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TO: Los Angeles County Workforce Development  
Board (LACWDB) Members

FROM: Jeffery Wallace, Chair, Youth Workgroup

SUBJECT: **YOUTH WORKGROUP UPDATES**

### SUMMARY

This memo provides a brief update on recent areas of focus for the Youth Workgroup, outlines anticipated next steps, and highlights opportunities for future alignment with the broader priorities of LACWDB.

### OVERVIEW

The Youth Workgroup continues to play a critical role in advancing LACWDB's commitment to equity, access, and opportunity for young people across Los Angeles County. As we navigate a time of evolving needs and shifting systems, this update offers a snapshot of recent focus areas, outlines our next steps, and identifies key opportunities to align our work with broader board strategies.



### **Recent Areas of Focus:**

The Youth Workgroup has recently concentrated on the following key priorities:

- Identifying effective strategies for strengthening career pathways for opportunity youth across Los Angeles County.
- Exploring equity-driven approaches to youth engagement and service delivery, especially for justice-involved, foster, and unhoused youth populations.
- Reviewing data and practices to inform future policy recommendations and program design.

### **Anticipated Next Steps:**

- Provide actionable recommendations to guide youth-centered focus in the next program year.
- Engage additional youth-serving stakeholders and partner agencies to ensure diverse perspectives are reflected.
- Align workgroup efforts with local strategies to elevate youth voice and priorities.

### **Opportunities for Alignment with Broader Board Priorities:**

The workgroup aims to align its efforts with LACWDB's goals related to equity, systems alignment, and high-impact outcomes. Opportunities include:

- Contributing to policy and funding recommendations that support inclusive and coordinated youth services.
- Elevating models that promote sector-based training, wraparound supports, and employer engagement for young people.
- Informing strategies related to the broader economic mobility agenda for underserved communities.

### **CONCLUSION**

The Youth Workgroup remains committed to advancing meaningful, youth-centered strategies that reflect the values and vision of LACWDB. We welcome continued partnership with board members and stakeholders to deepen our collective impact, and we invite your input as we shape the next phase of our work. We look forward to continued collaboration with board members and partners to support the success and advancement of all youth in Los Angeles County. Please reach out to [wdb@opportunity.lacounty.gov](mailto:wdb@opportunity.lacounty.gov) if you have questions or require additional information. Thank you.

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