

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

FROM THE OFFICE OF ASSEMBLY MAJORITY LEADER

Isaac G. Bryan

IN THE CAPITOL BRYAN'S BILLS

Where are they now? AB 507 has already been signed into law by Governor Newsom.

Two bills (AB 819 and AB 954) are ready for their final vote on the Senate Floor.

Ten more bills are making their final stop in Senate Committee on Appropriations: AB 60, AB AB 274, AB 421, AB 424, AB 764, AB 825, AB 1248, AB 1324, AB 1400, and AB 1512.

Stay tuned for updates during this last month of this year's legislative session.

IN THE DISTRICT

WHAT WF DID

- √ Two Back-to-School Giveaways with

 <u>It's Bigger Than Us</u> and <u>A Child's Dream CA</u>
- ✓ Presented \$500,000 to the <u>Wende Museum</u> for a Creative Community Center and affordable housing
- ✓ Supported Workers Rights with <u>SEIU 721</u> and <u>SAG AFTRA</u>
- \checkmark Raised over \$50,000 for youth

Upcoming Events

- 9/2 2023 Cal Grant Deadline Apply Now, Decide Later! (more info)
- 9/3 **Labor Day**
- 9/4 Labor Day Observed *County/State Holiday*
- 9/9 Camping 101: Free Class & Lunch @ Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area (<u>register</u>) Free Japanese Tea Time & Screening of *Okko's Inn* (<u>register</u>, all ages)
- 9/10 22nd Annual Little Ethiopia New Year Festival (more info)
- 9/13 Crenshaw YMCA Youth & Government Program First Meeting (register)
- 9/15 Lawyers in the Library: Free Consultations @ LA Law Library (<u>register</u>)
- 9/23 28th Annual Central Avenue Jazz Festival (more info)
- 9/28 Property Transfers After Death and How to Plan Ahead: Live Webinar and Q&A (register)
- 9/30 Save the Date! Health Fair hosted by Majority Leader Isaac Bryan

Deadline to file 2022 taxes and claim the Young Child Tax Credit is Oct 16th!

Free Tax Prep LA can help you file for FREE! Call 888-445-1955 to schedule your appointment.

IMPORTANT NOTICES



Elimination of Cash Payments in the Field

Due to the economic hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, in March of 2020 California utilities including SoCalGas implemented a moratorium on disconnecting residential customers with unpaid bills. SoCalGas resumed collections activity for Non-Residential customers early this year, and resumed collections activity for Residential customers on August 4, 2023.

Collections are attempted by letter, email, phone, and in-person at customer's homes. To enhance the safety of SoCalGas employees who visit customers' homes for collection purposes, as of August 23,2023, SoCalGas field employees will no longer accept cash, checks, or money orders ("cash payments") for the payment of bills.

However, SoCalGas field employees can assist customers in paying their bill through a variety of options:

- My Account online payment portal
- Customer Contact Center customers can set up payment arrangements
- BillMatrix facilitates customer credit card and debit card payments

As always, customers can also pay in person at SoCalGas payment offices or authorized payment locations, or pay by phone, email, direct debit, debit/credit card, or home banking.

Additionally, SoCalGas continues to provide assistance options to avoid disconnections, including extended payment plans and debt forgiveness through the Arrearage Management Plan.

Working with customers to make bill payment easy is part of how SoCalGas innovates better than any other energy infrastructure company in North America.

In the District



Water Replenishment District Annual Student Art Contest

WRD invites teachers and students to participate in the <u>9th</u> Annual WRD Student Art Contest.

WRD will select 23 winners and publish their artwork in the 2024 Water Awareness Calendar. Each winner will also receive prizes and a certificate of recognition.

The contest is fully accessible online and upon request WRD offers water education lessons to coincide with participation.

See full Contest Rules here: www.wrd.org/StudentArtContest



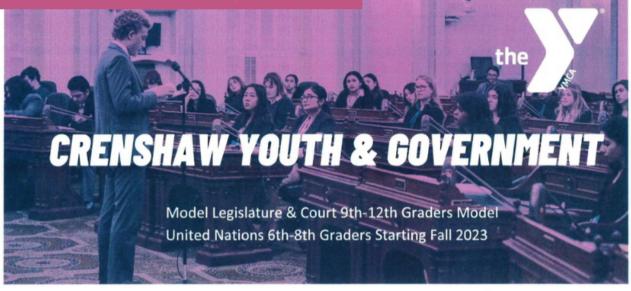
This is a FREE family-friendly event with free parking and free lunch provided!

