



Domestic Violence Council (DVC)

Hybrid General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, June 18th, 2024;

12:00pm – 2:00pm (Pacific Time)

The California Endowment & Virtual (MS Teams)



Welcome Remarks



HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS



Land Acknowledgment

The County of Los Angeles recognizes that we occupy land originally and still inhabited and cared for by the Tongva, Tataviam, Serrano, Kizh, and Chumash Peoples. We honor and pay respect to their elders and descendants — past, present, and emerging — as they continue their stewardship of these lands and waters. We acknowledge that settler colonization resulted in land seizure, disease, subjugation, slavery, relocation, broken promises, genocide, and multigenerational trauma. This acknowledgment demonstrates our responsibility and commitment to truth, healing, and reconciliation and to elevating the stories, culture, and community of the original inhabitants of Los Angeles County. We are grateful to have the opportunity to live and work on these ancestral lands.

We are dedicated to growing and sustaining relationships with Native peoples and local tribal governments, including (in no particular order) the

Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians

Gabrielino Tongva Indians of California Tribal Council

Gabrieleno/Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians

Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians – Kizh Nation

San Manuel Band of Mission Indians

San Fernando Band of Mission Indians

To learn more about the First Peoples of Los Angeles County, please visit the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission website at lanaic.lacounty.gov.



Meeting Protocol

- ❑ Please be reminded that this is an open and public convening.
- ❑ Anything discussed in this space is neither protected, nor confidential.
- ❑ Any client or survivor identifying information should not be presented. Thus, please avoid discussion of personal cases.
- ❑ If you need additional resources, please connect with myself or Cindy Hernandez after the meeting. Thank you!



Welcome and Introductions

- Your name
- Pronouns
- Title/Role
- Agency or Affiliation



Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. UPDATE: OVP Gun Violence Prevention Forum
3. PRESENTATION: DVRO System Mapping Project
4. Immigration Update
5. Next steps
6. Announcements and Public Comments
7. Closing

LA County Department of Public Health
Office of Violence Prevention

Gun Violence Prevention Platform

Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Council Meeting
June 18, 2024





Gun Violence Prevention Platform (GVPP)

- OVP launched the GVPP in **June 2022** following horrific deaths in Buffalo, New York and Uvalde, Texas, in addition to increased gun deaths and injuries in LA County including the Monterey Park mass shooting in January 2023.
- To develop a plan of action OVP established **a Gun Violence Prevention Taskforce**, comprised of over 30 community and county partners.
- The Taskforce identified **4 priority strategies** from a list of 40 strategies to prioritize to reduce gun violence.



Gun Violence Prevention Platform (GVPP)

1. Advocate for **robust gun safety legislation** locally and nationally, including the federal ban on assault weapons and large capacity magazines.
2. **Promote social connections, healing, and a culture of peace** through safe spaces and programs that address harm, trauma, and the impact of violence. Support opportunities that foster community togetherness, inclusion, and a sense of belonging while embracing diversity.
3. In partnership with the courts, community and faith-based organizations, and law enforcement, **improve awareness and access to Gun Violence Restraining Orders (GVROs.)** Ensure services, systems and messaging are accessible, culturally relevant and cause no harm.
4. **Increase access to comprehensive, culturally relevant physical and mental health supports and services for all students, K-12.** Enhance school safety by implementing pilot initiatives in at least 3 school districts.



2023/2024 GVPP Highlights

1. 500 middle and high school students attended OVP's **5 Countywide Youth Mental Health Summits** that focused on elevating mental health literacy and resources for youth.
2. Over 250 county and community partners received training on the **Right Tool for the Right Situation** including information about Gun Violence Restraining Orders and Domestic Violence Restraining Orders.
3. OVP, in partnership with DHS Medical Centers and LA County Libraries has **launched a gun safety campaign and distributed over 7500-gun safety locks and educational materials.**
4. OVP, in partnership with the California Community Foundation, has invested \$5 million to **increase access to comprehensive, culturally relevant physical and mental health supports and services for students, K-12 through School Safety Transformation Grants.**

JUNE IS GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Be a part of the solution.
We all have a role to play in public safety.

S

Secure Your Firearms.

Keep firearms securely stored.
Keep ammunition locked separately.

A

Advocate For Community Safety

Join the Department of Public Health and the Office of Violence Prevention's efforts to prevent gun violence.

F

Foster Communication

Know the facts and become a community voice for gun safety.

E

Educate Yourself And Others

Educate yourself on Gun Violence Restraining Orders (GVRs) and finding the right tool for the right situation.



Visit ph.lacounty.gov/ovp/GunSafety.htm or scan the QR code for more resources.



