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LA County Priority Departments

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In December 2025 the Los Angeles County LGBTQ+ Commission approved an ad hoc subcommittee tasked with providing the Commission general information on the different Los Angeles County departments. The departments below are those the ad hoc subcommittee identified as the departments that the Commission should consider working with in the upcoming year. All information below was found on the Departmental website as of January 30, 2026.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE



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*“To enrich lives through
effective and caring service.”*

1. Aging and Disabilities

Website: <https://ad.lacounty.gov>

Summary:

The Department of Aging and Disabilities seeks to help clients live with dignity and independence. Their mission is to improve lives and support self-determination for older adults, adults with disabilities, and communities. They provide a range of specialized programs and support designed to enrich the lives of seniors and individuals with disabilities. It is estimated that between 200-500 people work for the department.

They provide comprehensive services that promote independence, well-being, and a thriving community for all. The five key services they provide are:

- Older Adult Services, Community and Senior Centers,
- Adult Protective Services,
- Homeless Support Services,
- LA Found (Alzheimer’s and dementia support), and
- Transportation

Branches/Divisions/Offices:

- Adult Protective Services
- Area Agency on Aging
- Community & Senior Centers Branch
- Disabilities Branch

Commission/Committees:

- Los Angeles County Commission for Older Adults (LACCOA)
- Los Angeles County Commission on Disabilities (LACCOD)

Organization Chart: <https://ad.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/07-09-25-AD-Dept-Org-Chart.pdf>

Strategic Plan: <https://ad.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/PSA-19-25-Joint-4-Year-Area-Plan-2024-28-CDA-APPROVED.pdf>

2. Children and Family Services

Website: <https://dcfs.lacounty.gov>

Summary:

As one of the largest county-governed child protective services agencies in the nation, the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services is responsible for ensuring the safety of more than 2 million children across 88 diverse cities in Los Angeles County. DCFS employees about 1,030 people

DCFS operates with three main goals in mind for the children under our care: [Safety](#), [Well-Being](#) and [Permanency](#). We are committed to ensuring that all children have access to loving and safe homes, and that families have what they need to help their children thrive. DCFS is comprised of 20 regional offices to serve the needs of children and families throughout Los Angeles County's geography.

Branches/Divisions/Offices:

- Child Welfare Services
- Programs for Children and Families
- Specialized Response Services
- Workforce Development
- Children and Transition Aged Youth
- Family and Community
- Placement & Permanency

Commission/Committee:

- Youth Commission
- Commission for Children and Families
- Inter-Agency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect

Comprehensive Prevention Plan: <https://dcfs.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Los-Angeles-County-CPP-Final.pdf>

Leadership/Organization Chart: <https://dcfs.lacounty.gov/about/who-we-are/leadership/>

Strategic Plan: Unavailable

3. Health Services

Website: <https://dhs.lacounty.gov>

Summary:

The Los Angeles County Health Services is an integrated health system. Our mission is to advance the health of our patients and the community by providing extraordinary care.

Operates 23 health centers and four acute care hospitals, in addition to providing health care to youth in the juvenile justice system and inmates in the LA County jails. Across the network of Health Services directly operated clinic sites, Health Services cares for about 500,000 unique patients each year, employs over 23,000 staff, and has an annual operating budget of \$6.2 billion. We are the second largest municipal health system in the nation.

DHS employs about 22,000 staff and partners with the Public Health Commission and the Behavioral Health Commission. The purpose of the Commission is to advise the L.A. County Board of Supervisors, the director of Mental Health, and the director of Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) on various aspects of local mental health programs, including the Mental Health Services Act.

Branches/Divisions/Offices:

- Clinical Affairs and Population Health
- Operations
- Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism
- Ambulatory Care Network
- LA County Hospitals
- Correctional Health Services
- Community Programs

Commission/Committees:

- Emergency Medical Services Commission
- Hospital and Health Care Delivery Commission

Organization Chart: Unavailable

Strategic Plan: Unavailable

4. Homeless Services and Housing

Website: <https://homeless.lacounty.gov>

Summary:

Together with our partners, our mission is to lead a unified countrywide response to homelessness that combines housing, health, and social services. Our vision is a just and compassionate system of care that prevents and ends homelessness in Los Angeles County.

