

Cloud Smoke shop 560 South Los Angeles St.

Economic Opportunities

The Los Angeles County Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), City of Los Angeles, and community partners launched weekly Economic Opportunity (EO) Days onsite at the Skid Row Care Campus on June 26 to expand direct access to hiring and training services that support positive job and career outcomes for the Skid Row community.

Every Thursday from 9am-3pm, members of the Skid Row community can come to the Care Campus to meet individually with a career navigator and learn about hiring and training programs, discuss their employment interests and goals, and receive services such as intake and assessment, resume creation, mock interviews, and enrollment into available programs

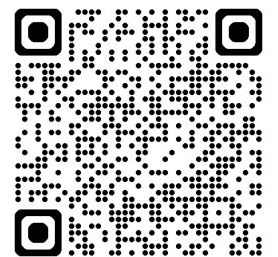
During the summer, DEO's High-Road Training Partnership grantee recipients GRID Alternatives and Pilipino Worker Center came to the Care Campus to recruit for their training programs in green construction and healthcare careers, with more partners to join soon.

Thus far, more than 160 people at the Care Campus have engaged in conversations about employment with DEO and its partners. Seven of those 160 enrolled into the Pandemic Rapid Re-employment Response (PRRR) program, and two of them will be placed in transitional jobs starting in October. PRRR, which serves individuals who were most impacted by COVID-19, still has a few enrollment spots open.



How to Enroll in PRRR: Visit DEO's booth between 9am and 3pm on the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Thursday of each month or click [here](#) for the PRRR flyer or use the PRRR flyer QR code:

On the third Thursday of each month, our employment social enterprise partner, Chrysalis, visits the Care Campus. Chrysalis is starting enrollment now for the Reentry Employment, Navigation Engagement, Well-being (RENEW) program, which provides subsidized employment opportunities, supportive services, peer mentorship, and connection to permanent job opportunities to individuals who have been impacted by the justice system.



How to Enroll in RENEW: Visit DEO's booth between 9am and 3pm any Thursday, or click [here](#) for the RENEW flyer or use the RENEW flyer QR code:

Please share these opportunities within your Skid Row community networks and refer interested participants. Jobseekers can also complete DEO's participant interest form to share their employment related interests and needs: Click [here](#) or use the interest form QR code:



Pandemic Relief Rapid Re-Employment Program (PRRR)

Residents from the Skid Row area can access job training, transitional work, supportive services, and hiring services.

GET STARTED

Visit us in person on the first, second, and fourth Thursday of each month from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Skid Row Care Campus
442 S. Crocker Street
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Submit an Interest Form:

bit.ly/SRAP-PRRRForm



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KEY FOCUS

- Focus on stable long term-employment
- Transition into a safe and healthy community

AVAILABLE SERVICES

- Weekly, onsite support at the Skid Row Care Campus
- 180 hours in a paid transitional job at **\$17.87** wage
- Career planning and job readiness workshops
- Interview preparation and coaching
- Assistance with work attire and transportation
- Access to job fairs and employer connections
- Support with obtaining necessary work documentation

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Age 18 or older
- Legally authorized to work in the U.S.
- If male, must be registered with U.S. Selective Service
- Unemployed or underemployed due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Currently or formerly from the Skid Row area

Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) and the Los Angeles County America's Job Centers of California are equal opportunity employers and programs. Auxiliary Aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. TTY: (909) 865-2835



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Re-entry Employment Navigation Engagement Well-being

RENEW

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Los Angeles, CA 90013

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AJCCOps@opportunity.lacounty.gov

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

RENEW provides hiring and training services to justice-impacted individuals through LA County Department of Economic Opportunity's social enterprise partners. The program supports individuals in the Skid Row area achieve employment aligned with their interests, skills and experiences, and goals.

AVAILABLE SERVICES

- Up to 300 hours of paid work experience
- Stipends and supportive services
- Job training
- Job search and hiring support

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Age 18 or older
- Legally authorized to work in the U.S.
- Unemployed or working under 20 hours/week
- Currently or formerly from the Skid Row area
- Current or prior criminal conviction



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Skid Row Care Campus



SRCC Grand Opening guests in line and ready to enjoy the BBQ that was served for the celebration.

The Skid Row Care Campus Grand Opening!

The grand opening of the Skid Row Care Campus in downtown Los Angeles brought together a vibrant mix of community partners for a truly uplifting celebration. The air was filled with excitement and hope as local leaders, organizations, and residents of Skid Row gathered to mark this milestone. The atmosphere was unified, as guests explored the welcoming, park-like grounds and engaged in the community celebration and service fair.