Gun Safety Campaign: Secure Your Firearms Secure Their Futures

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SECURE THEIR FUTURES**

FREE GUN LOCKS NO QUESTIONS

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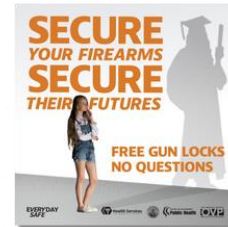
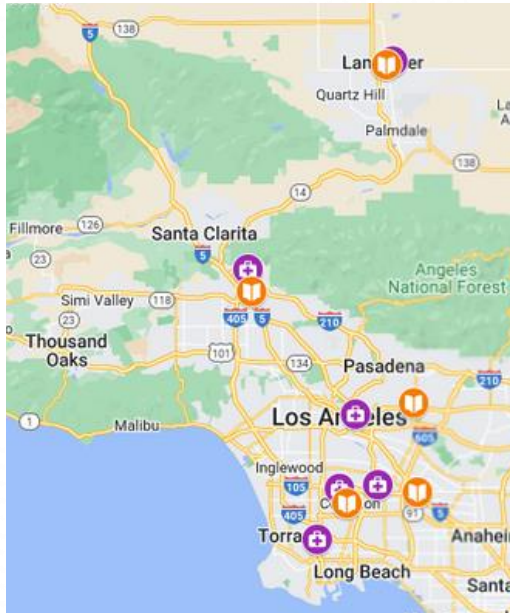
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**ASEGURE SUS ARMAS
ASEGURE EL FUTURO DE ELLOS**

CANDADOS DE ARMAS GRATIS SIN PREGUNTAS

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Gun Safety Campaign: GVROs Save Lives

GVROs SAVE LIVES

A Gun Violence Restraining Order (GVRO) removes guns for 21 days and up to 5 years from individuals at risk of harming themselves or others



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Blue Shield of California Grant

Grant Amount: \$ 150,000

Grant Term: 09/01/2023 to 09/30/2024

Grant Title: Office of Violence Prevention (OVP) Demonstration Project

Key Objective:

By October 31, 2023, engage and identify a cohort of multi-disciplinary OVP and DVC experts and stakeholders including survivors of violence, to work on a demonstration project that looks at the issue of gun violence across multiple types of violence and strategies to mitigate gun violence. The cohort will examine and further understand how gun violence crosses multiple types of violence and specifically look at strategies and tools to mitigate gun violence including gun violence restraining orders and domestic violence restraining orders.

