

## **Harvey Kawasaki, Division Chief**

Harvey Kawasaki is the Division Chief of Youth Development Services (YDS) for the County of Los Angeles Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). The Youth Development Services Division provides Independent Living Program (ILP) services, Transitional Housing Placement Program (THPP), Transitional Housing Program (THP), Housing Preventive Initiative (HPI), Transitional Housing Program-Plus, Scholarships and Job Development services for Housing Program-Plus, Scholarships and Job Development services for transition age youth (TAY) in DCFS and Probation foster care.

Harvey has been employed with DCFS for twenty seven years and has managed a myriad of programs in the department and worked in a variety of positions: Human Resources, Personnel Officer 3, Adoptions, Division Chief (including nearly 6,000 adoptions within a two year period of time), Torrance Regional Office, Community Based Support Division (managed \$50+ million of contracted services/support to families and their children) with its focus of child abuse and prevention and now YDS, with its charge of ensuring self-sufficiency for transition age youth.

Harvey earned two degrees, Master of Social Work and Master of Public Policy Administration. He brings to YDS a wealth of knowledge and skills.