



Youth@Work



Dear Friends,

When I assumed my role as Chair of the Board, I declared this the Year of the

youth. I made a commitment to increase our efforts to uplift and care for the children and teens in our community. While we've faced unforeseen challenges since then, equipping the youth in Los Angeles County remains dear to my heart. That's why I'm especially excited about the Youth@Work program, which empowers teens in our communities who are most at-risk of falling through the cracks. The initiative gives foster youth the support they need and provides probation youth with a second chance. Supervisor Hilda Solis and I passed a motion this week to continue this life-changing effort, which is even more timely amid the pandemic.

As we battle the current public health crisis, L.A. County remains committed to provide youth with educational and employment opportunities to bolster their skills, increase their confidence, and propel them toward career success. I am still inspired by a story I heard years ago of a young woman, the oldest of five siblings, who grew up in the foster care system here in L.A. County. When she was old enough, she started an internship through Youth@Work, where she learned practical skills, boosted her resume, and found the sure footing she craved. This internship eventually led to a career with the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs, where she serves the communities she grew up in and remains a role model for her siblings. No matter a child's background or challenges, it's our privilege to give them the tools and encouragement they need to flourish and pursue their dreams. Especially now, our communities will be strengthened by the innovation and determination of our resilient youth.

Best wishes,

Kathryn

Kathryn Barger

Supervisor, Fifth District

Chair, Board of Supervisors

Food for Families



Our team was so honored to play a part in the massive food giveaway at Charter Oak High School in Covina on Thursday. The Los Angeles Regional Food Bank fed nearly 2,000 families by the end of the event and has served 500,000 families a

month since the pandemic began. Sadly, as the most populous county in the nation, one in five residents is food insecure. I am committed to ensuring that no L.A. County family goes hungry and am grateful to each volunteer, employee, and supporter who has helped our neighbors in need.

[Find food or volunteer.](#)

Family Activities



The Department of Parks and Recreation has an incredible summer schedule with events for the whole family. There are opportunities for [fishing and camping at](#)

[local lakes](#), [drive-in movies under the stars](#), [communal walks and bike rides](#), and fun ways to cool off on [splash pads and swim beaches](#).

Have fun in the sun.

Outdoor Dining



Do you have a local business and want to expand outdoor dining for your customers? L.A. County has free permits available for dining on sidewalks and parking lots, plus curbside pick up and drop off zones.

Dine al fresco.

Great Plates



We're very excited that the Great Plates Delivered program has been extended through August 9! This innovative effort connects local restaurants with older adults in need to provide them with three healthy meals a day.

[Watch an inspiring Great Plates story.](#)

Serving Neighbors

2020 DPSS Summer Care Kit Donation Drive July 2020 - August 2020

The Volunteer Services Section is hosting a Care Kit Donation Drive for our homeless neighbors. Donated items will be distributed in September 2020.



Donations may include, but are not limited to: Newly purchased or homemade face masks, socks, underwear, shampoo, body wash, feminine hygiene products, toothpaste, toilet paper, wipes, deodorant, and reusable tote bags.

Please note, due to COVID-19, we will not accept used items.

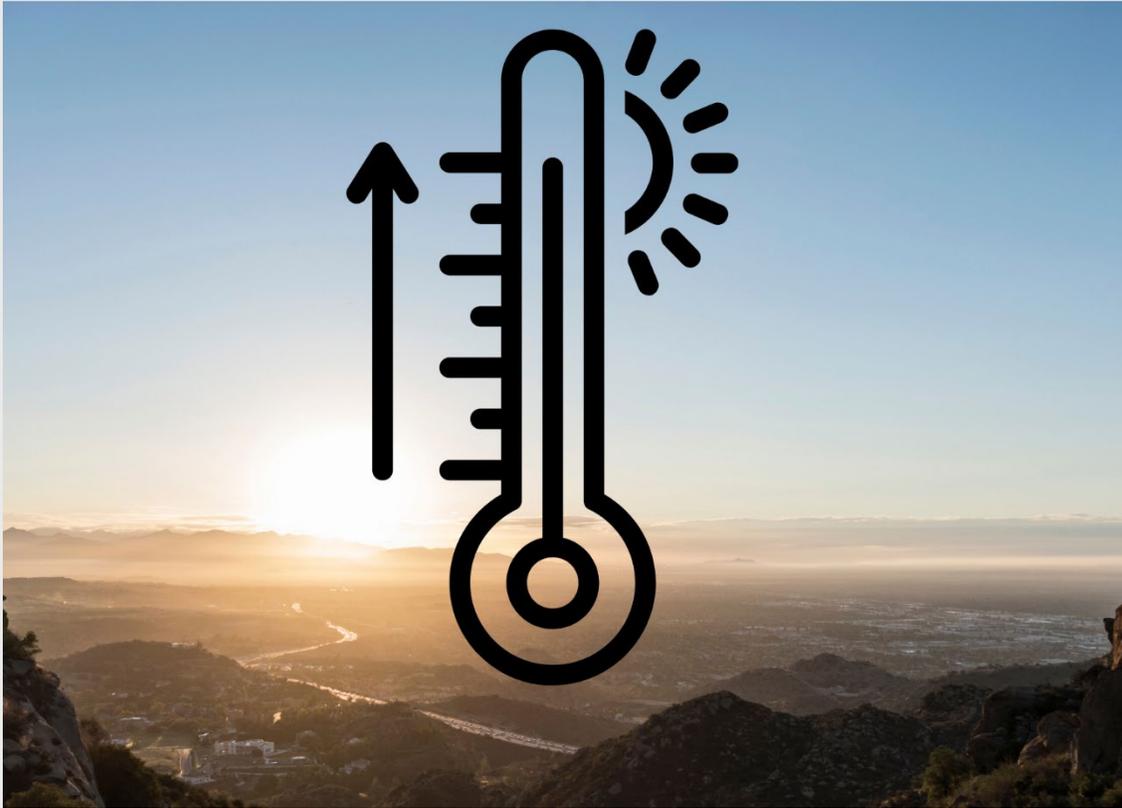
Please email us to schedule a drop off date/time:

DPSSVolunteers@dpss.lacounty.gov

Deadline to donate: **Monday, August 31, 2020**

Many members of our community are in need of extra help during this season. If you have the ability to donate some essentials, please email the Department of Public Social Services at DPSSVolunteers@dpss.lacounty.gov to schedule a drop off time. Thank you for your generosity!

Beat the Heat



The forecast says temperatures will be scorching in L.A. County this weekend with a high of 107° in the Antelope Valley. If the heat becomes too much to bear, head to a cooling center near you.

[Find a cooling center.](#)

Help for Businesses

LA REGIONAL COVID FUND

APPLY FOR A COVID-19 RECOVERY GRANT

Micro-enterprises, small businesses, and nonprofits – the backbone of our region's economy – are facing unprecedented economic pressure.

The LA REGIONAL COVID FUND will provide grants of \$5K to micro-entrepreneurs and \$15K for small businesses and nonprofits.

Technical assistance is available in multiple languages.
Program opens July 6 th.

Learn more and apply online here:
WWW.LACOVIDFUND.ORG

Questions? Call here:
(833) 238-4450



Small businesses are the backbone of our local economy. The L.A. Regional COVID Fund has grants available for businesses facing pressure because of the pandemic.

[Get a grant.](#)

[Get resources.](#)



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