

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

Bringing Our Loved Ones Home (BOLOH)
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.

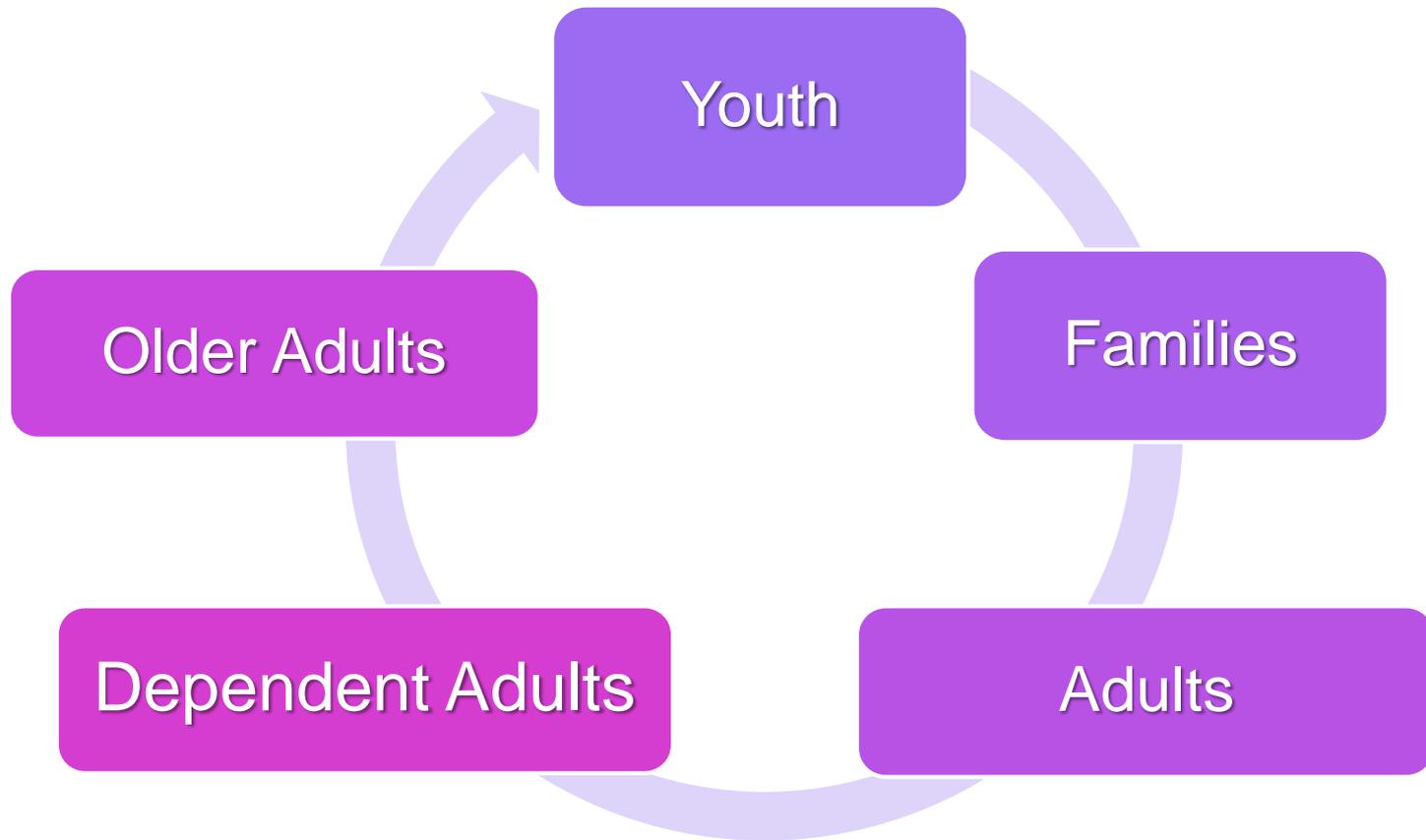
We achieve our mission through effective, partnership-driven services and initiatives that:

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



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?

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: [NancysMissing](#)

[#NancysMissing](#) [#LetsFindNancy](#) [#NancyPaulikas](#)

[NancysMissing.BlogSpot.com](#)

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)

NancysMissing@gmail.com



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.**

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

- Commission on Older Adults
- Commission on Local Gov't Services
- Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee (CCJCC),

City Departments:

- Los Angeles Police Department
- Regional Centers
- LA City Attorney's Office,
- City of Los Angeles Department of Aging

Other Stakeholders/Partners:

- 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



Recommended Strategies

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, Fingerprints
- B5** Community Alerts Systems
- B6** Provider Databases, Mutual Aid, Search & Rescue Dogs, and Other Similar Systems



Recommended Strategies

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



Implementation: Bringing Our Loved Ones Home Unit

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.



Project Lifesaver Pilot

Technology

- Implement Project Lifesaver Pilot to track individuals at-risk of wandering so that individuals who go missing are quickly found.

- 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 Sheriff'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:

<https://wdacs.lacounty.gov/boloh/>

Thank You for inviting
LA County!