To sign-up, please fill out the form at tinyurl.com/camp101signup to reserve your spot.

This class was made possible through the support of Accelerate Resilience L.A., a sponsored project of Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors.

In the District - Cont'd

Crenshaw Family YMCA



We're back this Fall!

Model Legislature & Court (MLC): MLC continues to be the state's premier youth leadership and civic engagement program. By modeling California's legislature and courts, participants build skills such as critical thinking, persuasive speech and writing, project management, and collaboration.







Advocate

Debate

Deliberate

What you will be doing:

- Meeting one time a week at the Crenshaw YMCA
- Get to go on 2 trips!
 (Sacramento is one them!!
- · Get your service hours in!
- Meet different YMCA's
- Be a part of something BIG!

First Meeting is SEPTEMBER 13th @ 7:30 PM

To register, scan the QR code



Crenshaw YMCA 3820 Santa Rosalia Dr LA CA 90008



@crenshaw ymca_teens

In the District - Cont'd

GoPass for K-12 and Community College Students



Students at participating
K-12 and Community
Colleges can enjoy the
freedom of going
anywhere, anytime for
FREE on Metro buses and
trains.

Check to see if your school has GoPass.



LAUSD BEYOND THE BELL PROGRAM IS HIRING

Do you like working with kids doing sports, fitness, dance, or providing academic support? The Los Angeles Unified School District's Beyond the Bell Middle School Unit is hiring. Send your resume to btbmsuwfd2021@gmail.com or scan the QR code to apply.

In the District - Cont'd

CALIFORNIA VOLUNTEERS NEED YOUR HELP!

Support Staff Needed for 9/11 Day of Service Meal Pack in Los Angeles, CA

9/11 Day of Service is coming to Los Angeles and you can be a part of the action! Join us as a staff member at 9/11.org's meal pack project and help them reach the goal of packing over 250,000 meals for LA County residents. As a Support Staff volunteer, you'll have the option of helping with the following:

- event set up
- · serving as a table leader
- running food and supplies
- logistics
- hospitality
- registration
- · and more!

9/11

Monday, September 11, 2023, from 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Register Now 0



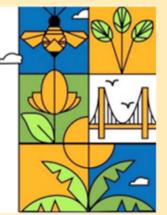
911day.org

California Climate Action Corps

2023-24 Fellowship

California Climate Action Corps Fellows earn up to \$43,000 in living stipends and money for school for successful completion of 1,700 hours of service between September 18, 2023 and August 15, 2024.





Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council's Community Advisory Committee

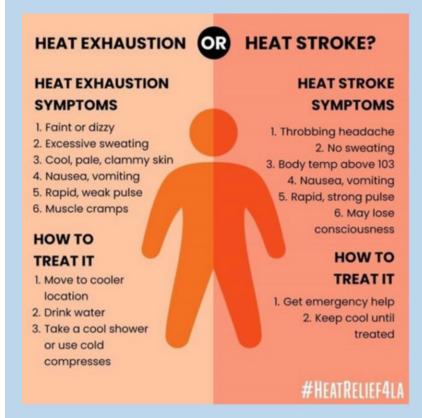
Youth Service Needs Assessment Survey



Survey Ends October 1, 2023

The Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council's Community Advisory Committee (JJCC-CAC) is seeking input from stakeholders connected to or impacted by the juvenile justice system about the unmet needs of justice- involved and at-risk (at-promise) youth in the County of Los Angeles. Click here to complete the survey by Oct. 1, 2023.

Excessive Heat Warning and Heat Advisory



Public Health reminds everyone to take precautions to avoid heat-related illness, especially older adults, young children, outdoor workers, athletes, and people with a chronic medical condition who are especially sensitive to negative health impacts from extreme heat

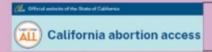
County and City partners have planned ways to safely operate cooling centers during times of high heat. Residents who do not have access to air conditioning are encouraged to take advantage of these free cooling centers. To find a location near you, visit https://ready.lacounty.gov/heat/ or call 211.



Abortion Services Information



Make sure your friends and families know: In California and here in LA County, abortion remains safe and legal. For more information about abortion as a public health issue, see http://publichealth.lacounty.gov.



