

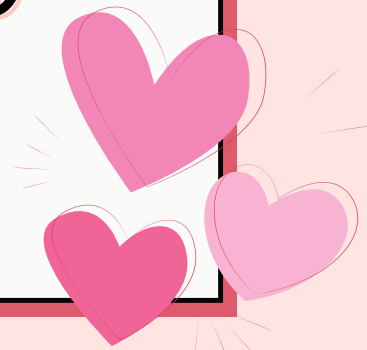
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Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month



Dating violence is more common than you may think, especially among teens and young adults: 1 in 3 U.S. teens will experience physical, sexual, or emotional abuse from someone they're in a relationship with before becoming adults. And nearly half (43%) of U.S. college women report experiencing violent or abusive dating behaviors. Each February, young adults and their loved ones nationwide raise awareness about teen dating violence through Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month (TDVAM). This annual, month-long effort focuses on advocacy and education to stop dating abuse before it starts.

The 2025 theme for TDVAM is **"Respect That."** Selected by the love is respect Youth Council, **"Respect That,"** is a powerful concept that can transform relationships. Respecting someone isn't just a vague idea; it's action and a mindset. The theme "Respect That" highlights the importance of treating partners with dignity, listening to their viewpoints, respecting their boundaries, and valuing their autonomy by focusing on "respect."

For more information: loveisrespect.org

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Dating Violence Prevention



Healthy relationships consist of trust, honesty, respect, equality, and compromise. Unfortunately, teen dating violence – the type of intimate partner violence that occurs between two young people who are, or who were once in, an intimate relationship – is a serious problem in the United States. A national survey found that ten percent of teens, female and male, had been the victims of physical dating violence within the past year and approximately 29 percent of adolescents reported being verbally or psychologically abused within the previous year.

- Teen dating violence can be any one, or a combination, of the following:
- Physical. This includes pinching, hitting, shoving, or kicking.
- Emotional. This involves threatening a partner or harming his or her sense of self-worth. Examples include name calling, controlling/jealous behaviors, consistent monitoring, shaming, bullying (online, texting, and in person), intentionally embarrassing him/her, keeping him/her away from friends and family.
- Sexual. This is defined as forcing a partner to engage in a sex act when he or she does not or cannot consent.

It can negatively influence the development of healthy sexuality, intimacy, and identity as youth grow into adulthood and can increase the risk of physical injury, poor academic performance, binge drinking, suicide attempts, unhealthy sexual behaviors, substance abuse, negative body image and self-esteem, and violence in future relationships.

Teen dating violence can be prevented, especially when there is a focus on reducing risk factors as well as fostering protective factors, and when teens are empowered through family, friends, and others (including role models such as teachers, coaches, mentors, and youth group leaders) to lead healthy lives and establish healthy relationships. It is important to create spaces, such as school communities, where the behavioral norms are not tolerant of abuse in dating relationships. The message must be clear that treating people in abusive ways will not be accepted, and policies must enforce this message to keep students safe.

References

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For more information: <https://youth.gov/youth-topics/teen-dating-violence>



Parent Ambassador Leaders (PALS) Program Spring 2025 Applications

Paid Parent Leadership Opportunity!

Parents and guardians of LA County K-12 students are invited to become a Parent Ambassador Leader (PAL)!

PALs will...

- **LEARN** how to support student health and success at school
- **SHARE** resources, present information learned, plan and coordinate activities that support PALS core topics.
- **GET PAID** for the work they do at schools with a \$500 gift card!



Program Requirements

- School support and approval from the school administrator
- 20-hour time commitment

Scan the QR Code!

- Scan the QR code or visit [TinyURL.com/DPHamb](https://tinyurl.com/DPHamb) for upcoming information sessions and program updates.



For additional information or assistance regarding the PALS program, please contact: TK12Ambassador@ph.lacounty.gov



**We can accept up to 5 parents per school site.*



Parents and guardians can help keep school communities across Los Angeles County thriving through participation in the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's Parent Ambassador Leaders (PALs) program.

PALs is a program where parents...

- LEARN about student health and school success online.
- SHARE resources with other parents and school staff at their child's local school.
- GET PAID for the work they do at schools with a \$500 gift card!

Program details are outlined in the Program Overview for Parents ([English](#)) ([Spanish](#)) and Program Overview for Administration ([English](#)) ([Spanish](#)).

