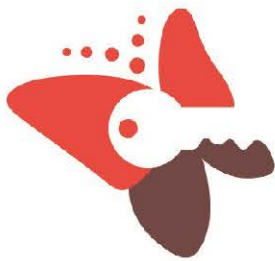

Spring Newsletter 2025

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DRC: Disabled Resources Center
The Key to Independence

Independent Living Center

Spring 2025

Dear Reader,

“In resilience, we find our wings.”—Anonymous

Living in Los Angeles County, we are just beginning to rise again from the wildfires. I am reminded of the old story of the Phoenix rising from the ashes.



The mythical Phoenix bird symbolizes renewal and hope, reborn to new success from past barriers and obstacles. The outspread wings of Disabled Resources Center, Inc.’s (DRC) logo, butterfly symbolize the Phoenix-like resilience which we instill in our consumers.

DRC’s 49th Annual Awards Recognition Event spotlights and honors the resilience of people with all disabilities. We invite you to join DRC’s supporters and community partners at The Grand Event Center, Long Beach, at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday evening, July 24, 2025, to celebrate and honor uplifting advocacy and scholarship.

Sponsorships provide the wind beneath the wings that help DRC's Event take flight. Five Sponsorship Levels provide successive levels of benefits and recognition, including but not limited to increasing numbers of Event Tickets and Opportunity Drawing Donation Tickets. For more information on Sponsorship Levels, click [HERE](#).



Soaring on wings involves taking a chance. DRC's Event includes opportunities both to bid on a wide selection of Silent Auction baskets and come away with Grand Prizes from the Opportunity Ticket Donation Drawing.

DRC's Event honors advocates, both individuals and organizations, whose lives and community activities reflect their concern for and championship of the potentials and achievements of people with disabilities. If you know or have heard about someone exemplifying that concern and championship, please nominate them. For more information, click [HERE](#). All nominations are due by April 14, 2025.

DRC's event honors scholarship by awarding four academic scholarships to four students with disabilities, two students from California State University Long Beach and two students from Long Beach City College. The scholarships are provided by Councilwoman Mary Zendejas, 1st District, Long Beach City Council, DRC Board Member and former Board President. Each college selects their respective Scholarship Recipients.

**Calendar the date to come lift your wings with us at The Grand,
Long Beach, on July 24, 2025!**

With winged resilience, Dolores



***Dolores Nason
Executive Director***



49th Annual Awards Event Nomination

Currently, we are seeking nominations of people who, such as yourself, have made our community a better place in which we live. Please take

some time to reflect on individuals who, in your opinion, deserve to be honored at DRC's 49th Annual Awards Event and complete this Nomination Form by April 14, 2025. Nominations will be reviewed by the awards Event Committee and selected by DRC's Board of Directors.

DRC has designated four areas highlighting our commitment to the community.

1. **Jerry Stein Independent Living Award**
2. **Civic Leadership Award**
3. **Community Service Award**
4. **Outstanding Military Veteran Scholarship**

[Click Here to Submit Your Nomination](#)

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**Antoinae Gray is our
newest employee.**

My name is **Antoinae Gray** and I've been recently employed here as an Office Assistant at the Disabled Resources Center, Inc. A little background about myself: I'm a native of Long Beach. I attended high school at Renaissance High School for the Arts, as well as attended Long Beach City College for my Associate in Arts Degree in Human Services. I've had various jobs working and serving the community. I look forward to working here and continuing my work of empowering the community.



Consumer Comment

***Happy Holidays Gino!!! Thank you
for always be a beacon of light and
for the students in the ACT program.***

***Dr. Prioleau of the Long
Beach Unified School District***





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WHAT'S HAPPENING

BLOG



Ongoing Events

GROUP ORIENTATION

for new consumers

WEDNESDAY'S @ 9:30 AM

HOUSING WORKSHOP

FRIDAY'S @ 9 AM

SMART DEVICES WORKSHOP

Every 3rd Wednesday

of the month @ 1 PM

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

JOB SEARCH

Every 2nd Monday @ 9 AM

MEN'S, WOMEN'S, AND CO-ED SUPPORT GROUPS

WEDNESDAYS @ 1 PM

COMPUTER CLASSES

Every Wednesday through Friday

at 9:30 AM or 1:30 PM

Donate

Mission Statement

To empower people with disabilities to live independent in the community, to make their own decisions about their lives and advocate in their own behalf.

Donations

Your gift today helps DRC to continue to help its consumers toward independent living.