Visit <u>abortion.ca.gov</u> - a statewide, safe space to learn about your rights and find services.



Visit <u>LA County Abortion Safe Haven Project</u> to find a Resource Guide in your language.

Resources

INTRODUCING THE NEW DPSS START PROGRAM

DPSS is pleased to introduce the new Skills and Training to Achieve Readiness for Tomorrow (START) Program, previously the General Relief Opportunities to Work (GROW) Program. START will empower General Relief (GR) participants with skills and training to navigate the workforce and gain financial independence. To learn more about the START Program, visit the DPSS webpage at (START) (lacounty.gov).



dpss.lacounty.gov



GET HELP WITH BECOMING A U.S. CITIZEN

The Los Angeles County Library has partnered with L.A. County Office of Immigrant Affairs to provide resources and guidance for those on the path to citizenship. All County Library locations can assist with locating material on citizenship and immigration. Learn more at Citizenship & Immigration.







blackinfanthealth.org

Call Today: 323-238-3206



EXPECTING OR PARENTING?

BLACK INFANT HEALTH FREE SERVICES

- PRENATAL SISTER CIRCLES
- **POSTPARTUM SISTER CIRCLES**
- LIFE PLANNING
- STRESS REDUCTION EDUCATION
- BABY SUPPORT MATERIALS
- RESOURCES AND REFERRALS

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- IDENTIFY AS AFRICAN AMERICAN
- 18 YEARS OR OLDER
- I 30 WEEKS OR LESS PREGNANT
- POSTPARTUM UP TO 6 MONTHS

SCAN AND SIGN UP TODAY!





LOCATIONS

SOUTH LOS ANGELES
1968 W. ADAMS BLVD SUITE 306
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90018
SOUTH BAY
11633 HAWTHORNE BLVD. SUITE 301
HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA 90250

SCAN AND FOLLOW US ON IG





Funded by the California Department of Public Health , Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

department of economic opportunity

Resources for Workers and Businesses Impacted by the Entertainment Strikes



Alongside writers and actors, the shutdown of television and film productions have adversely impacted many crew members and small, local businesses from florists to caterers to dry cleaners that work within the entertainment industry.

The Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) and the LA County Film Office hosted a webinar for workers and businesses impacted by the WGA and SAG-AFTRA strike featuring resources and technical assistance offered by various County departments and partners.

Webinar Video Webinar Presentation and Resource Guide

Stay Connected: @EconOppLA on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram or visit opportunity.lacounty.gov for the latest information.

DELETE THE DIVIDE: DIGITAL ASSISTANTS

Delete The Divide and LA County Library are now offering <u>FREE computer assistance</u> and digital training to community members and small businesses. Digital Assistants are ready to assist you inperson with tech support and accessing online resources, as well as providing:

- Onsite support for Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) enrollment
- Digital literacy training
- · Other basic computer assistance





LA County <u>Department of Public Health</u>
has launched a new website with
information on <u>Gun Violence</u>
<u>Restraining Orders (GVRO)</u>, who can

file for them, a list of legal aid organizations that can assist, and data about gun violence restraining order filings in LA County.

Approved by the State of California in 2016, a GVRO allows family members, household members, some employers, colleagues, teachers, and law enforcement – to take action to prevent a person, who poses a significant risk of harming themselves or others from having or purchasing a gun, ammunition, or magazine for a specified length of time, between 21 days and five years.

MORE INFO

AFFORDABLE HIGH-SPEED INTERNET FOR INCOME ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS

The Affordable Connectivity
Program (ACP) Program helps
income eligible households
afford the high-speed home
internet service they need for
work, school, healthcare, and
more. ACP provides up to a
\$30 per month discount on
home internet service. To learn
more and to apply, visit

Affordable Connectivity
Program, or call 866-425-2870.



GET HELP WITH ENERGY AND WATER BILLS THROUGH DWP PROGRAMS

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Need help paying your energy and water bills? There's up to \$15,000 tax free utility bill assistance available through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) per eligible households.

There is no impact to other benefits and public charge determinations. Learn how to apply today at <u>LADWP Financial</u>
<u>Assistance</u>.