This program is offered to English and Spanish speaking parents/guardians.

****A maximum of 5 parents can be accepted per school site per semester****

Application Deadline: March 02, 2025

For more information: [LACDPH: Parent & Student Ambassador Program](#)

Free Reading Tutoring!



READING STARS

Free 1-on-1 Reading Tutoring for Grades 1 - 6

January 28 - May 22

1 Hour Appointments | Tuesday - Thursday | 1 Day Per Week

Participating Libraries

A C Bilbrew	Hawthorne	Paramount
Anthony Quinn	Huntington Park	Pico Rivera
Baldwin Park	La Puente	Rosemead
Bell Gardens	Lake LA	Rowland Heights
Brakensiek	Lancaster	San Fernando
Carson	Lawndale	Sorensen
Chet Holifield	Lennox	Walnut
East Los Angeles	Los Nietos	West Covina
East Rancho Dominguez	Masao W. Satow	West Hollywood
Gardena	Norwalk	Woodcrest



Sign Up Today!

First come, first served
based on capacity.



LACountyLibrary.org/ReadingStars

 @LACountyLibrary

For ADA accommodations, call Monday - Thursday, 562.940.8462 (voice) or 562.940.8477 (TTY).



No-cost tutoring will be available at participating libraries! From January 28 through May 22, LA County libraries will offer free tutoring services with the Reading Stars program.

Open for children in Grades 1 through 6, Reading Stars pairs students with reading tutors for hour-long appointments in a fun and supportive environment. Sessions are held once every week, and all necessary materials are provided by the library. Sign up today!

Enrollment is necessary, and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Visit LACountyLibrary.org/ReadingStars to sign up, and for a list of library locations.



recovery.lacounty.gov

Disaster Recovery Centers

9:00 AM to 8:00 PM, Seven Days a Week

Altadena DRC

Opening Monday, Jan 27
540 West Woodbury Road
Altadena, CA 91001

UCLA Research Park West

10850 West Pico Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90064

Pasadena City College Community Education Center

Final Day: Friday, Jan 31
3035 E. Foothill Blvd.
Pasadena, CA 91107


LA County Recovers



Clean LA

Jobs Program



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Clean L.A. is an employment program for job-seeking Angelenos who would like to help dean and green Los Angeles as a pathway to a full-time career.



Work Full-Time & Earn \$18/hr + Benefits

Work Responsibilities

- Weed Abatement
- Removing loose litter
- Clearing bulky items from the public right-of-way

Job Qualifications

- Resident of the City of L.A.
- Ages 18+
- Right to work in the U.S.
- Proof of COVID-19 vaccination

YOUTH PROGRAM

Age 18-30



ADULT PROGRAM

Age 31+



Ready to Apply?

Visit our website: laocb.org/programs/green-jobs/



LA River Rangers



LA River Rangers is a Jobs Program for youth ages 18-26 who would like to help clean, beautify, and maintain public areas along the Los Angeles River.

In-person, full-time work responsibilities include, but are not limited to: weed abatement, and cleaning/removing loose litter and bulky items from the public right-of-way.

Apply Online: www.HireLAYouth.com



INTERESTED?
SCAN TO APPLY



Eligibility Requirements for LA River Rangers:

- *Be between the ages of 18-26*
- *Be a Resident of the City of Los Angeles*
- *Have a right to work in the U.S.*
- *Have proof of COVID-19 vaccination*

\$17.50 per hour + on the job skills training!



For more information please contact:
RiverRangers@lacity.org

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Youth Jobs Corps



**Los Angeles County
Office of Education**

Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program Executive Advisory Council (EAC)

2024-2025

Inviting All Education Partners

The Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program invites you to join the conversation to establish needed services, avoid redundancy and align efforts with Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) priorities for youth in care in Los Angeles County.



Seeking participation from:

- Current or Former Youth in Care
- Parents/Caregivers
- Juvenile/Dependency Judge(s)
- Los Angeles County Probation Department
- District/Charter Foster Youth Liaisons
- Post-secondary Education Partners
- County Children's Social Workers

Meeting Dates (Thursdays):

9-5-2024

11-14-2024

2-27-2025

5-15-2025

Meeting Time:

9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

For information contact:

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NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS
EMPOWER LA
Department of
NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT

YOUTH LEADERSHIP NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

YOUTH SEATS OPEN!

