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**LACDMH's Original, Emmy Award-Winning Documentary Series,
Profiles of Hope, Now Available for Online Viewing and Distribution**
Featuring three well-known individuals, Profiles airs again this Wednesday on PBS/KLCS-TV.

Los Angeles, CA – The all-new *Profiles of Hope*, created and produced as an original series by the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH), will re-broadcast this **Wednesday, May 29th at 8:30PM** on **PBS/KLCS-TV** in Los Angeles. *Profiles of Hope* is used as a teaching tool to motivate audiences and erase stigma. With May nationally designated as Mental Health Awareness Month, the series is now available for viewing on the LA County Channel, [LACDMH website](#) and LACDMH's [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#) pages.

Funded by the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), *Profiles of Hope* is a set of 10-minute inspirational stories that spotlights high-profile individuals who candidly share how they overcame stigma and various obstacles to live successful and productive lives.

Featured in the *Profiles of Hope* 2013 series are:

- Grammy Award-winning singer, actor and writer **Rick Springfield** who is well known for 17 hit songs on the Top 40 charts, including his #1 hit *Jessie's Girl*, and for playing Dr. Noah Drake on the ABC daytime show *General Hospital*.
- Academy Award-nominated actor, model and writer **Mariel Hemingway**, granddaughter of legendary author Ernest Hemingway. She recently discussed her family's history of mental illness in her upcoming autobiographic documentary, *Running from Crazy*.
- Emmy Award-winning director and producer **Paris Barclay** who is executive producer and principal director for F/X's *Sons of Anarchy*. His credits include *NYPD Blue*, *ER*, *The West Wing*, *House*, *Glee* and *Smash*.

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The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health is the largest county-operated mental health department in the United States, directly operating 75 program sites and more than 100 co-located sites. Each year, it contracts with approximately 1,000 agencies and individual practitioners to provide a spectrum of mental health services to more than 250,000 residents of all ages. The Department's mission -- enriching lives through partnership to strengthen our community's capacity to support recovery and resiliency -- is accomplished by working with stakeholders and community partners to provide clinically competent, culturally sensitive and linguistically appropriate mental health services to clients in the least restrictive manner possible.

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