

# Family Health and Social Services

## Health and Human Services

The City of Los Angeles offers a multitude of health and human services offered throughout the various City of Los Angeles departments in coordination with Los Angeles County as well as non-city affiliated service providers. Review the information below for featured health and human services, as well as visit [MyLA 311](#) to search for more detailed information.

### Seniors

- For persons 65 or older, [Cityride](#) is a curb-to-curb transportation assistance program available in Los Angeles and select areas of Los Angeles County. City-permitted taxi rides and Cityride Dial-A-Ride services are provided at reduced costs.
- [Paratransit](#) is a door-to-door program for frail seniors that need assistance with accessing and utilizing transportation.
- [Multipurpose senior centers](#) are located throughout the City of Los Angeles. Services include in-home assistance, care management, legal assistance, nutrition services, home delivered meals, transportation, paratransit, and health education and screening services. To find one that serves your community call (800)-510-2020 or visit the service page on the [Department of Aging](#) website.
- See episodes of the TV show, [“Aging Well in LA”](#), brought to you by LA CityView 35.

### Youth

- [HIRE LA’s Youth](#) focuses on connecting L.A.’s youth to employment opportunities. This is provided by a partnership between the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce (LAACC), Mayor Villaraigosa, the City of Los Angeles, and the Workforce Investment Board.
- The [Los Angeles Police Academy Magnet School Program](#) offers a rigorous, police officer-led high school curriculum for youth interested in a law enforcement career. The program provides a better understanding of law enforcement for students, and also provides a high quality recruiting resource for the Los Angeles Police Department.
- The [Safe House Community Program](#) provides homes or businesses where a child may go for safety or assistance when the child encounters a threat or other emergency while en route to or from any LAUSD elementary, middle, or senior high school. Safe House locations are marked with a distinctive placard for easy identification.
- Several [LAPD youth programs](#) encourage young people to avoid drugs and gangs, stay in school, and contribute positively to society. Find more details on these programs by visiting the LAPD website or below in our Education & Personal Development section.
- [California Coalition for Youth \(CYCL\)](#) offers support, encouragement and referrals to youth needing assistance or in crisis situations. CYCL is an immediate, reliable and free link between youth and local services. They help to find homeless youth shelters, youth-serving medical

clinics, on-going counseling services and much more throughout California. The California Youth Crisis Line, (800) 843-5200, is a statewide, toll free 24-hour confidential Hotline available to teens and young adults ages 12-24 and/or any adults supporting youth.

## Women

- [Domestic Violence Program Shelters](#) are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Emergency or transitional housing and services are exclusively dedicated to survivors of domestic violence. Emergency shelters offer refuge for up to 90 days, while transitional shelters offer refuge for 6-18 months. Contact for services is done through Administrative Offices. Service Locations are confidential.
- [The Safely Surrendered Baby Law](#) gives parents of any age the choice to legally leave their baby with an employee at any Los Angeles County hospital or fire station at any time, no questions asked, within 72 hours of the baby's birth. No Shame, No Blame, No Names. A free hotline, (877) 222-9723, is open to answer questions or direct to nearest location 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

## Persons with Disabilities

- [The Department On Disability](#) coordinates and monitors the City's compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973(Section 504). The ADA Compliance Officer and ADA Coordinators work closely with all City departments to facilitate the process which includes: providing reasonable accommodation for City employees with disabilities, providing reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities who utilize City programs services and facilities, and advocating for persons with disabilities facing discriminatory treatment.
- [Blue curb maintenance](#) can be requested by contacting the area transportation district office. Maintenance includes repainting of blue curbs and replacement of damaged signs.
- For qualified disabled persons, [Cityride](#) is a curb-to-curb transportation assistance program available in Los Angeles and select areas of Los Angeles County. City-permitted taxi rides and Cityride Dial-A-Ride services are provided at reduced costs.

## Persons with HIV/AIDS

- [Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS \(HOPWA\)](#) funding provides rental assistance and supportive services for eligible low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS. Assistance includes: emergency and transitional housing, emergency housing (motels) and meal vouchers, housing information referrals, tenant-based rental assistance (similar to Section 8), rent, mortgage, utility assistance, permanent placement grants (towards security deposits), legal services, food delivery and food bank services, companion animal assistance and the development of housing projects.
- The [AIDS Coordinator's Office](#) offers programs that include: AIDS education and prevention, grants to entities to develop seminars, public forums and publications designed to improve

HIV/AIDS prevention, and programs for at-risk City of Los Angeles residents. Support services for residents living with HIV/AIDS. Information and referrals for AIDS Testing Sites are also available.

## Mosquito & Vector-borne Disease Control

The Los Angeles County West Vector & Vector-borne Disease Control District is the government public health agency dealing with the control of mosquitoes and vector-borne diseases in the western portion of the City of Los Angeles. For mosquito control, West Nile virus & Zika information, please visit the following;

- Click here to find your local vector control district or health department: <http://westnile.ca.gov/ziplocator.php>
- Los Angeles County West Vector & Vector-borne Disease Control District <http://www.lawestvector.org>
- Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District <http://www.glacvcd.org/>

## Education and Personal Development

### Library Services

- [Find a library](#) near you.
- [Browse the catalog](#) to search for books, audiobooks, videos, or CDs.
- [Find subject information or articles](#) by accessing the database.
- View the [photo collection](#) and browse through historic photographs.
- Still have questions? - [Ask a librarian](#).

### Youth Education & Development Programs

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- The [Fire Cadet Program](#) provides young men and women with an exciting opportunity to learn about firefighting and emergency medical services as future career choices.
- Join the [Volunteer Attorney Program](#) or [Law Clerk/Intern Program](#) with one of the top five largest municipal law offices in the nation - the LA City Attorney's Office.

**The following programs and services are provided by or in conjunction with the [Los Angeles Police Department \(LAPD\)](#):**

- [D.A.R.E.](#) is a police officer-led series of classroom lessons that teaches children from kindergarten through 12th grade how to resist peer pressure and live productive drug and violence-free lives.
- The [Jeopardy Program](#) is a gang prevention/intervention program for boys and girls ages 8 through 17 and their parents. Jeopardy combines the strength of the community, neighborhood schools and the police department to effect positive, lifelong attitudinal changes in the young people so as to have a positive impact on the community.
- The [Deputy Auxiliary Police program \(D.A.P.\)](#) is designed for children aged 9 through 13 years. The D.A.P. program allows children to participate in activities that instill a sense of community pride, self-discipline and leadership ability in an overall positive environment.
- The [Police Activity League \(PAL\)](#) is a youth crime prevention program that relies on educational, athletic and other recreational activities to cement a bond between police officers and the youth in our community.
- The [Los Angeles Police Academy Magnet School Program](#) offers a rigorous, police officer-led high school curriculum for youth interested in a law enforcement career. The program provides a better understanding of law enforcement for students, and also provides a high quality recruiting resource for the Los Angeles Police Department.