

· 9:30 am – 10:00 am **Check In**

· 10:00 am – 12:00 pm **Introduction / Opening Remarks & Information**

### **Presenters**

#### **Janssen Pharmaceutical**

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At Janssen, they are entrusted with one of the most important jobs in the world. They aspire to transform lives by bringing life-saving and life-changing solutions to people who need them. They're committed to providing safe and effective medicines as well as the services and support that contribute to healthy outcomes.

#### **Pets Are Wonderful Support LA (PAWS/LA)**

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PAWS/LA is dedicated to preserving the loving bond between people and their companion animals. To that end, they provide services to assist low-income seniors and people disabled by a life-threatening illness keep and care for their pets.

#### **Aviva Family & Children's Services**

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Aviva believes every child and every family in our Los Angeles community deserves the chance for a brighter future. They provide compassionate support, therapeutic services, and guidance to at-risk children and families.

#### **MEPS (Mobile Enhanced Prevention Support for People Leaving Jail Project)**

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The Mobile Enhanced Prevention Support (MEPS) study is a partnership between UCLA, Charles R. Drew University, and the Los Angeles Center for Alcohol and Drug Abuse (LA CADA). It aims to test an intervention designed to reach a vulnerable population at a critical point for increased risk of HIV infection – men who have sex with men (MSM) and transgender women (TW) who have substance use disorders and are leaving (or have recently left) jail. It tests an innovative intervention including a trained peer mentor, a smartphone app, and incentives for completed activities related to study aims.



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