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DATE: January 26, 2026

TO: LA's Workforce Development System

FROM: Gerardo Ruvalcaba, Assistant General Manager
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**SUBJECT: WDS INFORMATION BULLETIN No. 26-01
"SHAPING THE FUTURE OF COMMUNITY SAFETY" – BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH AND UNARMED CRISIS RESPONSE CAREER PATHWAYS
WEBINAR**

EFFECTIVE DATE

This bulletin is effective upon the date of issuance.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this bulletin is to notify the City of Los Angeles (City) Workforce Development System (WDS) contractors and partners of an upcoming virtual webinar on career pathways in behavioral health and unarmed crisis response, titled "Shaping the Future of Community Safety," and to request assistance in promoting the event to job seekers, youth, and other program participants.

BACKGROUND

LA Civil + Human Rights and Equity Department (CHRED), in partnership with the Youth Development Department (YDD) and with support from the Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD), is hosting a webinar to highlight education and training pathways into these careers and to connect Angelenos with local postsecondary and employer partners. Participants will learn about career and education pathways in unarmed response and crisis response, including roles in clinical and non-clinical behavioral health, social work, and community-based crisis teams. The webinar will feature:

- A workforce panel with practitioners and program leaders from City-supported crisis response efforts and community-based organizations; and
- An academic pathways panel with representatives from UCLA, LA City College, Cal State LA, and the LA Community College District, discussing certificates, degrees, and field placements that prepare students for these careers.

A flyer with additional details is attached and may be shared electronically or printed for distribution.

WEBINAR INFORMATION

Event Title: Shaping the Future of Community Safety
Date: Saturday, January 31, 2026
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Location: Virtually on Zoom; link provided upon registration
Registration: <https://bit.ly/CrisisResponseCareers>

ACTION REQUESTED

WDS contractors and partners are encouraged to:

1. Share the attached flyer and registration link with WorkSource Centers (WSC), YouthSource Centers (YSC), and sector program participants, including youth and young adults interested in behavioral health, social services, or public safety careers.
2. Promote the webinar via email lists, social media, and workshop announcements where appropriate.
3. Encourage staff to attend to deepen their understanding of emerging City-supported crisis response career pathways.

CONTACT

For content-related questions about the event, please contact Ronnell Hampton, Principal Equity Strategist at LA Civil + Human Rights and Equity Department, at Ronnell.Hampton@lacity.org or at (213) 651-0897.

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Attachment: Shaping the Future of Community Safety Webinar Flyer