The new campus, which began offering services in April 2025, stood as a testament to what's possible when a community comes together to address real needs. With features such as a Safe Services space, a Health Hub, and a licensed residential care facility for the elderly, the campus provided a safe and supportive environment for individuals experiencing homelessness. The event was impactful to a community that has long been overlooked. "This was the hope of creating something that was community-led and community-driven," said Dr. Christina Ghaly, director of Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. "This campus came out of that community process. And I must say, you all did a fantastic job. It's so exciting, and it's more than we could imagine to have a chance for all of our unhoused and housed neighbors to have a place to come that is beautiful, warm and welcoming and exactly what you need and deserve.



The SRCC Grand Opening included local artists and entertainers, here, the Skid Row Drummers are providing their signature beats for guests.



Master of Ceremonies, Charles Porter, giving opening remarks to the SRCC Grand Opening guests.

Partnership with the Skid Row Arts Alliance

This past quarter, the Skid Row Action Plan launched our partnership with the Skid Row Arts Alliance with the support of UniHealth grant funding. The LA Poverty Department, Piece by Piece, and Urban Voices programs lift up and celebrate the creativity and talent already deeply rooted in the Skid Row community, building upon our shared commitment to holistic, community-driven solutions.

Workshops and classes are already in motion at the Skid Row Care Campus, providing a space for residents to express themselves, connect with one another, and strengthen their sense of community. Participation is growing, and the programs are helping to highlight the resilience, talent, and voices of people who call Skid Row home.

These efforts show real progress towards the Skid Row Action Plan's long-term goals: fostering wellness, building community connections, and supporting stability alongside housing and health services. By embedding arts programming alongside housing, health, and supportive services, we are all working together to create a more comprehensive model that values creativity as a pathway to resilience and recovery for both individuals and the community as a whole.

In Their Own Words

After experiencing the crushing weight of houselessness in Skid Row, I can look back and see that my darkest days were also the foundation for one of my biggest accomplishments. Living in & out of shelters felt like a hopeless cycle of survival, but it was the deep, authentic connection with the community organizations like LA CAN that ultimately helped to pull me out. Skid Row is often viewed as a place of despair, but it's actually a hub of unbelievable human resilience, full of people, both residents and staff at incredible organizations, who are genuinely amazing. Community, hope, and hard work, this helped me rebuild my self-worth and my life, one step at a time, proving that even in the most highly concentrated place for houselessness, people lift each other up with inspiring grace and unwavering care. Now, as a vegan chef, my passion has become my purpose. I don't just cook for myself, I regularly prepare nourishing, plant-based meals for my community and cater for local organizations' events. Beyond the kitchen, I'm a dedicated member and Secretary of the Safe Services Resident Council, committed to ensuring our community's voices are heard.

I wrapped myself in darkness, trying to disappear,
The judgment of the city ringing in my ear...
The headlines paint us villains, lost to drugs and strife,
They never see the quiet battle for one's life...
The news reports all gloom, all crime, all fear,
They never spoke of what was truly hidden here...
The women in the mission, their hands a gentle force,
Who steered my fragile existence on a different course...
This Skid Row spirit, battered, bruised, but never done,
A fierce democracy where every life has already won...
No saints, no sinners, just people fighting hard to live,
The honest, fragile kindness that the broken have to give.
The community's true shelter is the bond they keep,
The silent vow to wake the others while they sleep...
So, when you see us please recognize our glow,
We are the people of an amazing community - SKID ROW...

Shameka Foster (Pictured to the right)



Encampment Resolution Fund Skid Row Outcomes

The State of California provided Los Angeles County with a \$60 million Encampment Resolution Fund to reduce unsheltered homelessness in Skid Row. The County used SRAP to design an encampment resolution project that leveraged community assets, existing outreach teams, interim housing and permanent housing to reduce unsheltered homelessness. The grant is a three-year grant that started July 1, 2023. In just shy of two and a half years of the Encampment Resolution Fund grant:

13,161 people experiencing unsheltered homelessness received a service from an outreach team, access center or health clinic in Skid Row

4,170 people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in Skid Row were able to move into an interim housing program

2,056 people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in Skid Row were able to move into permanent housing



Scan here to see ERF Skid Row outcomes.

Round 2 of ERF outcomes reflect the following date range (7/1/2023 - 09/30/2025)

Community Suggestion Survey

The Skid Row Newsletter would like to hear from you! Please scan the QR Code below and take the survey to inform us on what you would like to see more of in this newsletter.



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