

What is a SPA?

Los Angeles County is divided into eight "Service Planning Areas" (SPA's) for health care planning purposes. Each SPA has an Area Health Office that is responsible for planning public health and clinical services according to the health needs of local communities. Some examples of healthcare planning activities include:

- >> assessing health needs of local communities
- >> providing services through Department of Health Services clinics and community partners
- >> promoting health & preventing disease collaborating with community groups to improve the health of SPA residents

Health District and Service Planning Area (SPA) Boundaries

SPA 1 Antelope Valley	SPA 5 West
SPA 2 San Fernando	SPA 6 South
SPA 3 San Gabriel	SPA 7 East
SPA 4 Metro	SPA 8 South Bay <small>Includes Catalina Island</small>



Included in this guide is a list of resources for learning the health characteristics of people in each service planning area. This information is intended to get you started with the research process for learning about the needs of the people you may serve and to help you identify the types of programs available in specific regions that may wish to partner with your efforts or that you may refer people to for ongoing follow-up care.

Please refer to the following link to learn more about a service planning area <http://lapublichealth.org/spa/>.