

LA Making Connections for Men and Boys of Color Work Group Summit:
Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at The California Endowment

Improving Mental Health and Community Wellbeing by Addressing the Impact of the
Culture of Violence in South Los Angeles and Surrounding Communities

Dear Making Connections Work Group/Learning Community and interested parties,

We hope that you can make it to our work group/learning community summit on Wednesday September 21, 2016 from 9:30 am until 3:30 pm. Would you like to learn more about the social determinants of violence? How about the differences in LA City and LA County Approaches to Gang Reduction and Youth Development (aka GRYD)? Have you heard of the Social Media App for Addressing PTSD? Been told about services and support for victims of violent crimes?

On Wednesday 9, 21, 2016 we're going to learn more about (a) the LA City Gang Reduction and Youth Development program, (b) the LA County Probation Department's South Central Gang Unit, (c) a smartphone app that can be used to address the impact of PTSD, and (d) the LA County DA's Bureau of Victim Services. We hope you can make it! For more info:

What: VPCGLA Making Connections Project Work Group Summit

When: Wednesday, September 21st, 2016

Time: 9:30 am until 3:30 pm

Where: The California Endowment, Mojave Room

Learning Objectives: 1) Learn more about city/county anti-gang services (i.e. GRYD).
2) Hear about the social determinants of violence
3) Gain familiarity with services/compensation for victims of violent crime
4) See how teens can use a social app/text messaging to cope with PTSD

Registration: Registration will be capped at 45 registrants. Pre-registration required.
Use this link to register: <https://vpcgla.wufoo.com/forms/xlq28djilc4ijoz/>

Cost: \$10

Lunch: Lunch will be provided

Scholarships: 15 Scholarships are available to youth aged 12-25 – no exceptions. To obtain a youth scholarship, please have youth write a 150 to 200-word essay on how to keep youth aged 12-25 engaged and retained in school, after-school programs or other types of activities and help them avoid involvement in gangs and/or gang culture.

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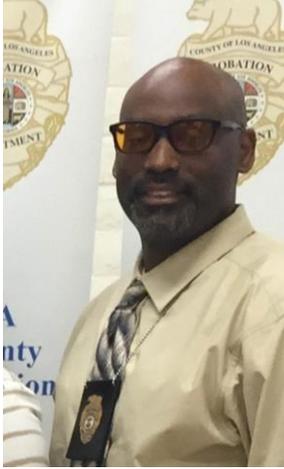
AGENDA

- 9:00 am Registration/Sign-in
- 9:30 am Call to order/Welcoming Remarks – Dr. Randal Henry
- 9:40 am Self-Introductions
- 10:00 am **Speaker #1: Dr. Randal Henry**
- *A Public Health Perspective on the Social Determinants of Violence*
- 10:30 am **Speaker #2: Mr. Refugio Valle**
- *Gang Reduction and Youth Development in the City of Los Angeles*
- 11:35 am Ice-breaker Activity
- 12:00 Noon **Speakers 3 & 4: Ms. Alina Liao & Ms. Ashley Edwards**
- *MindRight – A Social App/Text-Messaging Platform Can Teach Coping Skills*
- 1:15 pm **Speaker #4: Ms. Shari Farmer**
- *LA County DA's Bureau of Victim Services & The Cal Victim Compensation Program.*
- 2:15 pm Break
- 2:30 pm Making Connections Strategic Planning Update
- 3:00 pm Wrap-up/Next Steps
- 3:05 pm Networking
- 3:30 pm Adjourn

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	Speakers	Biographical Information	Organizational Information
<p>9:30 am Welcome Remarks</p> <p>10:00 am Ice-breaker Activity</p> <p>Speaker #1: 10:30 am Social Determinants of Violence</p>	 <p>Dr. Randal Henry, DrPH, MPH <i>Project Leader, LA Making Connections Project Founder and Chief Intelligence Officer, Community Intelligence,</i> Email: randalhenry@communityintelligence.org Web: www.communityintelligence.org</p>	<p>Dr. Henry earned his doctorate of public health (DrPH - UCLA 2006) and master degree (MPH - UCLA 1997) in community health sciences from the UCLA School of Public Health where he received numerous fellowships, was a graduate instructor in health policy and administration courses and delivered a commencement speech (1997). Dr. Henry is an expert in preventing and reducing violence and unintentional injuries and addressing chronic diseases through policy, programmatic, institutional and community improvements, with a particular focus on reducing disparities in multi-cultural and vulnerable populations. Dr. Henry has served as principal investigator on national multi-site research, evaluation and quality-improvement demonstration projects and published research findings in peer-reviewed journals.</p>	<p>Community Intelligence is a community oriented research and evaluation thought partner focused on multisite evaluation, policy analysis and evaluation, logic model development, qualitative data collection and analysis, community engagement, health promotion, health impact assessment strategic planning and multicultural research. Our expertise in community needs assessment and asset mapping, health service delivery, fund development, coalition facilitation and program evaluation has been applied in diverse settings from community and faith based organizations to local and federal government and to a breadth of issues including reducing violence and unintentional injuries among children and adolescents; improving care for homeless veterans; increasing services for women with HIV/AIDS and creating healthy food and activity environments.</p>
<p>11:15 am Speaker #2: Overview of LA City GRYD Program</p>	 <p>Mr. Refugio Valle, MSW <i>Regional Program Manager, Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development</i></p>	<p>Refugio Valle, MSW Regional Program Manager Refugio earned a BA from UC Irvine and a MSW degree from UCLA. As a Regional Program Coordinator with the Mayor's Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development (GRYD), Refugio has worked in the Pacoima, Sun Valley, Rampart/Pico-Union, and Northeast communities, working closely with Gang Intervention and Prevention service providers, and other city partners. Currently, he manages GRYD's work in Central, East, and Northeast Los Angeles and the San Fernando Valley.</p>	<p>LA Mayor's Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development GRYD works at strengthening youth/young adults, family, and community resilience to resist the influence of gangs by fostering public/private collaborations and supporting community-based services. The GRYD Comprehensive Strategy involves the provision of gang prevention/intervention services, violence interruption activities, and involvement in proactive peace-making activities.</p>