Calendar of Events

March 2025

- 3/03/2025—PASC Board Meeting @ The California Endowment
- 3/03/2025—Molina One Stop Center @ 6583 Atlantic Ave LB
- 3/05/2025—Older Adult Workshop, Holiday Blues, LA County Department of Mental Health, @ Zoom and @ DRC
- 3/06/2025—Molina One Stop Center @ 6583 Atlantic Ave LB
- 3/06/2025—Device Lending Demonstration Meeting
- 3/04/2025—Voice Options Program Meeting
- 3/10/2025—Molina One Stop Center @ 6583 Atlantic Ave LB
- 3/11/2025—Voice Options Program Meeting
- 3/13/2025—Aging & Disability Resource Connection Core Partners Meeting
- 3/13/2025—Molina One Stop Center @ 6583 Atlantic Ave LB
- 3/13/2025—AT Advocates Meeting

3/14/2025—DRC Advocacy Group Meeting by Zoom
3/17/2025—Molina One Stop Center @ 6583 Atlantic Ave LB
3/18/2025—Voice Options Program Meeting
3/19/2025—Older Adult Workshop, Hoarding, LA County Department of Mental Health, @ Zoom and @ DRC
3/20/2025—Molina One Stop Center @ 6583 Atlantic Ave LB
3/20/2025—Molina Los Angeles Community Advisory Committee Governing Board Meeting, Molina Healthcare One Stop Center, Long Beach
3/20/2025—Aging & Disability Resource Connection Extended Partners Meeting
3/21/2025—Meet the Employer Workshop—Marriott Bonvoy, Long Beach
3/24/2025—LA Access Services Board of Directors Meeting
3/24/2025—Molina One Stop Center @ 6583 Atlantic Ave LB
3/25/2025—Voice Options Program Meeting
3/27/2025—DRC Board of Directors Meeting
3/27/2025—Molina One Stop Center @ 6583 Atlantic Ave LB
3/31/2025—Cesar Chavez Day Legal Holiday (DRC Closed)

April 2025

4/02/2025—Older Adult Workshop, Good Sleep for Emotional Wellbeing, LA County Department of Mental Health, @ Zoom and @ DRC
4/03/2025—Device Lending Demonstration Meeting
4/06/2025—4/09/2025—American Public Transportation Association Mobility Conference @ Austin, Texas
4/07/2025—PASC Board Meeting @ The California Endowment
4/07/2025—Molina One Stop Center @ 6583 Atlantic Ave LB
4/08/2025—Voice Options Program Meeting
4/10/2025—Molina One Stop Center @ 6583 Atlantic Ave LB
4/10/2025—AT Advocates Meeting
4/11/2025—DRC Advocacy Group Meeting by Zoom
4/14/2025—Molina One Stop Center @ 6583 Atlantic Ave LB
4/15/2025—Voice Options Program Meeting
4/16/2025—Older Adult Workshop, Preserving Your Memory, LA County Department of Mental Health, @ Zoom and @ DRC
4/17/2025—Molina One Stop Center @ 6583 Atlantic Ave LB
4/17/2025—Aging & Disability Resource Connection Core Partners Meeting
4/21/2025—PASC Open House event @ The California Endowment
4/21/2025—Molina One Stop Center @ 6583 Atlantic Ave LB
4/22/2025—Voice Options Program Meeting
4/24/2025—Aging & Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) Meeting
4/24/2025—DRC Board of Directors Meeting

4/24/2025—Molina One Stop Center @ 6583 Atlantic Ave LB
4/28/2025—LA Access Services Board of Directors Meeting
4/28/2025—Molina One Stop Center @ 6583 Atlantic Ave LB
4/29/2025—Voice Options Program Meeting
4/30/2025—Older Adult Workshop, How Much is Too Much (Substance Abuse),
LA County Department of Mental Health, @ Zoom and @ DRC

May 2025

5/01/2025—Device Lending Demonstration Meeting
5/05/2025—PASC Board Meeting @ The California Endowment
5/05/2025—Molina One Stop Center @ 6583 Atlantic Ave LB
5/06/2025—Voice Options Program Meeting
5/08/2025—Molina One Stop Center @ 6583 Atlantic Ave LB
5/08/2025—AT Advocates Meeting
5/09/2025—DRC Advocacy Group Meeting by Zoom
5/12/2025—Molina One Stop Center @ 6583 Atlantic Ave LB
5/13/2025—Voice Options Program Meeting
5/15/2025—Aging & Disability Resource Connection Core Partners Meeting
5/15/2025—Molina One Stop Center @ 6583 Atlantic Ave LB
5/19/2025—Molina One Stop Center @ 6583 Atlantic Ave LB
5/20/2025—Voice Options Program Meeting
5/22/2025—Aging & Disability Resource Connection Extended Partners Meeting
5/22/2025—DRC Board of Directors Meeting
5/22/2025—Molina One Stop Center @ 6583 Atlantic Ave LB
5/26/2025—Memorial Day Legal Holiday (DRC closed).
5/27/2025—LA Access Services Board of Directors Meeting
5/27/2025—Voice Options Program Meeting
5/29/2025—Molina One Stop Center @ 6583 Atlantic Ave LB



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