



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

FROM THE OFFICE OF
ASSEMBLY MEMBER

Isaac G. Bryan

IN THE CAPITOL BRYAN'S BILLS

We introduced 3 new bills for our legislative package so far:

[AB 544](#) Free the Vote for All Californians

[AB 1810](#) Menstrual Equity

[ACA 16](#) The Green Amendment

Follow our team on social media for update on more bill introductions at [@isaacgbryan](#).

IN THE DISTRICT WHAT WE DID

- ✓ Remembered MLK Jr. and celebrated with the [community on Crenshaw Blvd.](#)
- ✓ Visited [Audubon Middle School](#) with Sup. Carvalho
- ✓ Honored as the LA Sentinel's [Legislator of the Year](#)

Upcoming Events

February is Black History Month

- 2/3 Black History Month Celebration @ Westfield Culver City ([learn more](#))
- 2/10 #SelfLovesAlwaysInStyle Youth Symposium ([register](#))
- Free Income Tax Filing @ Baldwin Hills Library ([register](#))
- Culver City e-waste & Paper Shredding Event ([learn more](#))
- 2/15 EDD Debit Card benefits transition to new Money Network prepaid debits ([learn more](#))
- 2/16 Genealogy Garage: California Reparations @ Central Library Online ([learn more](#))
- LA Parks Black History Month Celebration @ Ladera Park ([learn more](#))
- 2/21 BenefitsCal Webinar w/DPSS ([register](#))
- 2/27 Culver City Mental Health Wellness Fair (see flyer below)
- 2/29 Leap Day
- Deadline to complete LACDA's Community Survey ([survey](#))

Important Notices



Changes to Your EDD Debit Card

Beginning February 15th, anyone receiving EDD benefits by debit card will start receiving payments to their new **Money Network prepaid debit card. Look for updates starting February 4 at edd.ca.gov/DebitCard.**



IMPORTANT!

Did your food benefits get electronically stolen between

10/1/2022 and 11/30/2023?

If yes, you may be eligible for CalFresh benefit replacements. Find out if you qualify by calling us as soon as possible, but no later than February 29, 2024.

1-866-613-3777

dpss.lacounty.gov



RENT STABILIZATION PROGRAM

Beginning January 1, 2024, rent increases are limited to 4% for rent stabilized units and mobilehome spaces in unincorporated LA County.

Call DCBA at 800-593-8222 or visit the [Rent Stabilization Program](#) to learn more.



APPLYING FOR MEDI-CAL?

Effective **January 1, 2024**, asset rules have changed.



Bank accounts, cash, vehicles, and homes, **are no longer counted** for eligibility.

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Use our free calculator



No one wants to miss out on credits they could claim!

You could get cash back from the #CalEITC. If you don't normally file taxes because you don't think you earn enough, you might be missing opportunities to save. Use our free calculator to find out what you could get back at caleitc4me.org/eitc-calculator/

In the District



Earthquake Brace and Bolt provides up to \$3,000 toward a seismic retrofit for qualifying homes and is now available in 815 California ZIP Codes including two ZIP codes in Culver City. [Click here to see if your house is in an eligible ZIP Code](#)



The LA County Chief Sustainability Office (CSO) wants to hear from the public about what types of trees should be planted in their neighborhoods as climate impacts worsen. They also seek input on how to address inequities in the existing tree canopy across the region. Residents are encouraged to attend one of [25 workshops](#) this month or to take the [community survey](#).



[Click here](#) to complete LACDA's Community Survey online or download a copy and mail it in by Wednesday, February 31, 2024. Don't miss your opportunity to let us know how you would better your neighborhood.



City of Los Angeles Older Adult (55+) Employment Survey

The City of Los Angeles is in the process of creating a plan and programs to support the hiring, retention, and advancement of older workers (aged 55+) across the City/County. If you are an older adult (55+), please take the "Older Adult Employment Survey" to ensure the strategy is grounded in the experiences, needs and desires of older workers.

[TAKE THE SURVEY HERE](#)

In the District Cont'd



Mark your calendars and be part of a transformative moment as Culver City introduces the new Mobile Crisis Team on **Tuesday, February 27th**. This team is dedicated to providing safe, compassionate, and effective response to individuals experiencing a mental health crisis.

In addition to the exciting launch, partnering mental and behavioral health providers will be present with informative booths, offering resources and insights to enhance our community's mental health and well-being. Activities will include yoga, mindfulness, meditation, and art.

