

# WHAT'S GOING ON

MAY

SPA 5/6



## **African American Infant and Maternal Mortality Prevention Initiative**

The countywide coalition of the African American Infant and Maternal Mortality (AAIMM) Initiative addresses the disproportionately high rates of Black infant and maternal deaths. They are dedicated to ensuring healthy and joyous births for Black families in LA County.

To learn more click here: [AAIMM](#)

## **Maternal Mental Health NOW**

Maternal Mental Health NOW is a project of community partners in Los Angeles County. Their mission is to remove barriers to the prevention, screening, and treatment of prenatal and postpartum depression in LA County.

To learn more click here: [MMHN](#)

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In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a bill designating the second Sunday in May as a legal holiday to be called “Mother’s Day”—dedicated “to the best mother in the world, your mother.” For the first few years, the day was observed as a legal holiday, but in absolute simplicity and reverence—church services were held in honor of all mothers, living and dead.

## **The Bittersweet Legacy of Mother’s Day**

According to many sources, Anna simply wanted to honor her mother, claiming that her mother was the originator of the real Mother’s Day. As the holiday went mainstream, she was dismayed to see it become more commercialized with the sending of greeting cards and flowers; she also didn’t even want the holiday promoted by women’s organizations, charitable foundations, or public health reformers to raise money—somewhat ironic considering her mother’s public health mission. In 1948, Anna Jarvis died in a sanitarium in a state of dementia.

## **Mother’s Day Today**

Mother’s Day endures and evolves. Just as Mother’s Day was the creation of multiple women, the modern Mother’s Day celebrates the varied roles of mothers today. We commemorate the many ways mothers have fought to better the lives of their children, from social welfare to non-violence. We also honor the way mothers have raised and nurtured their children with love and courage.



STAR STATUS CARES IN COLLABORATION WITH LA COUNTY SOUTH LA/SOUTH BAY AFRICAN AMERICAN INFANT MATERNAL MORTALITY COMMUNITY

ACTION TEAM (AAIMM) PRESENTS

# Mother's Day

Mother's Day is a great time to give back and show love to a deserving mother who is facing difficulties and challenges. Parenting doesn't come with a manual. however, most times it does come with a mother who loves unconditionally and is deserving of a token of appreciation. We are looking for women who desire to support mothers who are experiencing challenging circumstances by providing them a special Toiletry Treat Bag. Let's be creative, please fill a new totes, purse or backpack of your choice with female products. Please see list below for examples

**Let's Make Mother's Feel Special On**

**Saturday May 4, 2024**



TOILETRY LIST:  
SANITARY PRODUCTS  
TOOTHPASTE/TOOTHBRUSH/FLOSS  
HAND SANITIZER  
DEODORANT  
COMB/BRUSH  
MAKE-UP  
LIP GLOSS  
SOAP/BODYWASH  
WET WIPES  
NAIL POLISH AND ACCESSORIES



**AFRICAN AMERICAN INFANT  
AND MATERNAL MORTALITY  
PREVENTION INITIATIVE**  
SOUTH LA / SOUTH BAY COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM

**Please have all completed "Toiletry Treat Bags" in no later than April 29th.**

MLK Public Health Center: 11833 Wilmington Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90059 8am-6pm

**please call before dropping off completed bags**

**Tanisha Rogers: 310-766-5094**

**Debrina Campbell: (323) 568-8781**

# 3rd Annual Community Baby Shower & Resource Fair

SLASB AAIMM CAT presents our 3rd annual community baby shower & resource fair, sponsored by Planned Parenthood Advocacy Project Los Angeles County. Join us as we celebrate Black Maternal Health Week by celebrating Black mothers and their families with **FREE donations** and resources.

## Event Details

**Date:** Saturday, May 4

**Time:** 12:00PM-3:00PM

**Where:** Cal State Dominguez Hills  
830 E. Victoria St.

Carson, CA 90746

**Register Here:** <https://tinyurl.com/SLASBBS24>

**For more information contact:**

[slasbaaimm@gmail.com](mailto:slasbaaimm@gmail.com)

**Parking is located at Lot 3**

*Free Parking for 1st 100 Vehicles*

## OUR SPONSORS



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South Los Angeles/South Bay African American Infant and Maternal Mortality Community  
Action Team and Star Status Cares Presents

## SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 8, 2024 (12PM-3PM)

## JUNETEENTH



## FATHER'S DAY



## Celebration



Join us as we celebrate black fathers and their families with vital  
resources and a community baby shower.

