



JCOD Celebrates Second Chance Month Across All Five Supervisorial Districts

The month of April marked Second Chance Month and National Reentry Week. JCOD got into the spirit and actively participated in events across all five Supervisorial Districts of Los Angeles County. Each event supported community members with an emphasis on addressing the unique needs of justice-involved individuals and strengthening community ties.

Supervisorial District 1 - Homeboy Industries Community Resource Fair



Second Chance Month kicked off on April 5th in Downtown Los Angeles where JCOD collaborated with Homeboy Industries to host a community resource fair. Attendees were linked to services for job training, mental health, legal aid, and supported individuals in their journey toward successful reentry back into their communities. JCOD was joined by First District Supervisor Hilda Solis and Father Gregory Boyle who greeted attendees.

Supervisorial District 2 - Watts Labor Community Action Committee (WLCAC) Resource Fair



WLCAC partnered with JCOD on April 26th to close out Second Chance Month and National Reentry Week. The event featured resource booths linking attendees with employment opportunities, financial education, and reentry services.

Supervisorial District 3 – JCOD Providing Opportunities for Women in Reentry (POWR) Housing Site Grand Opening



A major highlight during Second Chance Month was the grand opening of the new POWR housing site in Arleta. The grand opening on April 17th was by Center for Living and Learning. This facility offers comprehensive support for women, including safe housing, employment opportunities, family reunification and substance abuse treatment.

Supervisorial District 4 – Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Accessibility (DEIA) and Second Chance Month Event



On April 10th, Long Beach City College in partnership with JCOD, LA County Probation Department, and the City of Long Beach hosted a resource fair at their Pacific Coast Campus. The fair put a spotlight on Second Chance Month and kicked off DEIA Month with providers sharing various community resources.

Supervisorial District 5 – Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of Our Healing Space, A Wellness Experience



On April 25th, JCOD participated in the ribbon-cutting ceremony for Paving the Way Foundation's Our Healing Space, A Wellness Experience in Lancaster. This new wellness center is scheduled to open this summer and will offer therapy, community classes, gardening, and additional programming to support justice-involved individuals.

Watch the video showcasing highlights from this year's [Second Chance Month events here](#). For more information about JCOD and its programs, visit jcod.lacounty.gov.

KNX Hero of the Week



Judge Songhai Armstead (Ret) was featured as the Community Hero of the Week by KNX Radio! To hear the interview and feature click [here](#).

JCOD's Justice Connect Support Center Celebrates 2,000 Calls!



Over 2,000 individuals helped since 10/2023

JCOD's Justice Connect Support Center reached a significant milestone on April 30, by processing its 2,000th service call since its launch in October 2023. The Support Center

has been a vital resource for LA County residents who have been arrested, are facing court proceedings, or who have been released from jail including support to their families.

Justice Connect is toll-free at 833-LAC-JCOD (833-522-5263) and is available seven days a week from 6:00 AM to 11:00 PM and offers a comprehensive range of services, including transportation, court reminders and care management. For more details, visit justiceconnect.org.



Edwin Monteagudo - Division Director in the Justice, Care and Opportunities Department.



Edwin Monteagudo is a Division Director at JCOD, who has been a visionary leader for Los Angeles County for over three decades. His career spans several county departments including the Department of Public Social Services, Workforce Development (formerly Community and Senior Services), the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and the Los Angeles County Probation Department.

"I've worked with many great people in my time with the County and I'm very proud to have been part of many significant programs and successful projects, with a special focus on social services. At the end of the day, all we want to do is to provide caring services, to better serve our clients and our communities."

As a JCOD Division Director, Edwin oversees JCOD's Justice Connect Support Center. JCOD launched the Support Center in October 2023, Edwin personally staffed JCOD's Support Center's Command Center the first few days to ensure that the launch was a success. The Support Center recently celebrated a milestone of assisting over 2,000 callers.

"We're giving justice-involved individuals opportunities to rebuild their lives by connecting them to much-needed, life-changing services. Our hope is to remove them from the criminal justice cycle. With over 30 years as a public servant, I love being part of the JCOD team that contributes to that. Serving the community is a life-long journey. Let's do great public service!"

Edwin holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and a Master of Public Administration, both from California State University, Northridge and serves as the President of the California Association of Pretrial Services.



Organization Spotlight

Chrysalis



[Chrysalis](#) is a nonprofit organization and valued JCOD partner that is dedicated to helping individuals overcome barriers to employment by providing a comprehensive job-readiness program, individualized support services and paid transition employment. This year marks Chrysalis's 40th anniversary as the organization aims to assist 3,000 clients in securing jobs, guiding them toward security, stability and fulfillment in their careers and personal lives.

Since its inception in 1984, Chrysalis has empowered more than 85,000 individuals who have faced financial insecurity and housing instability and has been instrumental in helping individuals prepare, find and secure meaningful employment.



Upcoming Meetings & Events: Save the Date

[26th Annual Tribute to Veterans & Military Families, Saturday, 5/25/2024](#)



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5th District Supervisor • County of Los Angeles

 **Military
Veterans Affairs**
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

26th Annual **Tribute to Veterans & Military Families**

Saturday, May 25, 2024
Arcadia County Park • 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Join us for a special day in support of those who've served. The event includes a ceremony honoring veterans, resource fair, equipment displays, food trucks, live music, and lots of family fun!

Bring a copy of your DD-214 to get assistance accessing federal and state benefits.

Admission and parking are free.



[D.O.O.R.S Country Charm Resource Fair, Thursday, 6/6/2024, 2pm - 5pm](#)



LOS ANGELES COUNTY
**JUSTICE
CARE AND
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DEPARTMENT

**SAVE
THE DATE**
Thursday,
June 6, 2024
2PM - 5PM

**JCOD's Developing Opportunities and Offering Solutions
Reentry Services (D.O.O.R.S) Community Reentry Center -
Antelope Valley - Country Charm Resource Fair**

Join us for an afternoon of country charm, good food and line dancing fun! Learn about resources dedicated to supporting the justice-impacted community.

Address: 45111 Fern Avenue Lancaster, CA 93534

**Guests of Honor:
Judge Songhai Armstead (Ret.), JCOD Director**



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Father's Day CARE, "Celebrating Advocacy, Resiliency, and Empathy", Sunday, 6/9/2024, 12pm - 4pm



JUNE | 9 | 2024
12:00PM - 4:00PM





Earvin Magic Johnson Community Center
905 E. El Segundo Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90059



Entertainment, Games, Resource Booths, Food and more

RSVP Here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NWCBTH7>



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Planning to join us? Let us know by RSVPing [here!](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NWCBTH7)

JCOD's Public Convening, Wednesday, 5/15/2024, 9am

The next Justice, Care and Opportunities Department (JCOD) public convening meeting will be Wednesday, May 15th from 9 am – 10:30 am.

Access the agenda [here](#).

You can join the public convening in Microsoft Teams or via phone:

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

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Meeting ID: 252 798 644 16

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CFCI Advisory Committee Regular Meeting, Thursday, 5/16/2024, 4pm

Agenda and supporting documentation will be provided at a later date.

Meeting Location:

Earvin "Magic" Johnson Park Event Center

12645 Wadsworth Ave.

Los Angeles, CA 90059

To participate via computer or smart phone: [Click Here For Access](#)

To participate via telephone only: Dial-In: +1 669 900 9128 Meeting ID: 861 0182 2883# Passcode: 437765

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