WHEN: 11-3 p.m. Tuesday, February 27th, 2024

WHERE: City Hall Courtyard, 9770 Culver Boulevard, Culver City

Let's come together to celebrate a community that values mental health and provides support when it's needed most. Your presence at this event is a step towards building a healthier, happier Culver City.

Stay tuned for more details!

Resources



8TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S FIRE PREP ACADEMY

Sunday, February 11, 2024 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Open to anyone 18 years of age or older, this academy is conducted by professional County of Los Angeles Fire Department firefighters. Following a one-day assessment, which includes stamina and endurance testing, 50 to 70 participants will be selected to continue for the next five consecutive Sundays of training, with completion on March 17, 2024. RSVP by February 8th. For more information, please call (310) 419-2115.

**DO YOU HAVE A PASSION FOR HELPING OTHERS?
WANT TO GET PAID AT THE SAME TIME?**

**FREE
3-SESSION
SKILLS
TRAINING**



**SIGN UP
NOW**

**DISCOVER A WORLD OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES...
LEARN COMMUNITY CARE NAVIGATOR SKILLS...
WALK ALONGSIDE THOSE IN NEED!**

**ALL AGES WELCOME
NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED
NO COST TO YOU!**



**Registration
Dates/Times
Links/Locations**

TOPICS COVERED:

- ✓ What is a Care Navigator?
- ✓ Job Prospects
- ✓ Foundational Skills
- ✓ Holistic Person-Centered Care
- ✓ Advance Care Planning
- ✓ Mental Health and Preventing Burnout



www.care-alliance.org



(628) 777-2480

Resources

EMPLOYMENT



STEP INTO TECH:

A Pathway Forward

PAID OPPORTUNITY



Program Registration

INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN TECH?

Register for UNITE-LA's Step into Tech: A Pathway Forward program.

Register at bit.ly/SITSpring2024



SPRING PROGRAM DATES AND TIMES:

Launching March 2024
Tuesdays and Thursdays
10 a.m. to noon

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

- Justice-involved/impacted individuals
- Ages 18-35

PROGRAM BENEFITS:

-  **NEW:** Discover Three Different Tech Fields through Hands-On Training
-  **NEW:** An Opportunity to Earn a Lifetime Certification in Tech
-  Explore Careers in Tech
-  Engage with Mentors
-  Network with Professionals
-  Get Workforce Ready and Job-Skills Trained

LEARN MORE AT AN UPCOMING INFO SESSION:

Feb. 20 at 10 a.m.

bit.ly/SITInfo220



March 5 at 10 a.m.

bit.ly/SITInfo305



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Resources

EMPLOYMENT



Are you ready to start your culinary career?

In 8 weeks, your life can change!

Don't miss this opportunity to study with top chefs at **no cost to participants!**

HTA's Line Cook Apprenticeship Program

- This 8-week program is **free** to participants and includes both classroom instruction and hands-on work in a fully equipped kitchen.
- Receive your food handler's certification and HTA Industry Recognized Certificate.
- Job placement opportunities are available to all who successfully complete training.
- Most Apprentices start working in high paying union jobs with benefits shortly after training.

Join us for an upcoming info session, in-person at the HTA Kitchen:

January 3rd at 10am • January 11th at 10am • January 19th at 3:30pm • January 25th at 3:30pm
(You must attend an Info Session to be considered for enrollment.)

Next class runs from February 22 - April 16, 2023 from 3pm to 9pm

For more information, please text or call (310) 346-2505 or email training@lahta.org with "Cook" in the subject line.

Must be fluent in English

Must read at 10th grade level

Must be 18 years of age or older.

Selective Service registration required for males born after 1/1/1960 and living in U.S.

Must have valid state ID and social security card

The Hospitality Training Academy's QUEST National Dislocated Worker Grant (NDWG) is supported by the U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration (DOL ETA). A total of \$3,900,000 or 96 percent of project will be financed with federal funds, and \$150,000 or 4 percent will be funded by other sources. The Hospitality Training Academy's Comprehensive and Accessible Reemployment through Equitable Employment Recovery (CAREER) National Dislocated Worker Grant is supported by the U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration (DOL ETA). A total of \$3,000,000 or 95 percent of project will be financed with federal funds, and \$150,000 or 5 percent will be funded by other sources.

www.LAHTA.org

"Printed In-House"



Hospitality
TRAINING ACADEMY

All classes and Info Sessions take place at HTA's Training Kitchen
1234 S. Western Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90006



ARRESTED?

IN NEED OF
HOUSING?
EMPLOYMENT?
SUBSTANCE USE HELP?