### SERVICES BEING PROVIDED:

- 4D ULTRASOUNDS
- HAIR CUTS
- MENTAL HEALTH
- VETERAN AFFAIRS
- FATHER SUPPORT GROUPS
- EARLY EDUCATION
- SUPPORTIVE SERVICES
- LEAD SERVICES

- SERVICES FOR PRENATAL MOMS  
AND FAMILIES
- LACTATION EDUCATION
- YOUTH INTERVENTION
- LIVE DJ
- RAFFLES
- & MUCH MORE!

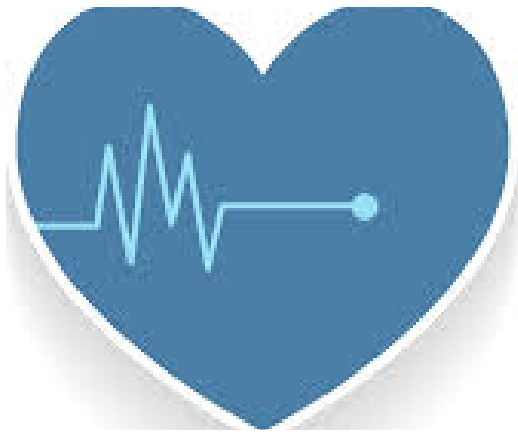
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## HISTORY OF NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

**1953**

Dorothy Sutherland of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare sent a proposal to President Eisenhower to proclaim a "Nurse Day" in October of the following year. The proclamation was never made

**1954**

National Nurse Week was observed from October 11-16. the year of the observance marked the 100th anniversary of Florence Nightingale's mission to Crimea

**1972**

Again a resolution was presented by the House of Representatives for the President to proclaim "National Registered Nurse Day." it did not occur

**1974**

In February of that year, a week was designated by the White House as National Nurse Week, and President Nixon issued a proclamation.

**1974**

In January of that year, the international Council of Nurses (ICN) proclaimed that May 12 would be "International Nurse Day." (May 12 is the birthday of Florence Nightingale). Since 1965 , ICN has celebrated "International Nurse Day."

**1978**

New Jersey Governor Brendon Byrne declared May 6 as "Nurse Day." Edward Scanlan, of Red Bank, N.J., took up the cause to perpetuate the recognition of nurses in his slate. Mr. Scanlan had this date listed in Chase's Calendar of Annual Events. He promoted the celebration on his own.

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## HISTORY OF NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

**1981**

ANA, along with various nursing organizations, rallied to support a resolution initiated by nurses in New Mexico, through their Congressman, Manuel Lujan to have May 6, 1982, established a “National Recognition for Nurses.”

**1982**

in February, the ANA Board of Directors formally acknowledged May 6, 1982 as “National Nurses Day.” The action affirmed a joint resolution of the United States Congress designating May 6 as “National Recognition Day for Nurses.”

**1982**

President Ronald Reagan signed a proclamation on March 25, proclaiming “National Recognition Day for Nurses” to be May 6, 1982.

**1990**

The ANA of Directors expanded the recognition of nurses to a week long celebration, declaring May 6-12, 1991, as National Nurses Week.

**1993**

The ANA Board of Directors designated May 6-12 as permanent dates to observe National Nurses Week in 1994 and in all subsequent years.

**1996**

The ANA initiated “National RN Recognition Day” on May 6, 1996, to honor the nation’s indispensable registered nurses for their tireless commitment 365 days a year. The ANA encourages its state and territorial nurses associations and other organizations to acknowledge May 6, 1996 as “National REN Recognition Day.”

**1997**

The ANA Board of Directors, at the request of the National Student Nurses Association, designated May 8 as National Student Nurses Day.



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## Honoring Black Nurses in History



### **Mary Eliza Mahoney (1845-1926)**

At 33, Mary Eliza Mahoney was one of four students out of 42 to graduate from the New England Hospital School of Nursing, making her the first Black nurse to graduate from nursing school and receive a professional nursing license in the United States. She was a champion for increased access to nursing education and fought against discrimination throughout her career.