Blue Shield Project Coordinator: Dominic Calhoun



Thoughts, Comments, Questions

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DVRO System Mapping Project

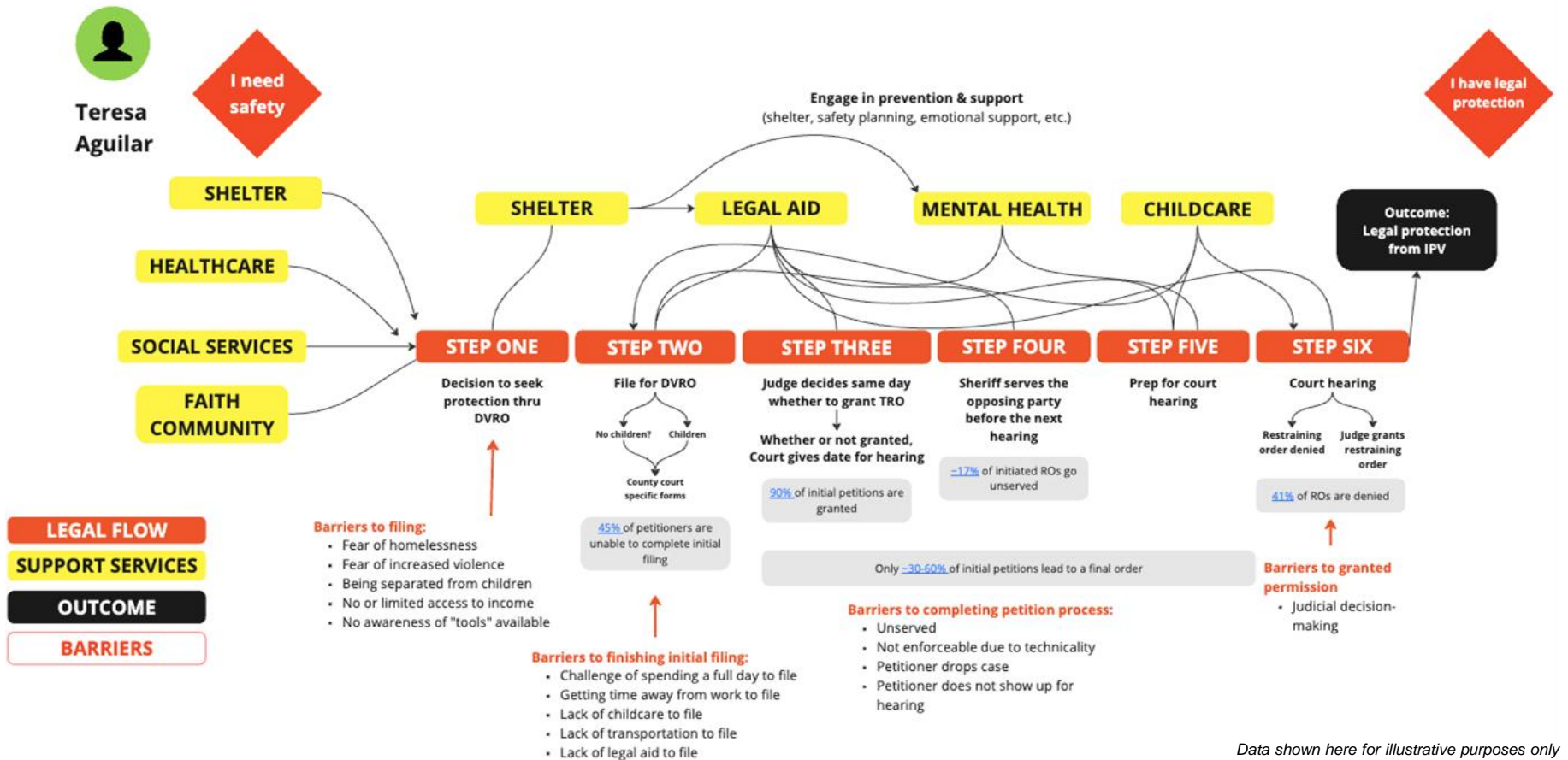
System Mapping Overview



What is a system map?

- End to end visualization of the journey to create **value** for a group(s)
- Helps stakeholders and actors that participate in the system(s) to **understand the whole** in relation to the portion they experience
- Increases the ability of those involved in mapping to better **see, learn and act** together
- Basis for structured learning through **experimentation & improvement**

System map: Visualizing integrated flows



System map: Start with the backbone flow (Legal Flow)