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
JUSTICE CARE AND OPPORTUNITIES
DEPARTMENT

833-LAC-JCOD

JusticeConnect.org



GOOD NEWS
for CalWORKs Families

If you owe back rent and/or utilities, the DPSS **Emergency Assistance to Prevent Eviction (EAPE) Program** may be able to help.

First-time EAPE applicants may receive up to \$5,000 to pay back rent and/or utilities.

To submit an application, access the form by visiting <https://bit.ly/34EvYJt> and contact the Customer Service Center for further assistance <https://dpss.lacounty.gov/en/customer-service.html>.

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EMERGENCY RENT ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR CALWORKS FAMILIES

CalWORKs customers, who are behind on rent, may visit their [local DPSS office](#) to request Emergency Assistance to Prevent Eviction (EAPE). [Download the EAPE fact sheet](#) to learn more. Submit an [application](#) to your CalWORKs Eligibility Worker.



Join Our Exclusive BenefitsCal Webinar

Learn the RIGHT Way to Upload Documents to Avoid Common Mistakes

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Space is limited! Register TODAY at:

<https://forms.office.com/g/upifcc8TD6>

dpss.lacounty.gov



Citizenship & Immigration Resources

FREE AT THE LIBRARY

Check with library staff or visit
LACountyLibrary.org/citizenship



GET HELP WITH BECOMING A U.S. CITIZEN

All County library locations can assist with finding materials on citizenship and immigration. Learn more at [HERE](#).

BLACK MAMAS Glowing

Pregnancy Peer Support Group Experience



Photo Credit: Terrence Julien

Black Mamas Glowing© is a virtual peer support group experience formed to reduce isolation and build community for Black birthing families and the expanded Black perinatal workforce including birth workers. The focus is on maternal mental health with Black pregnant women and birthing people in Greater Los Angeles and surrounding counties.

TO REGISTER, EMAIL
ebranch@dreamnow.org
FOR MORE INFORMATION
ABOUT OUR SESSION
DATES SCAN THE QR CODE
BELOW.

4-PART SERIES

Every Tuesday

6:00-7:30 PM Pacific Time

Registration closes 24 hours
before the cohort begins.

Funded By:



Support Person includes: spouse, partner, mother, father, grandparent, siblings, other relatives, friend, midwife, doula, or social support companion.

MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A REGISTERED PARTICIPANT.



Community Alliances 2023-2025



MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH NOW
supporting the well-being of growing families





**GET HELP!
LEGAL CLINIC**

**FREE
Legal
Clinic**

Clinic Dates
2/6/24
4/2/24
7/9/24

FEBRUARY 6, 2024

ISSUES COVERED

**Divorce • Paternity • Custody • Visitation
Child Support • Spousal Support • Legal Separation
Guardianship • Private Adoption • Domestic Violence**

CALL: (323) 299-9496 ext. 154 to Register



Jenesse Center, Inc.
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAM



LA County Child Support Services: Presentation and Q&A at 10:15 AM



Go to: <https://bit.ly/3ulk4gw> (No Registration Required for CSSD Presentation)



BeWellLine

Free Mental Health Support

Are you or a loved one dealing with bullying, family conflict, body positivity, questioning your identity, suicidal thoughts, drug or alcohol use, financial stress, self-isolation, or anxiety and depression?

The BeWellLine is a **free and private** emotional-support line made just for you.

Hablamos español

¡Ofrecemos nuestros servicios en español también! El tiempo de respuesta típico es de aproximadamente un minuto.



SERVICES

- Emotional Support
- Crisis Assessment
- Goal Setting
- Coping Skills
- Resources
- Support Groups
- LGBTQ Support
- Substance Use Recovery Groups



BeWellLine
Calls 24/7
(866)711-8707

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@CallBeWellLine



@Be.Well.Line



Outreach@bewellline.com



www.BeWellLine.com





Learn the Signs
& What to Look for
Know to Say No

If you suspect a child is the victim of
trafficking call the LA County Child
Protection Hotline at 1-800-540-4000

KnowToSayNo.com



#SELF LOVE IS ALWAYS IN STYLE

YOUTH SYMPOSIUM

Join us for a day of self care featuring yoga, honey making, art therapy and discussions of healthy relations and being your authentic self.

ON:

10 FEB

LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY



TIME:

9:00 AM - 3:00PM

**Breakfast and lunch will be
provided. Raffles too!!!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

ANGELA PARKER AT APARKER@JENESSE.ORG

RSVP AT:

[HTTPS://WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM/E/SELFLOVEISALWAYSINS
TYLE-TICKETS-791673345287](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/selfloveisalwaysinsintyle-tickets-791673345287)

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