Are you 14 to 17 years of age?
Serve your community through the
Neighborhood Council system, network
with local leaders and elected officials,
sharpen your leadership skills, and get
involved in grassroots democracy!



GET INVOLVED
CONTACT US:

EmpowerLA.org | EngageLA@EmpowerLA.org

Available Youth Seats

CANOGA PARK | EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS CENTRAL | MISSION HILLS | NORTH
HOLLYWOOD | NORTH HOLLYWOOD WEST | NORTHRIDGE EAST | NORTHRIDGE SOUTH |
PANORAMA CITY | PORTER RANCH | RESEDA | SOUTH CENTRAL | STUDIO CITY | VAN NUYS |
VOICES | WEST ADAMS | WOODLAND HILLS-WARNER CENTER | ZAPATA-KING



Are you passionate about creating change in your community? Here's your chance to apply for the LA2050 Youth Ambassadors Program where you will learn about LA's social impact landscape and play a crucial role in LA2050 Grants Challenge outreach, while building skills in community engagement and philanthropy.

Learn more and submit an application now: <https://la2050.org/blog/2025-youth-ambassador-program>

CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

CITY PATHWAYS TO CHILDCARE INTERNSHIP

\$17.27 PER HOUR

The Department of Recreation and Parks offers a paid internship opportunity designed to provide professional hands-on experience that will equip you with essential skills to work effectively with children aged 2 to 5.

Program Requirements:

- 18-30 years old
- You reside in the city of Los Angeles
- Register online at www.hirelayouth.com
- Have valid work authorization
- Able to commit to 200 hours in a semester
- ECE or Child Development units required
- Proof of transcript must be provided

You Will:

- Apply developmentally appropriate practices
- Guest speaker training in ECE topics
- Master classroom management techniques
- Collaborate with families and other professionals

Program Benefits:

- Gain practical experience that qualifies you for a California Child Development Permit.
- Become eligible to apply for a part-time position upon successful completion of the program.

Prior registration required, [click here](#)

Contact Connie Lopez for more information
concepcion.lopez@lacity.org | (213) 913-5381



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Los Angeles County Community Prevention and Population Health Task Force



Accepting Applications - The Los Angeles County Community Prevention and Population Health Task Force: The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) is still accepting applications to serve on the Task Force. Due to the recent wildfires, the deadline to apply will be extended to Friday, February 14, 2025. If you are interested in serving on the Task Force for a three-year term from June 1, 2025 - May 31, 2028, please complete the application questions and attach your resume at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/L6C6X8Y>

Since its inception in the Spring of 2016, the Task Force has elevated opportunities to improve health equity by providing input on critical policy decisions, including public health protections for people living near neighborhood oil drilling sites, an equitable response to COVID-19, and addressing racial inequities through alternatives to incarceration. For more information about the Task Force, please go to www.TaskForce.ph.lacounty.gov.

If you have any questions, please email dphplanning@ph.lacounty.gov. Thank you for your interest in serving on the Community Prevention and Population Health Task Force!



Transformative Research to Address Health Disparities and Advance Health Equity Grant Opportunity

The Transformative Research to Address Health Disparities and Advance Health Equity initiative is soliciting applications to support unusually innovative intervention research addressing social determinants of health (SDOH) which, if successful, would have a major impact on preventing, reducing, or eliminating health disparities and advancing health equity.

For Additional Information and Application

Click [HERE](#)

Application Deadline: February 28th, 2025

Scholarships!

GUCCI
CHANGEMAKERS

Are you a current or incoming college student planning to major in design, marketing, art, film, communications, or another creative field? If so, consider applying for the Gucci Changemakers North America Scholarship! The scholarship is open to diverse students pursuing an undergraduate degree in a creative field in North America. The scholarship is offered by the leading Italian fashion brand Gucci in order to increase inclusion and diversity within the fashion industry as well as across communities and cities. Since March 2019, the fund has aimed to support and empower a new era of diverse artists looking to gain experiences across the fashion industry. Each year, recipients earn up to \$20,000 to help pay for tuition, educational expenses, as well as room and board costs. If you are passionate about a career in design, art, or other creative areas and are looking for some help with college expenses, we encourage you to apply!

Learn more and apply through the scholarship program's website [here](#)

For more top 700 February 2025
Scholarships: [Click Here](#)