The Department of Homeless Services and Housing (HSH) consolidates our countywide response to homelessness. The driving force behind HSH is increasing accountability and transparency, improving care for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness, and streamlining collaboration with partners including services providers, the County's 88 cities, and unincorporated areas to deliver high-quality, life-saving care. The department was formed following a motion passed by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in April 2025 and was officially launched January 1, 2026.

Programs:

- Unsheltered Response and Interim Housing
- Housing Strategy and Solutions
- Support Services
- Clinical Services
- System Planning and Coordination

Initiatives

- Skid Row Action Plan
- Skid Row Care Campus
- Capital projects
- Homelessness Prevention Unit

Commissions/Committees:

- There is an **Executive Committee for Regional Homeless Alignment (ECHRA)** that developed one plan to address homelessness, establish a common set of performance indicators, align resources, and provide oversight. The ECRHA works closely with the Leadership Table for Regional Homeless Alignment (LTRHA) to identify effective strategies, scale solutions, align private and public funding, and communicate a vision.
- The **Leadership Table for Regional Homeless Alignment (LTRHA)** is an advisory body supporting the work of the Executive Committee with the goal of uniting the region around one unified effort, guiding public education on the issue of homelessness, and aligning private funding in support of a regional plan. The LTRHA includes private funders, regional governments, advocacy groups, people with lived expertise, faith leaders, and the business community.

Organization Chart: Unavailable

Strategies: <https://homeless.lacounty.gov/strategies/>

5. Mental Health

Website: <https://dmh.lacounty.gov>

Summary:

As the nation's largest public mental health department, LACDMH ensures access to care and treatment for our most vulnerable residents in a region with more than 10 million people. With an annual budget exceeding \$4.4 billion and over 7,600 budgeted positions, LACDMH is dedicated to hope, recovery, and wellbeing for everyone across the County.

- 180+ Directly Operated Sites
- 750 Co-located sites
- 1000 contracted organizations
- Over 250,000 people served

Mission: Our mission is to optimize the hope, wellbeing and life trajectory of Los Angeles County's most vulnerable through access to care and resources that promote not only independence and personal recovery but also connectedness and community reintegration.

Services: Mental health services provided include assessments, case management, crisis intervention, medication support, peer support, psychotherapy and other rehabilitative services. Services are provided in a variety of settings including residential facilities, clinics, schools, hospitals, juvenile halls and camps, mental health courts, board and care homes, in the field and in people's homes. We also provide counseling to victims of natural and man-made disasters, their families and emergency first responders. No one will be denied access to services due to inability to pay, and there is a discounted/sliding fee schedule available based on family size and income.

Our services to adults and older adults are focused on those who are functionally disabled by severe and persistent mental illness, including those who are low-income, uninsured, temporarily impaired, or in situational crises. Services to children and youth are focused on those who are emotionally disturbed and diagnosed with a mental disorder. They include wards or dependents of the juvenile court, children in psychiatric inpatient facilities, seriously emotionally disturbed youth in the community, and special education students referred by educational institutions.

Branches/Divisions/Offices:

- Outpatient Special Programs and Projects
- Inter-Govt & Legislation
- Outpatient Care Services
 - Service Areas
 - Hospital Liaison Program
 - Peer Services
- Prevention and Child Wellbeing Services
- Nursing
- Psychology Services

- Pharmacy and Laboratory
- Reentry Services
 - Countywide Engagement
 - Public Guardian
 - Forensics
 - Housing and Job Development
- Health Access And Integration Services
 - Crisis Response
 - Alternative Crisis Response
 - MHS Administration and Oversight
 - Quality, Outcomes and Training
 - Manages Care Operations
- Administration
 - HR
 - Contracts Administration
 - Admin Services and Capitol Projects
 - Chief Information Office
 - Contract Monitoring
- Financial Services