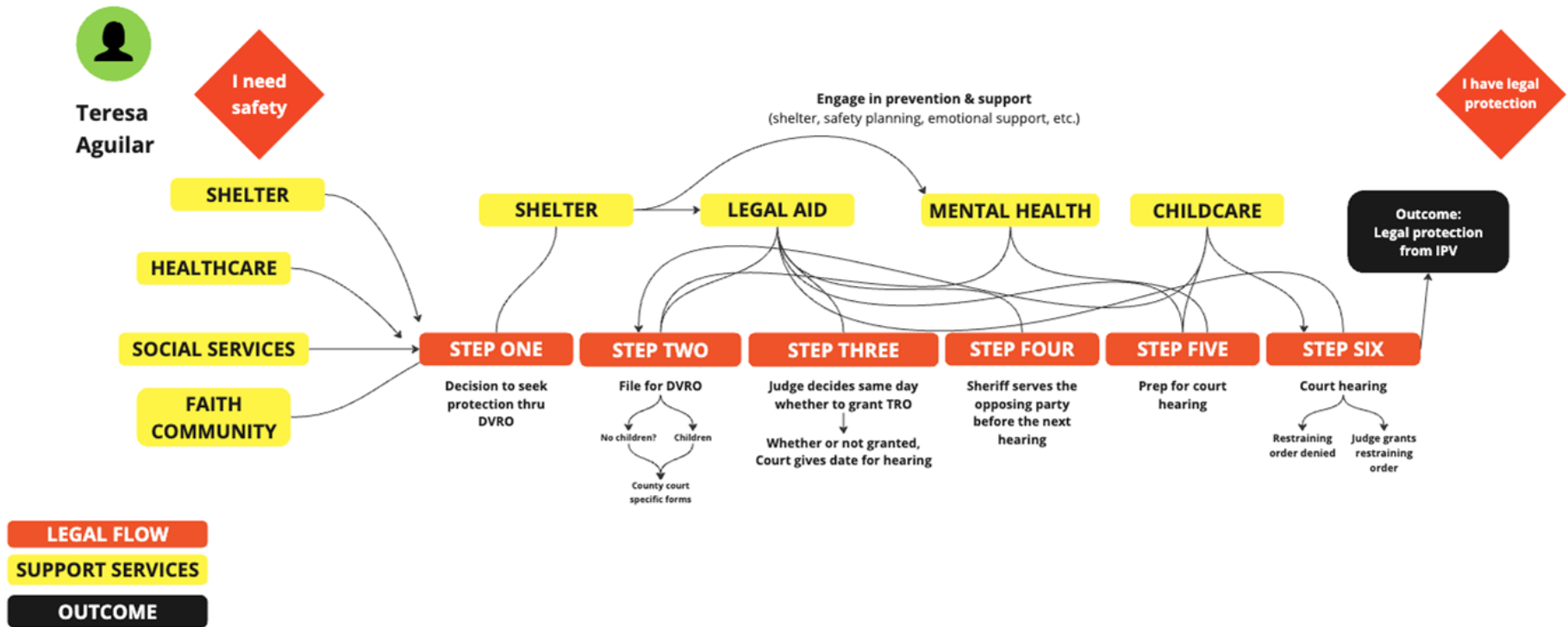
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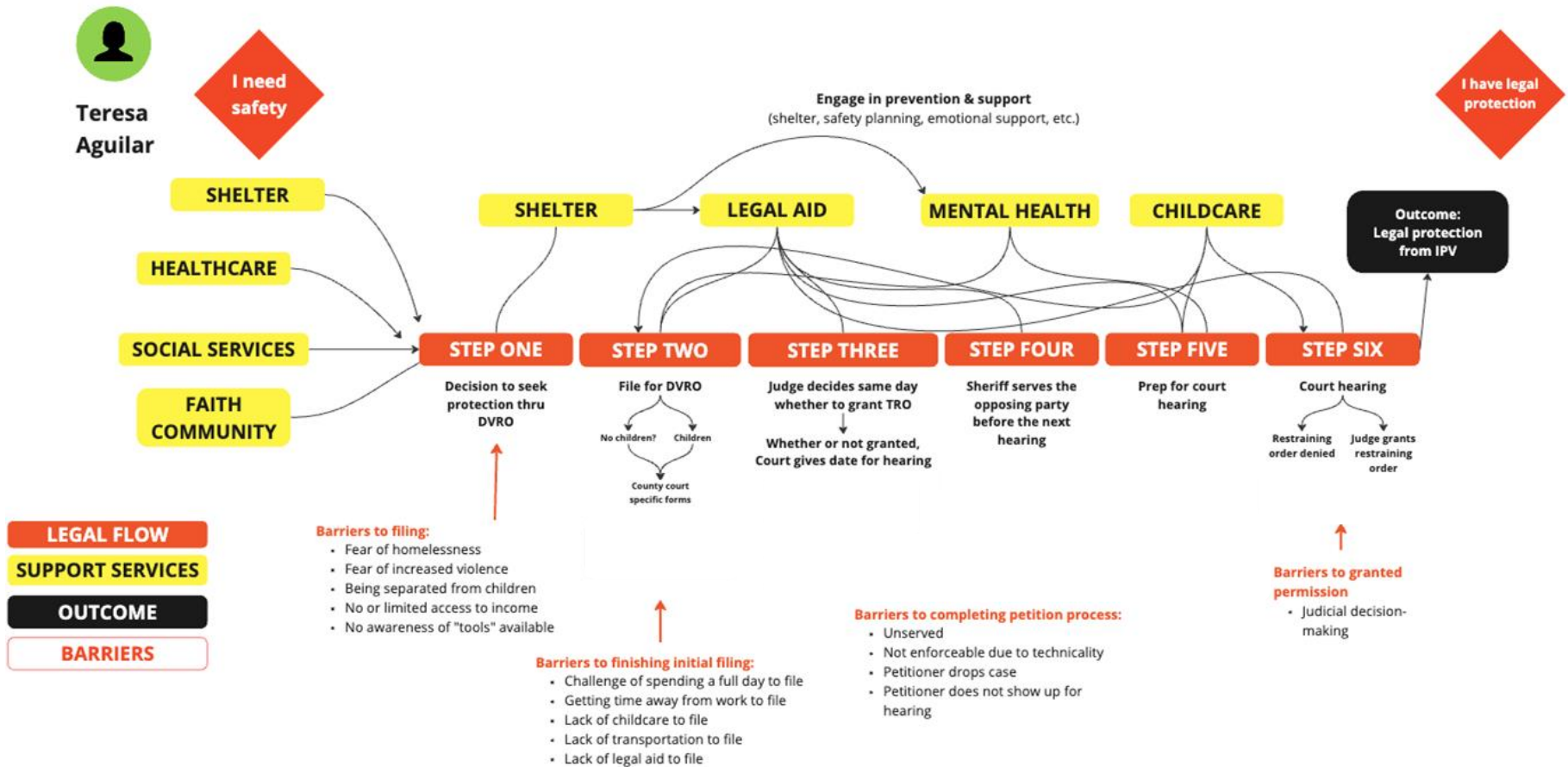
LEGAL FLOW

