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Board of Supervisors Appoint Olivia Celis Executive Director of LA County Office of Child, Youth, and Family Well-Being

Celis brings more than three decades of child and family welfare experience to the role, with a focus on prevention and family resilience

LOS ANGELES, CA – Today, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors announced the appointment of Olivia Celis, MSW, MUP, as the Executive Director of the LA County Office of Child, Youth, and Family Well-Being (formerly known as the Office of Child Protection). The appointment comes as the Office implements its [2026 Strategic Plan](#), which sets goals for improving well-being outcomes for children and families across the County.

In her role, Celis will lead a broad County partnership that works to find meaningful solutions to improve the lives of community children and families – aligning systems, advancing upstream prevention, and building cross-sector partnerships across government, community organizations, and families to drive measurable and positive results.

"The County of Los Angeles is proud to welcome Olivia Celis as Executive Director of the Office of Child, Youth, and Family Well-Being, as the office implements its goals for improving the well-being for children and families in need across our communities," said **Los Angeles County Board Chair and First District Supervisor Hilda L. Solis**. "Her decades of experience and commitment to serving some of our most vulnerable families will make a profound impact in strengthening the County's services, and ensuring that every family and every child can feel safe, protected, and empowered."

"Olivia Celis brings a deep commitment to advancing equity and ensuring our children, youth, and their families have the resources and opportunities they need to thrive. As Los Angeles County continues investing in prevention, upstream supports, and cross-sector collaboration, I look forward to partnering with Executive Director Celis in strengthening systems that center families and create pathways to stability, resilience, and opportunity, said **Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell, Second District**.

"Olivia Celis steps into this role at an important moment as we continue strengthening how Los Angeles County supports children and families. I look forward to working with her to advance

prevention, strengthen collaboration, and help families access support earlier," said **Third District Supervisor Lindsey Horvath**.

"We can save families a lot of pain and heartache if we can get them the help they need before a crisis, and that's the fundamental goal of this office. Olivia Celis has decades of experience in this work, and I am hopeful that under her leadership we will be able to make important strides in better supporting young people in our foster system and reaching vulnerable families across the county," said **Fourth District Supervisor Janice Hahn**.

"Olivia's decades of experience, including her leadership at the Annie E. Casey Foundation, have given her a strong understanding of the collaborative work needed to support children and families," said **Fifth District Supervisor Kathryn Barger**. "I look forward to working with her as the Office continues to strengthen partnerships that help improve outcomes for children throughout Los Angeles County."

Celis brings more than three decades of experience advancing child and family well-being, with a focus on prevention and system-level reform. Prior to her appointment, she was the Senior Director of System Improvement at Casey Family Programs where she provided strategic consulting services to child and family-centered public programs across the country. She was also a Health Equity Consultant for the Los Angeles Center for Strategic Partnerships, where she established public private collaborations on health-related projects including COVID-19 response. She also has over a decade of experience with the Los Angeles County's Department of Mental Health specializing in providing services for at-risk children and their families.

"Safe, stable, and nurturing relationships are the foundation of lifelong well-being," said **Executive Director Olivia Celis**. "My priority will be strengthening family resilience so children and families get support before a crisis, not only after. When we invest upstream, every child and family has a chance to feel safe, connected, and ready to thrive."

Celis earned a Master of Social Work and Master of Urban Planning from the University of Southern California and a Bachelor of Social Work from California State University, Los Angeles.

About the Office of Child, Youth, and Family Well-Being

Formerly known as the Office of Child Protection, the [Office of Child, Youth, and Family Well-Being](#) was created in February 2015 to lead a broad partnership that implements meaningful solutions to improve the lives of children and families. The Office of Child, Youth, and Family Well-Being accomplishes this work by convening and aligning systems, advancing policy and systems reform, using data strategically, launching and incubating innovation, strengthening family resilience, and improving communication and engagement across systems and stakeholders that serve children and families.

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