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California Surgeon General Dr. Nadine Burke Harris Visits Long Beach as Part of Statewide Listening Tour



Event gathered educators, service providers, city officials and community members to discuss Long Beach's healthcare priorities and challenges

Recently appointed California Surgeon General Dr. Nadine Burke Harris visited Long Beach to learn about the community's innovative programs and initiatives, which provide increased access to health and wellness services and resources for their communities most underserved residents. Facilitated by Elisa Nicholas, MD, MSPH, CEO of [The Children's Clinic, Serving Children & Their Families](http://www.thechildrensclinic.org) (TCC), the roundtable discussion focused on how the Long Beach collaborative was addressing the root causes of serious health conditions and health disparities and the support needed to be done at regional and state levels to sustain their work.

In addition to TCC leaders and physicians, Dr. Burke Harris was able to listen to representatives from the City of Long Beach Mayor's office, [Long Beach Health & Human Services](#), [Century Villages Cabrillo](#), [Pacific Asian Counseling Services](#), [Long Beach Forward](#), the Minister's Alliance, [Success in Challenges](#), [Love Beyond Limits](#), [Centro Cha](#), Long Beach Unified School District, Children Today, For the Child, Long Beach Trauma Recovery Center, community residents and others about their work to provide access to healthcare services and resources for their communities.

The Long Beach community is focused on equity and committed to working in collaboration with other community partners dedicated to improving health outcomes for everyone, especially those in most in need. Dr. Burke Harris also discussed the work that the State is doing to ensure better health outcomes with Governor Newsom's early childhood budget proposals that are focused on developmental

screenings, support for home-visiting initiatives, and improving infant and maternal health. These programs total over [\\$200](#) million in the Governor's 2019-2020 budget proposal.

Gov. Gavin Newsom [appointed Dr. Burke Harris](#) as California's first Surgeon General on January 21, 2019.