OUTCOME

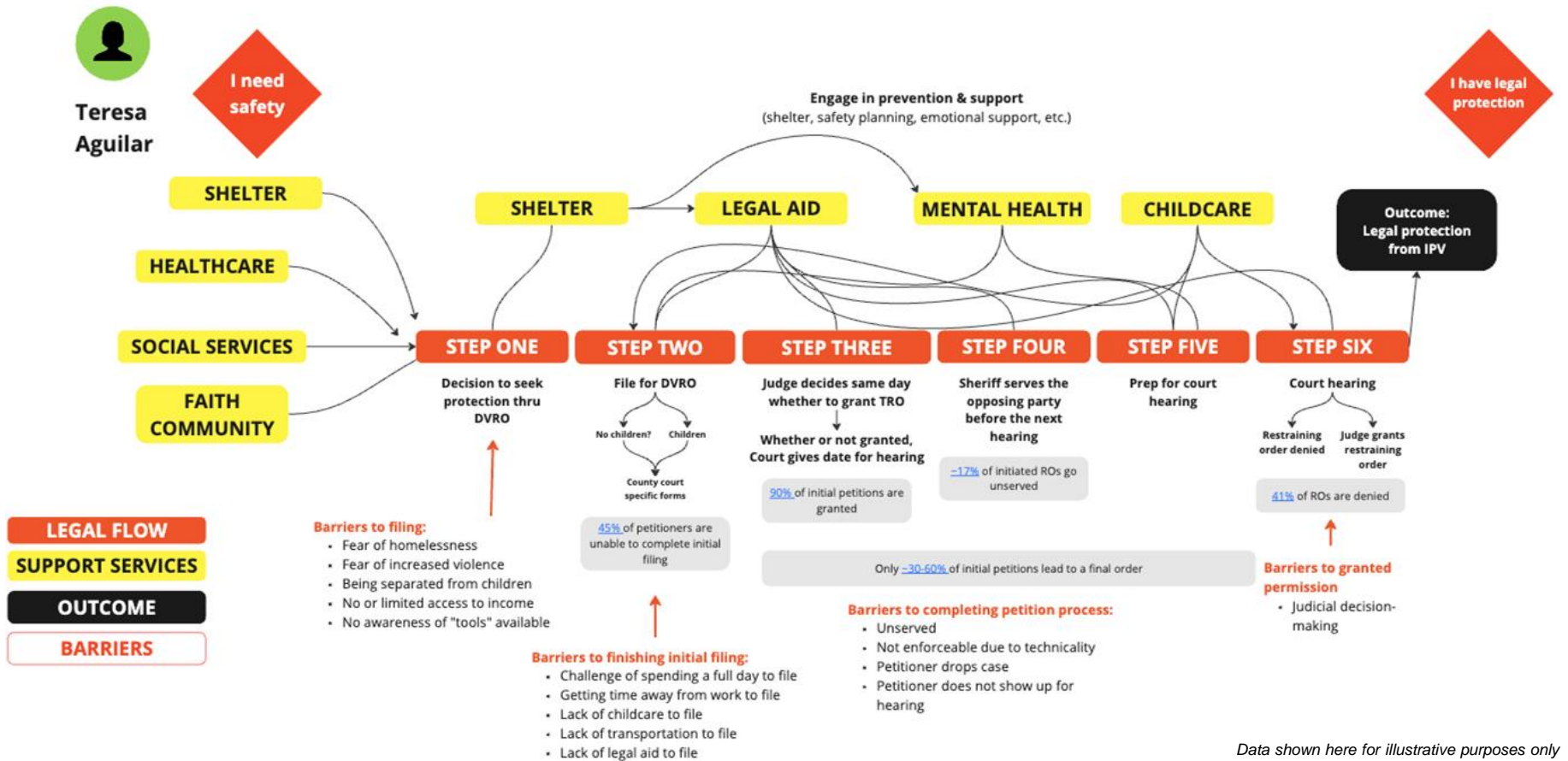
System map: Add enabling flow (i.e.- Housing & Support Services)



System map: Capture the barriers and pain-points



System map: Add data [placeholders]



Current State Session: Outcomes and reflections

Our mapping team

We had over 30 stakeholders representing various roles attend and map with us.

