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DATE: November 20, 2025

TO: YouthSource Centers and Hire LA's Youth Providers

FROM: Donny Brooks, Director 
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**SUBJECT: WDS DIRECTIVE No. 26-03
CONSIDERATION OF HIRING GREATER AVENUES FOR
INDEPENDENCE OR GENERAL RELIEF OPPORTUNITY FOR WORK
PARTICIPANTS**

EFFECTIVE DATE

This directive is effective upon the date of issuance.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this directive is to instruct all City of Los Angeles (City) YouthSource Centers (YSC) and Hire LA's Youth (HLAY) providers to notify the County of Los Angeles' (County) Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) and Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) of County funded job openings with job requirements in order to refer eligible County participants to the agency for employment.

BACKGROUND

The County requires all partners funded with County funds to inform DPSS and DEO of their organization's job openings so qualified Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) and General Relief Opportunity for Work (GROW) participants can compete for the vacancy. This has been an ongoing requirement that has not been included in HLAY County contracts. To rectify this oversight, this directive is being released, and all County contracts will be amended to include this requirement in the Scope of Work and Contractor Responsibility (Exhibit I).

REQUIRED ACTION

Effective immediately, providers must report all job openings with job requirements to GAINGROW@dpss.lacounty.gov and BServices@opportunity.lacounty.gov. DPSS will refer qualified GAIN/GROW job candidates. Providers will give consideration to qualified GAIN/GROW participants. Consideration will mean that the provider will interview qualified candidates.

WDS CONTACT

For questions regarding the transmission of this directive, please contact your assigned Program Monitor.

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