

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Youth Advisory Council

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Youth Advisory Council?

The Los Angeles County (LAC) Department of Public Health (DPH) Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is a team of 16 passionate young leaders throughout LAC who are dedicated to improving the health of their communities. Since 2019, the program has aimed to bring youth perspectives to DPH by advising the department's leadership and staff on its programs and policies.

The youth-developed mission of DPH YAC is to *raise awareness of health issues plaguing our communities while working in collaboration with DPH leadership to advise on public health solutions that improve the health and well-being of youth in LAC.*

What is the role of the DPH Youth Advisory Council?

The DPH YAC partners with adults to develop more youth-created and youth-informed programs and services. Council members are placed to work alongside public health professionals at one of our public health centers throughout Los Angeles County (*please see page 2 for sites) and gain valuable experience.

Some of the roles and responsibilities include:

- Attend and actively participate in monthly DPH YAC meetings
- Create or participate in community service projects, programs, outreach and educational activities
- Represent the DPH YAC at events and meetings
- Advise DPH Leadership on recommendations for improvements of programs

What are the benefits of participating in the DPH Youth Advisory Council?

Membership in the DPH YAC is a unique opportunity for students to gain work experience and leadership skills, as well as to influence policies and programs within the Department of Public Health that impact youth. Benefits include:

- Raising awareness of critical health issues impacting youth
- Developing and leading projects of interest that can positively impact your community
- Advising department leadership and staff regarding public health issues affecting youth and ways to improve programs and policies
- Expanding network that includes many public health professionals while developing positive youth/adult relationships

Are members of the DPH Youth Advisory Council paid?

Yes. YAC members are reimbursed every month for activities they participate in and complete (fee-for-service).

What is the term limit for the DPH Youth Advisory Council?

The membership term for the DPH YAC is one year, with a possible extension for a second year.

Who can apply?

Youth residing in Los Angeles County who are 16-21 years old at the time of application are eligible to apply to the DPH YAC.

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When can I apply for the next cohort?

The 2026-27 DPH Youth Advisory Council will begin in Fall 2026. Applications for the 2026-27 DPH Youth Advisory Council will open on Wednesday, May 6th at noon and will be available at: <https://forms.office.com/g/mT40zzUxyX>. Any questions, please email YouthAdvisoryCouncil@ph.lacounty.gov.

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER JOB PLACEMENT SITES*	
Service Planning Area 1 Antelope Valley Public Health Center 335-B East Avenue K6 Lancaster, CA 93535	5205 Melrose Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90038
Service Planning Area 2 Santa Clarita Health office CFS SPA 1&2 Regional Health Office 26415 Carl Boyer Drive Suite 160 Santa Clarita, CA 91350	Service Planning Area 5 Simms/Mann Health and Wellness Center 2509 Pico Boulevard, Room 320 Santa Monica, CA 90405
Service Planning Area 3 Pomona Wellness Community 750 S Park Ave Pomona, CA 91766	Service Planning Area 6 MLK Jr. Center for Public Health Community Healing and Trauma Prevention Center 11833 Wilmington Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90059
Service Planning Area 4 Hollywood-Wilshire Community Wellness	Service Planning Area 7 & 8 First5LA 750 N Alameda St Los Angeles, CA 90012

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