- Alvin Edington Jr.
- Amanda Jancu
- Andrea Welsing
- Carielle Escalante
- Catherine Clark-Perkins
- Deborah Villanueva
- Diana Abbatecola
- Diane Hong
- Dominic Calhoun
- Det. Marie Sadanaga
- Girstin K. Bergquist
- Gisela Batres
- Hannah Denyer
- Hector Manuel Ramirez
- Janice Johnson
- Janice Shurlow
- Jerry Cobb
- Joshua Ramirez
- Kate Forrest
- Lana Choi
- Lt. Alex Gilinets
- Melinda Oakley
- Minty Siu-Kootnikoff
- Pallavi Dhawan
- Patty Hernandez
- Serafin Serrano
- Stephanie Davidson
- Teil Samuels
- Tracci Bowens
- Tracy Owens
- Det. William Strnad
- William Ortega

Our charter

Our scope, persona, and deliverables for the session.

DATE June 14, 2024	PERSONA African-American & LatinX, people who identify as women, residing in LA County, seeking a DVRO
LOCATION California Community Foundation	FOCUS ON Adults (18+), who are unhoused, with/without children

SCOPE

Starting Point: Decision to file petition for a DVRO

Ending Point: Final ruling on DVRO

In Scope: Journey to obtain a DVRO for identified personas; Legal, law enforcement, housing, child and support services touchpoints that are part of the DVRO process; Safety planning touchpoints; Data related to obtaining a DVRO; Barriers and issues to obtaining a DVRO; Identifying opportunities for improvement

Out of Scope: Enforcement of DVROs; Mapping identities separate from personas; Mapping systems outside of the DVRO process (i.e.- Homeless system); Deciding on solutions

OUTCOME/DELIVERABLE

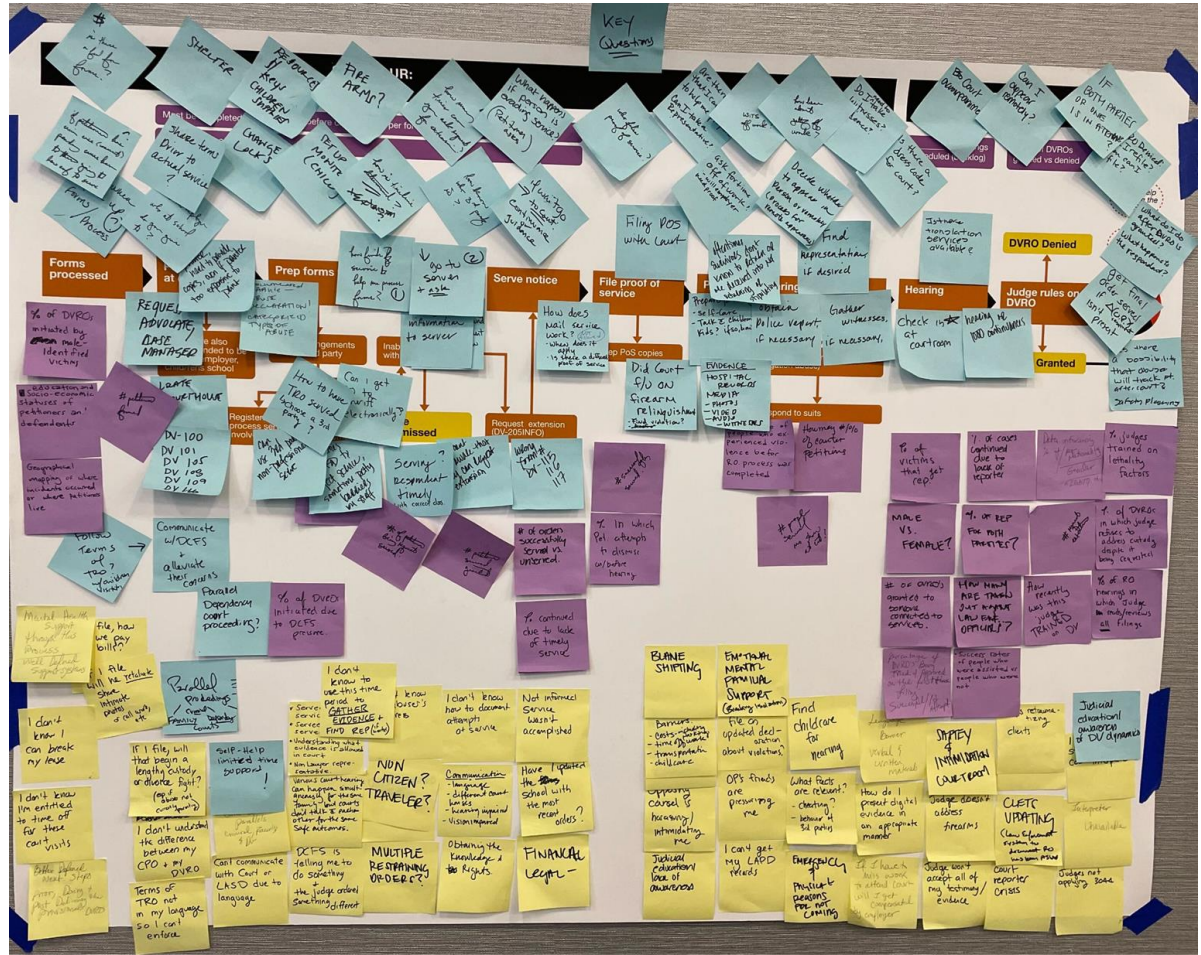
1. Construct a current state map of our persona's journey through the system to obtain a DVRO that depicts:
 - Steps, systems, roles, and flow through these system
 - Enabling and disabling experiences
 - Performance data (or placeholders)
 - Gaps and barriers to flow through these systems
2. Team identifies system gaps and barriers that can be improved.
3. Team gains a shared perspective on the end-to-end process to obtain a DVRO from the persona's perspective.

