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# CES CONNECTION

*Your connection into the Los Angeles County Coordinated Entry System*

**SEPTEMBER 2019**



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## SYSTEM DEVELOPMENTS

### Problem-Solving: A Humanistic Approach to Ending Homelessness

Early this year, we shared our plan to ramp-up a system-wide approach to integrating Problem-Solving across Los Angeles County. Starting this October, LAHSA's Problem-Solving unit will set off on a training campaign to provide free training to service providers and other interested stakeholders!

Training dates:

- ~~October 9-10~~ **FULLY BOOKED!**
- **October 21 & 23**
- **October 29-30**
- **November 19-20**

The Problem-Solving training will be a comprehensive interactive training that will equip staff with the skills necessary to practice active listening, motivational interviewing, reality testing, empowerment, negotiations, and mediation to successfully problem-solve households who are experiencing a housing crisis. Training also cover how to request financial assistance appropriately.

For more information, please click on the button below.

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## SYSTEM METRICS

### System Metrics for the Month of August

(Reporting Dates: 8 /1/2019 – 8/31/2019)

The numbers reported below are for the month of August and include participants in HMIS. Please note, these data points exclude information from the Long Beach CoC, due to their use of a separate database.



**The inflow of people falling into homelessness continues to remain high.** In the month of August, the number of participants entering CES was 96 less than the month of July.

**We are actively engaging with 14,213 participants.** This represents about the same of active participants than we saw in July. The number of people waiting for housing, however, continues to exceed available housing resources.



**366 participants were identified and matched to a supportive housing resource and are in the process of obtaining permanent housing.** This represents 125 less than in the month of July.

**300 new leases for households were established in the month of August,** representing 80 more than there were in July.



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\*Active participants – based on case conference tool with an “active not matched yet” status.

## LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS



### Please Comment and Help Oppose HUD's Efforts to Roll Back Fair Housing Regulations

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released a proposed rule for public comment regarding the Fair Housing Act's Disparate Impact Standard. **Disparate impact makes it possible to challenge a policy or practice under the Fair Housing Act which results in a disproportionate discriminatory impact on one or more protected classes.**

LAHSA opposes this proposed rule and strongly encourages service providers to submit comment to HUD in opposition. **The deadline to comment is October 18, 2019 at 8:59p.m. PST.**

For more information, please click on the button below.

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### Results of the State Legislative Session

Thanks to strong advocacy efforts from housing organizations statewide, **the California Legislature approved a number of important tenant rights and land use bills in the final week of the session** , which ended on September 13<sup>th</sup> .

Some of the critical bills that were approved and await the Governor's signature include:

- **AB 1482**, which will place a cap on annual rent increases of 5% plus inflation (about 8% total) for all rental properties that are more than 15 years old.

- **SB 329**, which extends source of income protections statewide and requires that landlords treat current or prospective tenants with a subsidy (such as a Section 8 voucher or Rapid Re-Housing voucher) the same as other tenants or applicants.
- **AB 1197**, which provides a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemption to any supportive or interim housing in the City of Los Angeles funded by Proposition HHH, the HEAP, or the HHAPP program.

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## PROCUREMENT



### **Update on Access Centers Access Centers and Access Points**

Today, LAHSA commission approved a motion to extend the current Access Centers for a year, initiate contracts for two new Access Centers in SPA 3, gather input from the public on geographic need, and return to the Committee with TAY specific Access Center recommendations for an accelerated RFP process. If you have any questions, please contact us via [email](#).

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**



## The Weekend to End Homelessness

The Weekend to End Homelessness raises awareness about homelessness and connects community members to local volunteer and educational opportunities. These events range from a “Day in the Life” immersion experience in SPA 1, to an art show “What Home Means to me” in SPA 6.

For additional details, please click on the button below.

[Event Flyer](#)

## GET HELP



**Are you experiencing homelessness or at-risk of becoming homeless?** Please visit our Get Help page to find resources.

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## SHARE YOUR STORY

**Are you a service provider or system partner working on an innovative project across our homeless response system?** We want to hear from you! Submit a story for a future edition.

Email your story to LAHSA's CES communications contact, Tery Amaya, via [email](#) .

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LAHSA is a joint powers authority of the city and county of Los Angeles, created in 1993 to address the problem of homelessness in Los Angeles County. LAHSA is the lead agency in the HUD-funded Los Angeles Continuum of Care, and coordinates and manages over \$400 million annually in federal, state, county, and city funds for programs providing shelter, housing, and services to people experiencing homelessness.

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