



THE IMPACT

Honoring Survivors, Celebrating Community

Get a recap of Jenesse Center's activity-filled month! April was in full swing with powerful events that highlighted the strength, resilience, and voices of our community. From recognizing Sexual Assault Awareness Month to remembering Little Bear, celebrating young leaders, and expanding immigration support, Jenesse Center continues its commitment to uplift and empower!



Remembering Little Bear

We are heartbroken to share that Little Bear, beloved emotional support dog and cherished member of the Jenesse family, passed away. Little Bear had a unique gift that brought light and comfort to so many in the Jenesse community. She was more than a companion, she was a quiet healer, a source of comfort for our clients, and a loyal partner to our Director of Permanent Housing, Stephanie Grudberg, who herself is a survivor of domestic violence. Her role extended far beyond that of a pet. Little Bear served with grace, empathy, and unwavering loyalty. Her puppy love lives on in every heart she helped to heal. Rest well, Little Bear.

Mount Saint Mary's University
LOS ANGELES

Jenesse Center, Inc.
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAM

LOTUS INITIATIVE
Prevention, Support, Community

Jenesse University
Student Leadership Conference

10am-3pm
April 12

Mount Saint Mary's University
Doheny Campus
Rose Hills Plaza

Come network, strategize, and build community with students and professionals involved in violence prevention, education, and advocacy work!

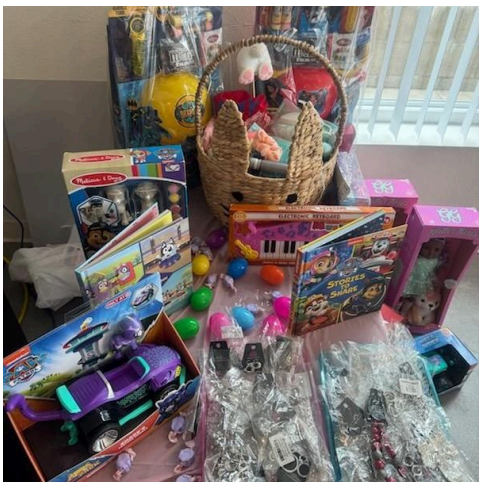
Register here:

Breakfast and lunch provided
All participants receive a custom tote bag and candle

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Jenesse University Student Leadership Conference

Jenesse University held its second annual Student Leadership Conference at Mount St. Mary's University Doheny Campus. The event brought together undergraduate and graduate students from across Los Angeles to explore topics such as healthy relationships, violence prevention, social justice, and mental health. Co-sponsored with Mount Saint Mary's University, the conference fostered peer learning and professional networking among students eager to make a difference in their communities. We are inspired by the energy and commitment these young leaders bring to this work and look forward to continuing to support their growth and impact.



Spring Has Sprung at Solaris!

During spring break, our staff hosted a joyful Spring Eggstravaganza for residents and their children. The event featured arts and crafts, delicious food, fun giveaways, and the highlight—an Easter egg hunt with prizes for all. These celebrations do more than bring smiles; they help foster healing, strengthen community bonds, and encourage residents to engage in healthy, positive activities. We're proud to create spaces that support both joy and wellness at Solaris.



Free Immigration Consultation and Education

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FREE Individual Immigration Consultation with an Immigration Attorney • FREE help from the Family Source Center 	When: April 30, 2025 at 2pm
FREE Community Education on these Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common Immigration Applications • Know Your Rights Training • The Dangers of Notario Fraud 	Where: On Zoom or in-person at 4305 Degnan Blvd. Ste. 105 Los Angeles, CA 90008 To sign-up call: (323) 614-4583

Free Immigration Workshop and Clinic Returns!

Jenesse Center successfully relaunched its free Immigration Workshop and Clinic at the West Adams Leimert Park Family Source Center. At yesterday's clinic, we served 11 individuals and their families, providing free education, attorney consultations, next steps, and referrals on their immigration cases. This vital support offers hope and understanding as community members navigate their immigration journey. As immigration challenges continue to grow, we remain deeply committed to providing trusted, accessible resources that help individuals know their rights and avoid notario fraud. We thank everyone who attended and encourage continued engagement with our services for informed, empowered action!



Take Back the Week with Project SAFE

Jenesse Center teamed up with Project SAFE to participate in this year's *Take Back the Week* events during Sexual Assault Awareness Month. This powerful initiative challenges the many forms of sexual violence while promoting solidarity, accountability, and healing. The week included a community screening of the award-winning film "Anora," followed by a thoughtful discussion about identity, autonomy, and power dynamics in relationships. Participants explored nuanced themes such as resilience and class perceptions, particularly through the lens of sex work and emotional well-being. These events are part of our broader commitment to education and dialogue as tools for prevention. Thank you to all who joined us in building safer, more informed communities throughout the week.



Mother's Day Music Festival

Join Jenesse Center for the Mother's Day Music Festival on Saturday, May 10, at the Michelle & Barack Obama Sports Complex. This free, family-friendly event celebrates the love and strength of mothers with live music, food trucks, cultural activities, and a special gift for moms. Presented as "A Gift to the Mothers y Madres" by L.A. leaders Heather Hutt, Marqueece Harris-Dawson, and Curren Price, the festival is a day of community and connection. Proceeds will benefit Jenesse Center's work in domestic violence intervention and prevention. See you there!

[Get Tickets](#)

Recognizing Sexual Assault Awareness Month

This April, we recognized Sexual Assault Awareness Month with a renewed commitment to supporting domestic violence survivors. At Jenesse Center, we understand the deep and lasting impact sexual violence has on survivors and communities.

As a domestic violence intervention and prevention center, we have witnessed firsthand the deep intersection between domestic and sexual violence. These forms of abuse are deeply connected and both deserve our urgent attention and collective action.

Throughout the month, we honored the strength of survivors and reminded our community that healing, safety, and justice are not only possible but must remain prioritized. We thank all who joined us in standing with survivors and invite ongoing support to help us continue this vital work. Your voice and action matter.

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Staff Spotlight!

Leslie Belt Appointed to Statewide DV Council!

Congratulations to Leslie Belt, Director of Compliance, for her appointment to the California Domestic Violence Program Advisory Council. This is a powerful opportunity for Jenesse Center to help shape statewide services and policies that support survivors and families.





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