Outcomes and reflections

Service →

Hearing Prep →

Final Hearing.



DVRO System Mapping Project

What's Next: Future state session



Mapping the future state

Envision a future state

Next we envision a future and identify changes that inform projects.

- Conduct an in-person session on June 28th to construct **future state map**
- Identify and prioritize **recommendations**
- Design of **final deliverables** in July

DVRO System Mapping Project

Questions?



IMMIGRATION REPORT

PRESENTER: GIANNI ARCE

FROM: CENTRAL AMERICAN RESOURCE CENTER
(CARECEN)

AGENDA

Immigration Report:

- President Biden Issues Executive Order
- T-Visa New Rule
- Fee Rule Change
- U-Visa BFD EAD Update
- Questions and Answers

EXECUTIVE ORDER: SUSPENDING ENTRY OF NONCITIZENS

- Signed on June 4, 2024, to impose severe restrictions on the entry of noncitizens at the southern border.
- The Executive Order imposes a suspension and limitation on entry of noncitizens who cross the U.S. border between ports of entry and are apprehended by immigration officers within 100 miles of the southern border.
- Began on June 5, 2024, and will apply until 14 calendar days after there has been a consecutive calendar-day average of less than 1,500 encounters over a 7-day period. The suspension will continue to apply, or be re-implemented after it has been lifted, if there is a 7-day average of 2,500 encounters or more.
- During the Biden administration apprehensions have not fallen below this level.

EXECUTIVE ORDER'S EFFECT ON ASYLUM

The Executive Order includes an interim final rule from the Departments of Justice (DOJ) and Homeland Security (DHS) that restricts asylum eligibility for those noncitizens who enter outside of ports of entry along the southern border. The rule creates three key changes to the asylum process:

1. Individuals who enter the U.S. unlawfully along the southern border are ineligible for asylum unless they demonstrate that "exceptionally compelling circumstances exist";
2. DHS officers will no longer ask each noncitizen specific questions as to whether they have a fear of return and instead will only provide general information about the asylum process and refer a noncitizen for a credible fear interview (CFI) if the person affirmatively expresses a fear of return; and
3. During the CFI, an individual who establishes that they warrant an exception to the asylum restriction will be screened for a "reasonable probability of persecution," a higher credible fear standard than what is currently imposed.

PURPOSE OF PRESIDENT'S EXECUTIVE ORDER

- Increase the speed and consequences for those who cross our borders unlawfully or who attempt to present themselves at Ports of Entry without authorization.
- Limit the potential applicants allowed to remain in the U.S. and apply for asylum.
- The new rules do not apply for the following individuals:
 1. Unaccompanied children;
 2. People demonstrating exceptionally compelling circumstances, such as: an acute medical emergency; in imminent and extreme threat to life or safety (rape, kidnapping, torture, or murder);
 3. A victim of a severe form of trafficking; or
 4. People who use the CBP One application at a port of entry.

