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Justice, Care and Opportunities Department to Host "Second Chance Month" Events Across Los Angeles County

April is nationally recognized as "Second Chance Month," which emphasizes the importance of providing resources for and supporting individuals during reentry.

LOS ANGELES – The Los Angeles County Justice, Care and Opportunities Department (JCOD), in collaboration with County and community partners, will host resource fairs, meet-and-greets and grand opening ceremonies in all five Supervisorial districts during the month of April in honor of Second Chance Month.

On March 19, 2024, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors proclaimed April 2024 as Second Chance Month. Second Chance Month spotlights the importance of reentry programs, restorative justice, and trauma-informed care to support justice-involved individuals. Throughout the month, various events will offer resources and opportunities for individuals, communities and agencies across the County aimed at reducing recidivism, supporting recovery, improving outcomes, and promoting healing.

The Second Chance Month events are an opportunity for justice-involved individuals and their families to learn about available and forthcoming resources from JCOD and community-based organizations in their area.

JCOD offers an array of reentry services, including employment assistance, housing, substance use counseling and much more.

The information for each event can be found below:

SD1 – Community Resource Fair

Provider: Homeboy Industries

Friday, April 5th – 10am-2pm

130 W. Bruno St., Los Angeles, CA 90012

SD2 – Community Resource Fair

Provider: Watts Labor Community Action Committee (WLCAC)

Friday, April 26th – 11am-3pm

10950 South Central Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90059

<u>SD3 – Opening/Meet-and-Greet of the Reentry Women's Housing (JCOD's</u> <u>POWR Program)</u>

Provider: Center for Living and Learning

Wednesday, April 17th – 10am-12pm

9712 Arleta Ave., Arleta, CA 91331

SD4 – Community Resource Fair

Partners: LA County Probation Department, City of Long Beach & Long Beach City College

Wednesday, April 10th – 11am-2pm

1305 E. Pacific Coast Hwy, Long Beach, CA 90806

SD5 – Grand Opening of the Wellness Center for Reentry Population

Provider: Paving the Way

Thursday, April 25th – 10am-12pm

1729 W. Ave J, Lancaster, CA 93534

About LA County Justice, Care and Opportunities Department

The goal of the Justice, Care and Opportunities Department is to address inequities in the justice system and enhance community safety by providing a continuum of care from prevention to reentry. JCOD granted 120 CBOs with \$55 million in Year-One CFCI Care Grants and 123 organizations with over \$120 million in Year-Two CFCI Care Grants. Applications are currently under review for \$175 million in Year-Three Care Grants. Also, the new Justice Connect Call Center is open 7 days a week from 6am-11pm at 1-833-LAC-JCOD to assist justice-involved individuals and their families.

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