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<p>11: 15 am Speaker #3</p>	 <p>Officer Mel Bailey, <i>Deputy Probation Officer II South Central Area Gang Unit</i></p>	<p>Deputy Probation Officer M. Bailey graduated from Xavier University and the University of West LA, School of Law and Paralegal Studies. He has been with LA for 18 years. He has taught at West LA College and for the LA County, Office of Education. Mr. Bailey has served on several community outreach programs. He taught Gang Identification classes to several agencies in the Southern California area. He works with kids in our community, both on probation and some who have not reached that unfortunate level. He has worked in juvenile hall as a Detention Services Officer. He quickly promoted to a Deputy Probation Officer I, working at one of the last boot camps. He has also worked with Staff Training. His most previous function was that with the Juvenile Supervision Unit, in which he monitored probationers from a vast array of probation dispositions.</p>	<p>Mr. Bailey is currently assigned to the South Central Area Office as the case manager with the Intensive Gang Supervision Program of the LA County Probation Dept. He supervises approximately 200 different minors a year and is responsible for helping probationers to better their lives, while enforcing the conditions of probation. Mr. Bailey is the only juvenile gang officer who covers the entire cities of Carson, Compton, Lynwood, South Gate and Los Angeles 90059/90061. He, along with the mobile deputies assist families in a variety of ways, from education to housing, from individual counselling to family reintegration.</p>
<p>12:00 Noon Speakers 3&4</p>	 <p>Ms. Alina Liao, MBA/MA <i>Mind Right Co-Founder/CEO</i> alina@getmindright.org</p>  <p>Ms. Ashley Edwards, MBA/MA <i>Mind Right Co-Founder/ COO</i> ashley@getmindright.org</p>	<p>Ashley Edwards (Co-founder & CEO) and Alina Liao (Co-founder & COO) are recent graduates of the Stanford joint MBA/MA Education program. They have professional experiences in urban education in Newark, NJ and Washington, DC. They received the Stanford Frances and Arjay Miller Social Innovation Fellowship and Social Change Leadership Awards for their work. MindRight was named as a winner in the 2016 UPenn Milken Education Business Plan Competition. Our work is guided by clinical advisors at the Stanford Lucile Packard Hospital, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and the USC School of Social Work.</p>	<p>Facing adversity early in life can transform us into extraordinary leaders. However, without the appropriate supports, traumatic stress from repeated exposure to violence puts youth at greater risk of perpetuating violence and experiencing long-term negative health and education outcomes. At MindRight, our mission is to unlock the talent of at-risk youth by helping them recover from trauma. Our text messaging platform teaches teens positive coping skills grounded in evidence-based practices and connects them with local resources. By using technology, we can meet teens where they are and make a baseline level of mental health support available to all youth.</p>

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<p>1:00 pm Speaker #4</p>	 <p>Shari Farmer <i>Community Outreach Coordinator Bureau of Victim Services, LA County District Attorney</i></p>	<p>Shari Farmer is the Field Deputy for the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Bureau of Victim Services. Her job includes giving presentations about the program to agencies and organizations throughout the County, attending over 70 regular meetings a month, teaching a 3-hour training to law-enforcement cadets in the Academy, ongoing briefings with law-enforcement to keep the program top of mind and constantly thinking outside of the box for ways to enhance the program. She is the only Field Deputy for the program, so the entire County is her backyard.</p>	<p>The LA County District Attorney's Bureau of Victim Services is committed to helping victims of crime and protecting their rights. Victim Services Reps with the program provide assistance to victims of crime. These include crisis intervention; emergency assistance; counseling referrals; court escort and orientation; restitution assistance; returning of property; assistance with employers; and case status notification. Advocates can also help get bills and expenses paid that result from certain violent crimes through The California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP). CalVCP may help pay for expenses related to a crime such as: Medical and dental treatment; Mental health services; Income loss; Funeral and burial expenses; Loss of support for dependents when a victim is killed or disabled because of a crime; Home or vehicle modifications; Home security; Relocation; Crime scene cleanup.</p>
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What's the goal of the VPCGLA Making Connections Work Group?

The goal of the LA Making Connections for MBOC is to address the mental health impact of gang culture and gang violence on mental health and community well-being by developing comprehensive, coordinated, cross-jurisdictional strategies to keep youth engaged/retained in school, sports, after-school, arts and/or other programs. Please go to <http://www.vpcgla.org/makingconnections/> to learn more.

Ice-breaker Activity:

What can be done to address the impact of gang culture and gang violence on mental health and community well-being?

Step 1. Pick a partner;

Step 2. Each individual partner will decide if they want to about how either the (a) socio-cultural environment; (b) the physical/built environment; or, (c) the economic environment

Step 3. In turn, each partner will discuss one thing that can be done to address the impact of gang culture and gang violence on mental health and community well-being

Step 4. Participants will share their thoughts with the group