T-VISA NEW RULE

The Final Rule on T Visas published on April 30, 2024; Rule goes into effect August 28, 2024. Here are some of the new procedures that will be implemented through the Rule:

1. USCIS will conduct a bona fide determination (BFD) for T Visa applicants. If the applicant is found to be a bona fide applicant, they will be able to obtain an employment authorization document while their T-Visa application is pending a decision.
2. Extreme hardship to others besides the T-1 applicant may now be considered, but only if the T-1 applicant shows they would also suffer hardship because of the third party's extreme hardship.
3. Updated the definition of law enforcement agency (LEA) to include Tribal authorities and agencies with the authority to investigate or prosecute of trafficking under any administrative, civil, criminal, or Tribal laws.

NEW FEE RULE

- As of April 1, 2024, a new rule regarding government fees became implemented by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).
- For most applications or petitions submitted to USCIS, the fees paid to USCIS increased on April 1, 2024.
- However, for the vast majority applications submitted for survivor-based forms of immigration relief, such as the U-Visa, T-Visa, and VAWA, there is no longer a fee needed to submit the applications to USCIS.
 - This includes work permit applications and applications for a lawful permanent status.
 - Previously, many applicants were unable to pay the government fees or had to request a fee waiver to ask the government to waive the fee based on the applicant's inability to pay.

U-VISA BFD EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION

- An employment authorization document (EAD) is issued by USCIS to bonafide U-Visa applicants.
 - USCIS issues a bonafide determination notice once a U-Visa applicant is eligible to receive an EAD.
- BFD EADs allow U-Visa applicants to lawfully work in the U.S. while USCIS is processing their U-Visa case.
- It is unpredictable when a client will receive a bonifide determination notice from USCIS
 - We are receiving BFD notices for cases we submitted between 2018-2023

QUESTIONS?



DVC ANNOUNCEMENTS

❑ DV CHILD MALTREATMENT WORKGROUP

➤ Co-Chairs: TBD/TBA.

➤ **Next meeting: Tuesday, July 9th from 11:00am – 1:00pm (PT) via MS Teams.** To join, please email DVC@ph.lacounty.gov to be placed on the email list to receive notices related to meetings and Workgroup activities. Agenda will be available 1 week prior to meeting.

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❑ DVC AFRICAN AMERICAN CAUCUS (DVC-AAC)

- Co-Chairs: James Maddox/Association of Black Social Workers of Greater Los Angeles and Cecelia Walker/Angels Step Inn.
- **Next meeting: Friday, July 12th from 9:00am – 10:30am (PT) via MS Teams.** To join, please email DVC@ph.lacounty.gov to be placed on the Caucus email list to receive notices related to meetings and Caucus activities. Agenda will be available 1 week prior to meeting.
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❑ DVC PREVENTION AD HOC COMMITTEE

- Co-Chairs: Virginia Duplessis/Futures Without Violence, Angela Kim/LA County Dept. of Youth Development, Griselda Marquez/Rainbow Services
- **First meeting: Monday, July 29th, 2024; 2:30pm – 3:30pm PT via MS Teams.** To join, please email DVC@ph.lacounty.gov to be placed on the email list to receive notices related to meetings and ad hoc Committee activities. Agenda will be available 1 week prior to the meeting.
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❑ DVC LIVED EXPERIENCE ADVISORY PEER (LEAP) GROUP

- Co-Chairs: Tina Rios/Reimagine Child Safety, Dachele Kendrick/Volunteers of America LA and Southern CA Alcohol and Drug Programs, and Roman James/Commission for Children and Families.
- **First meeting: Monday, July 29th, 2024; 1:00pm to 2:00pm PT via MS Teams.** To join, please email DVC@ph.lacounty.gov to be placed on the Committee email list to receive notices related to meetings and ad hoc Committee activities. Agenda will be available 1 week prior to the meeting.
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❑ DVC STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS FOR 2024/2025

- Why – One voice; Collectively move the dial in LA to address DV.
- Who – DVC key stakeholders (members, service providers, systems partners, survivors, and anyone else who would like to participate)
- What – SWOT Analysis for DV by (1) Region, (2) Supervisorial Board Districts, (3) Key DVC Priorities (as identified by DVC Standing Committees, DVC Ad hoc Committees, DPH/BOS Priorities)
- How – Collect/analyze/synthesize/engage membership utilizing (1) Available collected county data; (2) Recommendations from DVC Standing Committees, DVC Ad hoc Committee, DPH/BOS Priorities; (3) Recommendations from DVC engagement with individual programs (grantees and non grantees) in LA county; (4) Recommendations from VOCA funding survey.
- When- June through December 2024
- Anticipated Outcome – Road map for investment, policy, and enhanced coordinated response.



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS



Let Us Know How We Did



**MONTHLY MEETING
SURVEY LINK:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/C8MC8V9>

Thank you!