Commission/Committee:

- Behavioral Health Commission
- Human Subjects Research Committee (HSRC)

Organization Chart: https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/dmh/1165741_LACDMHHighLevelOrgChart.pdf

Strategic Plan: <https://dmh.lacounty.gov/about/lacdmh-strategic-plan-2020-2030/>

6. Military and Veterans Affairs

Website: <https://mva.lacounty.gov/>

Summary:

The Los Angeles County Military and Veterans Affairs Department is tasked with supporting military service members, veterans, and their families across the county. Its mission is to connect veterans to benefits, services, and resources, advocate for their needs, and ensure they receive the support they earned through military service.

Services Provided:

- Advocacy and Outreach for Disability Compensation and Veteran Pension
- Acts as a liaison between veterans and government agencies.
- Represents veterans' interests in county, state, and federal policy discussions.
- Conducts community outreach to ensure veterans know about available programs and services.
- Education & training - Coordinates events, ceremonies, and programs honoring veterans and military service members. Promotes awareness of military history and veteran contributions within the community
- Healthcare Locations – Also Partners with nonprofits and community organizations to deliver comprehensive support.
- Death and Burial Benefits
- Benefits for Survivors

Estimated 100-200 people working directly for the department of Veteran Affairs. One main facility with multiple satellite offices.

Branches/Divisions/Offices:

- Homeless Services Division
- Veterans Service Division
- Justice-Involved Services Division
- Supervisorial Districts

Commissions/Committee:

- Veterans Advisory Commission

Organization Chart: Unavailable

Strategic Plan: Unavailable

7. Public Health

Website: <https://publichealth.lacounty.gov>

Summary:

Provide public health services to LA County Residents. There are 39 programs and 14 public health centers serving 10 million residents. Until 2006 all public health services were assumed by the Department of Health Services, however the DPH was founded in 2006

Public Health programming includes:

- Environmental health: operates [restaurant rating](#) system and grading systems for apartments and rental homes; inspects sewage treatment and water plants; enforces state and local environmental laws
- Chronic disease and [injury prevention](#); including [tobacco control](#) and prevention, [nutrition](#), senior health, [physical activity](#) promotion, and injury and violence prevention
- Communicable disease control and prevention; including acute communicable disease, [immunizations](#), [veterinary](#) public health, [tuberculosis control](#), and public health laboratory
- [Substance abuse](#) prevention and control
- [HIV & STD](#) programs
- Community health services
- Health assessment & [epidemiology](#)
- Health facilities inspection
- Children's medical services
- Maternal, child, and adolescent health
- [Emergency preparedness and response](#)

DPH employs around 2,056 people and has the Public Health Commission. The Department of Public Health (DPH) operates 40 programs that serve the residents of Los Angeles County. The breadth of these programs and services is far-reaching and vast. From Environmental Health services such as restaurant inspections and evaluating toxic threats, to AIDS and HIV services, Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health programs, Chronic Disease interventions, immunizations and tuberculosis treatment, DPH's work touches many lives every day.

Branches/Divisions/Offices:

- Division of Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention
 - Office of Senior Health
 - Health & Aging Services
 - Research & Evaluation
 - Policy, Community Liaison & Outreach
- Emergency Prep & Disease Prevention Division
- Environmental Health
- Individual & Family Services
- Community Wellness

- Finance
- Office of Violence Prevention
- Trauma Prevention Initiative

Commissions/Committees:

- Public Health Commission
- Commission on HIV

Organization Chart: <https://stories.opengov.com/monocountyca/published/QzvL4H57P>

Strategic Plan:

http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/pie/planning/docs/DPHStrategicPlan2025_2030%20DRAFT.pdf

8. Public Social Services

Website: <https://dpss.lacounty.gov>

Summary:

With a workforce of nearly 14,000 employees and a \$5 billion budget, Los Angeles County DPSS is the largest social services agency in the United States. We serve over 4.2 million customers, which includes 1.1 million children. It's estimated that 14,000 people work for DPSS.