### **Adah Belle Thoms (1870-1943)**

Adah Belle Thoms graduated as the only Black nurse at the Women's Infirmary and School of Therapeutic Massage in 1900. She continued her studies, then became the supervising surgical nurse and acting director of Lincoln Hospital in New York City from 1906-1923. Due to racial policies, she was never named director.

### **Estelle Massey Osborne (1901-1981)**

Estelle Massey Osborne is a prime example of how scholarships can change a life. After leaving a teaching career to become a nurse, she took her training at a hospital in St. Louis—and then received a scholarship to continue her education. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree, then continued her studies to become the first Black nurse with a Master of Science degree.

Osbourne tirelessly opened academic doors for Black nurses. She raised funds for students to attend Black colleges, joined the faculty for the Department of Nursing Education at New York University, became the first African American Associate Professor to teach at the University of New Maryland, joined the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corporation, and served as the eleventh president of the NACGN.



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May  
Mental Health  
Awareness Month



CalMHSA  
California Mental Health Services Authority

**TAKE ACTION**  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH  
for yourself for your whole for your community

SAVE THE DATE  
**TAKE ACTION LA COUNTY**  
**SERVICE AREA 6**

Join us for a community event focused on mental health, offering resources, wellness activities, free games, entertainment, and food (while supplies last)! Enjoy complimentary haircuts and manicures, onsite hiring opportunities, LA sports team activations, pet adoptions, DJ performances, giveaways, and more. Engage in a variety of activities for all ages. This family-friendly gathering promises a day of wellbeing, connection, and joy, all in support of mental health.

**LOCATION**  
Earvin "Magic Johnson" Recreation Area  
1050 E. 120th St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90059

**EVENT HOST**  
LA County Dept. of Mental Health

**DATE AND TIME**  
Saturday, May 11, 2024 • 11am-5pm



**MAY IS NATIONAL  
MENTAL HEALTH  
AWARENESS MONTH**

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Always be a Hard Working  
Soul as Nothing  
Good Comes Easy in Life....

So Make the Best of  
Your Efforts to  
Achieve Your Goals

**Happy  
May Day!!!**



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**MERRY MONTH OF MAY**  
Word Search

**DIRECTIONS:**  
Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

**WORD LIST:**

- BABYBULL
- BLOSSOM
- BUTTERFLY
- CONCERN
- FLOWERS
- GRASS
- GREEN
- GREEN
- LADYBUG
- LAVENDER
- MAYPOLE
- MEMORIAL DAY
- MOM
- MOTHER'S DAY
- PIKITA
- PLANT
- SEEDS
- SPRING
- SUNSHINE
- TARANTULA
- TEACHER

**WORD SEARCH GRID:**

F	B	H	C	Q	U	Z	K	W	G	E	M	I	N	I	P	J
N	O	Y	A	E	O	O	E	N	I	S	G	O	O	D	J	Y
I	L	Y	P	A	V	D	J	I	L	T	A	S	P	L	A	N
H	X	L	E	W	F	M	Y	A	D	R	E	H	T	O	M	B
S	E	O	S	M	O	I	L	D	I	L	T	E	D	L	F	
N	C	O	J	I	Y	E	O	M	E	C	W	S	L	M	N	
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Q	W	P	E	E	R	E	N	K	F	Z	D	P	A	Y	A	Z
R	H	O	S	C	I	B	L	D	Y	L	F	T	A	A	R	P
W	M	P	E	R	V	A	E	B	C	V	O	R	T	U	M	E
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Q	L	F	O	M	Y	B	I	M	E	S	J	K	R	R	W	C
L	E	Y	O	D	A	B	B	P	A	T	Z	E	S	P	H	A
I	Y	Z	T	A	U	R	S	S	G	O	E	O	L	L	S	G
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**WORD SEARCH GRID:**

**GRASS**      **MOTHER'S DAY**

**GREEN**      **PIKITA**

**GREEN**      **PLANT**

**LADYBUG**      **SEEDS**

**LAVENDER**      **SPRING**

**MAYPOLE**      **SUNSHINE**

**MEMORIAL DAY**      **TARANTULA**

**MOM**      **TEACHER**

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