To find your nearest Digital Assistant, visit: www.deletethedivide.org/digital-assistants/



HOMELESS ASSISTANCE WITH PROJECT HOMEKEY

Project Homekey provides permanent supportive housing where residents also benefit from long-term rental subsidies and a comprehensive set of services to help with chronic medical or behavioral health conditions, or disabilities. Homekey residents are pre-screened by homeless service providers and offered supportive services to get them back on their feet. Learn more at HOMEKEY - Homeless Initiative.



211 FOOD FINDER

An online mapping tool that allows you to easily find food resources from <u>211 LA's</u> <u>database</u>. You can also learn about the different types of food resources.



INTRODUCING 211 LA FOOD FINDER

There are many different types of food resources available in LA County, and finding what you need can be confusing and overwhelming. 211 LA is here to help navigate the different food supports and programs, and connect you quickly to food resources.

CALWORKS HOME VISITING PROGRAM OFFERS FREE SUPPORT TO PARENTS

CalWORKs parents who are pregnant or parenting a three-year old or younger child, can receive FREE home-based support to help keep their family healthy through various programs. Pregnant parents can also receive help through the Family Nurses Program. Learn more and sign up today by calling 800-427-8700 (Press 4, Option 2).





Scan to RSVP More dates available





CULINARY TRAINING

For U.S. Veterans

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Launch your career in culinary with this no skills needed hands-on program that offers the training and practice needed to build the foundation for a successful career. Join us for an informative session to learn how you can apply for this no-cost training!



Select Thursdays starting

- August 31st
- September 7th
- September 14th
 2:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. PDT



1816 S Figueroa Street Los Angeles, CA 90015 4th Floor - Veterans AJCC









Contact Us

213-742-9560



veterans@jvs-socal.org



The DEO is home to several programs that connect local workers to new opportunities including a **Construction High Road Training Partnership.**

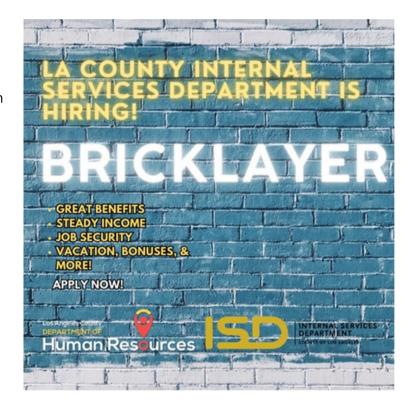
Thanks to the American Rescue Plan, they have partnered with the Apprenticeship Readiness Fund (ARF), who offers registered pre-apprenticeship training - the Multi-Craft Core Curriculum (MC3) - that leads to a diversity of high road career pathways with the Los Angeles/Orange County Building and Construction Trades.

Participants not only receive best-in-class skills development and on-the-job training, they also access weekly training stipends, case management, supportive services, and mentorship to ensure their success. <u>Visit here</u> to learn more or email <u>info@laocmc3.org</u> to sign up today!



L.A. COUNTY ISD IS HIRING BRICKLAYERS

The Los Angeles County Internal Services
Department is hiring Bricklayers. This position requires applicants to know the procedures, techniques, and equipment for journey-level bricklaying work. Learn more and apply online at Career Pages
(governmentjobs.com).





Get Fast, Reliable Home Internet with ACP

The federally funded Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) offers up to \$30 a month off High-Speed Home Internet for qualifying households. Now everyone can get online at the same time for less. Those with Lifeline mobile benefits can also get ACP.

HOW TO APPLY

Check if You Qualify for the Affordable Connectivity
Program

See if your household fits into any eligible categories.

- Apply for the Affordable Connectivity Program

 Choose how you want to apply and submit all necessary documents. Call 866-425-2870 or apply online at internetforallnow.org/applytoday.
- Find a Broadband Provider Near You

 Use the search tool everyoneon.org/lacounty to find a company that offers ACP discounts. Prices for Internet service varies from \$10-\$30 a month which means after the discount is applied, Home Internet may be free.

internetforallnow.org/applytoday

Call 866-425-2870 to apply today!



To Be Eligible

someone in your household must be enrolled in at least ONE (1) of the following:

Lifeline

Free or Reduced School Lunch Program, CEP Schools

CalFresh or SNAP

Medi-Cal or Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Pell Grant

WIC (Women, Infants & Children)

Federal Public Housing Assistance

Or has a Household Income of \$53,000 or less for a family of 4 (add \$9,000 per additional family member)

Note: The Internet Service Provider cannot require a waiting period or charge market rate before applying the ACP discount.



