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Time For Change Foundation Holds Empowerment and Action Fair in San Bernardino

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Time For Change Foundation team at the BBOP Center in San Bernardino for the Empowerment and Action Fair on Aug. 29, 2026. (Photo courtesy of Time for Change Foundation)



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Time For Change Foundation held an Empowerment and Action Fair at the Black and Brown Opportunities for Profit (BBOP) Center in San Bernardino on Aug. 29, 2026.

The fair gave families and individuals access to free resources such as health and wellness support, legal services, employment and education opportunities, and housing resources. Around 30 vendors were in attendance and provided different services for the community, including Starting Over, Inc., Young Visionaries and Lindsey Law.

The **Time For Change Foundation** is a non-profit with the desire to empower communities towards holistic well-being and economic prosperity. The foundation seeks to achieve this through a culmination of creative projects and services made to establish housing and economic development as the foundation for which everyone can be guaranteed the opportunity to reach their highest potential.

“I would say somewhere between 400 to 500 people came today,” said Time for Change Foundation Senior Communication Specialist, Rosie Angulo.

“We also had a free legal clinic. So a few of the people that I interviewed came here for expungements. So they were very grateful because a lot of the ones that I spoke to kept saying how, ‘Oh, every time I got a job they would lay me off once they found out. So now, with this expungement, I’ll be able to create more stability for myself and for my children.’ So that was great to hear,” shared Angulo.

Program Administrator at the Time For Change Foundation, Aimee Durante explained that expunging or sealing, can help individuals with criminal records to get the crime taken off their record since it can sometimes be a barrier to potential employment or housing.

“We’re trying to break down the barriers for people that are trying to get back on their feet and be productive members of society. But when there’s roadblocks in the way, they see that you have a criminal record, then it’s hard to get housing. It’s hard to get that job,” Durante explained.

“The community is hurting and the whole point of today’s event was to provide help and support in real time. So we had our reentry table that was able to sign people up for services in real time...beyond just the legal services to help with not only the live scans, [but also] the record expungements, helping with family reunification [and] other things,” Durante continued.

Durante stated that not everyone can afford legal representation so many of the action fair attendees benefited from the legal services that were offered.

Durante offered that while the action fair happens periodically, the Time for Change Foundation is always in action and helps homeless individuals with housing and wraparound supportive services, offers trauma-informed case management, therapy, a licensed drug and alcohol program to assist those

that are in recovery, an employment development program and financial literacy to teach individuals how to manage their money when they receive a job and an income. Time for change has a team of people of which some can relate to clients based on their own lived experiences and they all have something special to give every woman that walks through the doors, according to Durante.

“Beyond the housing and supportive services, we also have some reentry programs right now. So we have our Wish program, which is wellness to stabilize housing for women who have served state time and they’re recently released or on state parole,” Durante explained.

“We can help her to move into a place. We can help her with rental assistance. We can help her with immediate placement if she’s just getting out and she has nowhere to go. If she’s able to live with a family member, we can help with the financial burden of the extra person in the household. Also, furniture and utilities. We also have reentry programs to help with employment, legal services, mental health, and more,” Durante continued.

Durante encourages those interested in helping to spread the word about the variety of positive services that the Time For Change Foundation has available to those in need to reach out to them. For those who wish to volunteer or donate Durante shared that is always helpful and that they can call the Time For Change Foundation’s office or visit their website at timeforchange.org.



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