

Harbor Interfaith Services



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Harbor Interfaith Co-hosts South Bay Housing and Health Resource Fair

A Creative Effort to House the Homeless

SAN PEDRO, CA: On Thursday, August 24, 2017, the Coordinated Entry System (CES) of Harbor Interfaith Services (HIS) will co-host the South Bay Housing and Health Resource Fair, a regional effort to house the homeless. The event will take place at the Lennox Constituent Service Center at 4343 Lennox Blvd. from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Representatives from forty social service agencies will help the homeless connect to the services they need to find housing, employment, healthcare, and other forms of assistance.

“The goal is to connect at least 150 homeless individuals and families to the resources they need to find housing and become self-sufficient,” said Alex Devon, Regional Coordinator for CES for Individuals and Youth. CES is a no-wrong-door, multi-agency system connecting



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homeless people to the resources they need. HIS is the lead agency for the South Bay.

The Housing and Resource Fair will provide linkages to housing, HIV and STD testing, dental and medical services, educational opportunities, and other services. Several agencies are collaborating to produce the event including Hathaway-Sycamores, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, 1736 Family Crisis Center, AIDS Healthcare Foundation, PATH, U.S. Vets, School on Wheels, Los Angeles Homeless Services Agency, County of Los Angeles Public Health, and others.

“It will be an all-encompassing event to connect homeless people in the community to services that can better their lives,” Devin continued. “Transportation and street teams will be available to help the homeless get to the Lennox Center.”

The event was the idea of employees in the office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas (District 2) in response to the rise in homelessness in the region. The homelessness rate across the county rose twenty-four percent but by only four percent in the South Bay. The South Bay has concentrated pockets in Lennox and Inglewood.

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What is Harbor Interfaith Services?

Harbor Interfaith Services (HIS) empowers the homeless and working poor to achieve self-sufficiency by providing support services including shelter, transitional housing, food, job placement, advocacy, childcare, education, and life-skills training. HIS is a non-profit organization serving the South Bay communities of Los Angeles County including San Pedro, the Beach Communities, Harbor City, Harbor Gateway, Inglewood, Lennox, Lomita, Torrance, Wilmington, and Long Beach.