Ask about Low-Cost New or Refurbished Devices





CLAIM YOUR YOUNG CHILD TAX CREDIT

CalWORKs parents! Did you know you can claim the Young Child Tax Credit of \$1,083 if you have a child under age six, even if you had \$0 earnings in 2022 and didn't file taxes in 2023. Free Tax Prep LA can help you file your claim for FREE! Call 888-445-1955 to schedule your appointment.



METROLINK'S MOBILITY-4-ALL LOW-INCOME FARE PROGRAM

Metrolink's new Low-Income Fare Program Mobility-4-All is now available, offering Metrolink tickets for a 50 percent off discount in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura Counties. Tickets are only available for purchase from Metrolink ticket machines. Learn more at Mobility-4-All (metrolinktrains.com).



Brand new name. Even more access.

Our Low-Income Fare discount is now Metrolink's new Mobility-4-All program.

dpss.lacounty.gov

Mobililty-4-All offers a 50% discount on ANY Metrolink ticket or pass for riders with a valid California Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card.

- Tickets are only available for purchase from Metrolink ticket machines.
- Metrolink tickets allow for free transfers on participating transit agency services in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura counties.
- Funds will not be deducted from the EBT card. The EBT card only validates that
 you qualify for the discount and an alternative form of payment is needed to
 complete a ticket purchase.
- Metrolink's Mobility-4-All program is available now.
- · This pilot program is set to expire once funds are exhausted.

more here





Help Me Grow LA is Hiring Family Partners!

FAMILY PARTNER ROLE

- Support and partner with parents as they navigate systems and services for children with special needs
- Provide information, referral, technical assistance, and training for parents of children with special health needs
- Recruit parent leaders for the Parent-to-Parent program and promote the development of emerging parent advocates and leaders

APPLY NOW--CLICK HERE! bit.ly/lafamilypartner

Part-time position (20 hours/week)

Flexible shifts

✓ Salary: \$23.93/hr

Benefits: Sick time accrual

Location TBD in a Service Planning Area

JOB REQUIREMENTS

- Lived experience parenting a child with special needs, disabilities, or chronic illness
- Two years of experience as a parent representative, parent advocate or parent leader in a human or health service program serving children or families.
- Excellent interpersonal, written and verbal communication skills
- Empathy for families from diverse race/ethnic backgrounds and experiences
- Ability to establish trust with partners across different sectors serving families
- Valid Class C California Driver's License or the ability to utilize an alternative method of transportation

IT'S ALSO HELPFUL IF YOU HAVE:

- Experience with early identification and intervention
- Skills in networking with hard to reach communities including Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) in LA County (LAC)
- Experience with data entry, data collection, and/or record keeping using software
- Fluency in English and another language (e.g., Arabic, Armenian, Cambodian, Cantonese/Mandarin, Farsi, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese)



It is the policy of the County of Los Angeles to provide equal employment opportunity for all qualified persons, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, sexual orientation or disability.

Help Me Grow LA is a collaboration between:

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APPLY TO BE A BUS DRIVER WITH LAUSD

The Los Angeles Unified School
District is hiring Bus Drivers for
the new school season. Visit
School District | LAUSD for
more information and to apply!



Property Owner e-Notification Alert Program

Are you a property owner in Los Angeles
County? Sign up for the Los Angeles eNotification Alert Program, a modernization of
the County's existing "Enhanced Homeowner
Notification Program." The notifications will
alert you whenever a foreclosure, transfer of
title, or mortgage is recorded on your property.
Notifications are available in English and
Spanish. Learn more here.





The County of Los Angeles is accepting applications for the **Delete The Divide**Internship Program, an initiative to advance digital equity in underserved communities through partnerships, infrastructure investments, and technology resources that empower residents and small businesses. Click here to view the electronic brochure with more information about the program and application process.



OJJDP invites young people with lived juvenile justice experience to become peer reviewers! Are you interested in helping to improve the juvenile justice system? Become an OJJDP grant peer reviewer! Peer reviewers will evaluate competitive grant applications, supporting OJJDP's efforts to make fair, equitable, and objective funding decisions. By participating, you can gain transferable skills to add to your professional resume, receive reimbursement for your work, and make meaningful connections with other juvenile justice experts. Click here to learn more.