Mission: We are here to help low-income families and individuals.

History: Los Angeles County Social Services began their origin in the Office of Superintendent of Children's and Women's Work, formed in 1891, to care for destitute women and their children under the guidelines of the 1851 Poor Law.

Programs and Services

- Cash assistance
- Food and nutrition
- Health care
- Job services and opportunities
- Homeless services
- Seniors and Persons with Disabilities
- Your Civil Rights, Appeals, and State Hearings
- Other Resources

Branches/Divisions/Offices:

- Children's and Families Offices
- In-Home Supportive Services
- CA Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs)
- General Relief (GR)
- Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI)
- Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA)
- Countywide Benefits Entitlement Services Team (CBEST)
- CalFresh
- Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN)
- Skills and Training to Achieve Readiness for Tomorrow (START)
- Refugee Employment Program (REP)
- Long Term Care
- Homeless Services
- Management Information and Evaluation (MIE)
- Intergovernmental Relations (IGR)
- Management and Research Services (MRS)
- Appeals & State Hearings (ASH)

- Welfare Fraud Prevention & Investigation (WFP&I)

Commissions and Committees:

- Public Social Services Commission
- Personal Assistance Services Council
- Youth Commission
- Commission for Children and Families
- Welfare Advisory Committee (WAC)

Organization Chart: Unavailable

Strategic Plan: <https://dpss.lacounty.gov/en/about/strategic-plan.html>

9. Sheriff Department

Website: <https://lasd.org>

Summary:

The Mission of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department is to partner with the community. To proactively Prevent Crime, enforce the law fairly and enhance the public's trust through transparency and accountability. The Sheriff's Department employs about 18,000 sworn and professional staff and the Civilian Oversight Commission is comprised of nine members.

The five core work areas are:

- Custody operations
- Patrol stations – 22 stations throughout the county + one for rail safety
- Court Services
- Records and Identification
- Transparency

Branches/Divisions/Offices:

- Financial and Administration Office
- Custody Operations
- Patrol Operations
- Countywide Operations
- Professional Standards Division
- Administrative Services Division
- Custody Services Division
- Custody Services Division Specialized Prog.
- Patrol Divisions (North, Central, South, East)
- Technology and Support Division
- Detective Division
- Court Services Division
- Countywide Services Division
- Special Operations Division

Commissions or Committees:

- Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission

Organization Chart: Unavailable

Strategic Plan:

<https://lapdonlinestrgeacc.blob.core.usgovcloudapi.net/lapdonlinemedia/2021/12/Strategic-Plan-2021-to-2023.pdf>

10. Youth Development

Website: <https://dyd.lacounty.gov/>

Summary:

DYD’s mission is to be a catalyst for transformation by providing innovative pathways to youth development through intersectional, anti-racist, youth-centered strategies so that all young people can access resources that nurture their growth, wellbeing, and connection to community.

DYD focuses on strengthening collaborative problem-solving in three key areas:

Promoting strengths-based youth development among agencies, organizations, and communities, including culturally and developmentally responsive models for youth engagement, leadership, and co-design. Supporting youth with complex, intersectional needs who fall through existing systems, by increasing access to resources and collaborating on structural solutions. Addressing the legacy of youth incarceration in Los Angeles County and its effects on intergenerational wellbeing and safety. DYD employs approximately 40 employees

Key Services/Programs:

- Youth Development Networks
- Bloom Program
- Youth Diversion
- Youth Justice Support & Services
- Credible Messenger Program
- Programming and Care Coordination in Facilities
- Decarceration

Branches/Divisions/Offices:

- Executive Office
- Administrative Services
- Youth Development and Diversion
- Reentry, Housing, Employment
- Coordination and Innovation

Commission/Committee:

- Delinquency and Crime Commission
- Youth Commission

Organization Chart: <https://dyd.lacounty.gov/team/>

Strategic Plan: https://dyd.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/DYD-Full-Strategic-Plan-v6-12_9_24.pdf