



Hollywood Police Activities League (PAL) Fact Sheet

Mission

The Hollywood Police Activities League, a community-based crime prevention program, provides young people with positive alternatives to gangs and drugs. Through interaction with police officers in recreational, educational, athletic and fine arts activities, young people are given the opportunity to form healthy, positive attitudes toward the police, the society and the laws they represent.

Program History

The PAL program, founded in 1914 in New York City, brings children under the supervision and positive influence of police officers. Studies have shown that if a young person respects a police officer on the ball field or in the gym or a classroom, the youth will likely come to respect the laws that police officers enforce. PAL is a national program with a membership exceeding 1.5 million children and more than 400 law enforcement agencies serving over 700 cities with 1,700 facilities throughout the United States.

The Hollywood PAL chapter, which was formed in 1996, serves more than 400 at-risk youth ages 6-17 annually from Hollywood and surrounding areas of Los Angeles, offering programs six days per week throughout the year. Program activities are low or no cost to accommodate our service area, 75% of our families are below the poverty line.

Hollywood Pal Programs include:

- Martial Arts
- Soccer
- Hollywood Fit Club (marathon-training, hiking, dance and other fitness activities)
- Junior Police Academy (an introduction to the different responsibilities of a police officer)
- Youth Leadership Council (student-led community volunteer work)
- PAL College Scholarship Program (partial college scholarships available to alumni of PAL)

Hollywood PAL kids also enjoy monthly cultural field-trips such as outings to the theatre, museums and sporting events. These opportunities are shared through our community partners.

Please ensure the safety, health and personal development of our kids and our community, by supporting Hollywood PAL.

For more information, check out the Hollywood PAL website - www.hollywoodpal.org.