County of Los Angeles
Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services (WDACS)

Bringing Our Loved Ones Home (BOLOOH) Initiative

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BEFORE WE GET STARTED...

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO
OUR MISSION

To connect communities and improve the lives of all generations in Los Angeles County.

We achieve our mission through effective, partnership-driven services and initiatives that:

- Connect individuals to careers and employers to a skilled workforce
- Ensure the well-being of older and dependent adults in the community
- Resolve conflict and improve human relations in our diverse County
Our Continuum of Services

- Youth
- Older Adults
- Families
- Dependent Adults
- Adults
Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services

Our Impact: Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-17

- 1,345,836 Congregate Meals provided
- 1,012,752 Home-Delivered Meals provided
- 98,510 Area Agency on Aging clients
- 41,380 Adult Protective Services clients
- 127,376 Individuals used our workforce system
- 12,078 Individuals participated in youth jobs program
- 21,134 Individuals used mediation services
- 637,141 Services provided at Community and Senior Centers
Have You Seen Nancy?
What Did We Learn?

1. Better coordination is needed when an individual with a cognitive impairment goes missing;

2. Resources to improve the odds of someone being found are needed;

3. **Prevention** is key.

### STILL MISSING

**Nancy Paulikas**

56 yrs old  
5’7” 140 lbs  
Blue eyes, glasses  
Light brown/ gray hair  

Severe dementia  
Has trouble communicating  
- May not be able to say her name

**PLEASE SHARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

**Facebook:** NancyIsMissing

#NancyIsMissing  
#LetsFindNancy  
#NancyPaulikas  

Last seen at Wilshire and Fairfax, Oct 15, 2016 at 3:00 PM wearing a red print shirt, blue jeans and blue shoes

**$30,000 Reward** for information that helps us find Nancy

Please call if you see Nancy, and/or text a picture  
Nancy’s husband Kirk Moody at 310-650-7965  
Or dial 911 (Manhattan Beach Police DR #16-3797)

NancyIsMissing@gmail.com
Bringing Our Loved Ones Home (BOLOH) Taskforce
Bring Experts to the Table:
It Takes a Village

**County Departments:**
- WDACS (Lead Agency)
- Board of Supervisors
- Chief Executive Office
- Sherriff’s Department
- Department of Children and Family Services
- Department of Mental Health
- Department of Health Services
- Department of Public Health
- Department of Public Social Services
- Fire Department
- District Attorney’s Office
- Commission on Disabilities

**City Departments:**
- Los Angeles Police Department
- Regional Centers
- LA City Attorney’s Office
- City of Los Angeles Department of Aging

**Other Stakeholders/Partners:**
- Commission on Older Adults
- Commission on Local Gov’t Services
- Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee (CCJCC),
- Alzheimer’s Greater LA
- Autism interaction Solutions,
- LA County Commission on Disabilities,
- California Highway Patrol
BOLOH Taskforce Purpose

Mission:

To explore and evaluate practices and opportunities that will help reduce the number of vulnerable people who are missing and quickly locate them when they go missing.

To achieve these objectives, the Task Force was charged with the following:

- Identify and explore the best available tracking devices and make recommendations on one or more that offer promise for effective implementation in Los Angeles County;
- Offer guidance and a timeline for needed training;
- Develop proposals for a community outreach program(s);
- Estimate costs associated with these activities; and
- Provide a comprehensive report of the Task Force’s findings and recommendations to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.
BOLOH Taskforce

Guiding Principles

Protect

Locate

Identify
BOLOH Taskforce

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Enhanced Coordination
Technology Solutions
Prevention, Education, and Training
Social Engagement
A. Enhanced Coordination

A1  Creating Capacity for Inter-Agency Collaboration, Coordination and Implementation of BOLOH Initiative
A2  Identification of BOLOH Initiative Liaisons
A3  Coordination and Communication Protocols
A4  BOLOH Multi-Disciplinary Team Meetings
A5  Law Enforcement Investigational Checklists
A6  Hospital Diligent Search (Jane/John Doe) Checklist
Recommended Strategies

B. Technology Solutions

B1  Project Lifesaver Tracking, Pilot Study
B2  Proactive Registry: New vs. Leveraging and Integrating
B3  Personal Technology Resources: Layering alarms, registries, tracking, alerts
B4  Biometrics: Photos, Facial Recognition, Fingerprint
B5  Community Alerts Systems
B6  Provider Databases, Mutual Aid, Search & Rescue Dogs, and Other Similar Systems
C. Prevention, Education & Training

C1 First Responder Education: 911, law enforcement, EMS/fire

C2 Social Service Provider Education: 211, AAAs, Long-term services & supports

C3 Health Care Provider Education: Continuum of Care

C4 Preventive Caregiver Training: Managing Behaviors and Using Technology Solutions
Recommended Strategies

D. Social Engagement
   D1  Community Awareness Campaign: Proclamation, LA Metro, District Events
Enhanced Coordination

- Fund and create a coordination Unit within WDACS that will have overall responsibility for planning and implementation of the Initiative’s 17 Strategies within a three-year timeframe.
The pilot will provide a tracking bracelet to 130 low income individuals suffering from Alzheimer’s, Dementia or Autism. If the individual goes missing, the Los Angeles Sherriff’s Department (LASD) Mental Evaluation Team (MET) will be activated to track and quickly locate individuals when they become lost. Pilot will be launched on September 5, 2018.
What is Project Lifesaver?

• Project Lifesaver International, is a 501c3 and is the first and oldest organization providing training and tracking devices to law enforcement organizations, specifically dealing with Alzheimer’s, Dementia and Autistic individuals.
• Project Lifesaver is currently being used in Glendale, San Diego, Monrovia, and La Verne.
How Does the Device Operate?

- The device emits a radio frequency (RF) signal that law enforcement can pick up by using the PLI-1000 personal receiver with attached Yagi antenna.
- Los Angeles County Sherriff’s Department (LASD) Mental Evaluation Team will be “activated” when an individual wearing a device is reported as missing.
- LASD has outfitted helicopters and ground units with the device to assist in the location of missing individuals.
Pilot Implementation & Evaluation

Implementation:
- Devices will be issued by WDACS in collaboration with LASD MET
- Caregivers/Family members will be trained to change the battery on each device
  - Each pilot participant will be assigned Community Services Analysts II as a contact for assistance
  - Website for the Initiative and a dedicated toll-free number;

Evaluation:
- Surveys
  - Required information for assessment by funding source (Prevention and Early Intervention) as devices were procured in partnership with the Department of Mental Health.
- Interviews
  - Informal interviews to obtain additional data
- Final Report to the Board of Supervisor’s due at the conclusion of Pilot with recommendations.
Next Steps

Prevention, Education and Training

- Implement Training to ensure First Responders have the knowledge and expertise to identify and address the unique needs of individuals with Alzheimer’s and/or Autism.
Next Steps

Social Engagement

- Develop and Implement a community awareness campaign in collaboration with County agencies and key stakeholders.
“YOUTH IS A GIFT OF NATURE, BUT AGE IS A WORK OF ART.”

– STANISLAW JERZY LEC

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Project Lifesaver:
https://projectlifesaver.org/

BOLOH Initiative and Report:
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Thank You for inviting LA County!