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Restoring People! Rebuilding Community! Reshaping the Nation!

SPOTLIGHT

Reentry individuals, families, providers, government, researchers, and advocates are convening in Montebello, CA for the first ever LA County Reentry Symposium all day May 30, 2019. Presented by the LA County Probation Department, the Symposium program is being chaired and planned by our very own Troy Vaughn, LARRP's executive director and co-founder. As is his style, Troy has convened dozens of community and county stakeholders to help put together a powerful and impactful agenda. In addition to keynote speakers, there are over 10 break-out sessions, covering a broad expanse of topics, including Innovative Housing Solutions, Gender Responsive Programming and Custody, Civic Engagement, System Navigation, Service Quality and Performance Measurements, and more!

Felix Tunado, Program Manager, Whole Person Care Reentry, County Department of Health Services is on the team developing the session on Gender recently said, *"I'm hoping that the panel on Gender Responsive Approaches to Reentry demonstrates both the importance of considering gender in service delivery, along with considering gender in a broad sense, making sure to be inclusive of all people."*

Every breakout session will include an impacted person, a community organization, and a government agency speaker. This will be a rich and robust day of discussion. Be sure to [register](#) and MARK YOUR CALENDAR 5/30/19!

Are you busy on May 30 2019?

If you are reading this newsletter, then the only correct answer is YES!



SAVE THE DATE

May 30, 2019

A Symposium on Redefining Reentry: Developing an Innovative Reentry Vision for Los Angeles County

May 30, 2019
8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Quiet Cannon, 901 Via San Clemente, Montebello, CA 90640

[Registration](#)

[Driving Directions](#)

LARRP MEETINGS and EVENTS

Next LARRP General Meeting

March 14th, 2018
9:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Amity Foundation
3750 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles

Come learn about who is returning home from federal prison under the First Step Act! Hear about new employment opportunities from WDACs and LARRP Employment Committee!

Come discuss what the big vote on LA County jail means for the future of incarceration in LA.

[Register](#)

Employment Committee Meeting

March 20, 2019
9:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Amity Foundation
3750 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles

Housing Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 18th
11:00am to 2:00pm
at SSG Headquarters
905 E. 8th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012
Enter Parking Lot on Gladys Street



Interested in getting an expungement or reentry reduction?

In 2018, we served more than 1000 people with the help of attorneys that either reduced, reclassified, or expunged their past record of convictions that impeded their ability to reenter California's labor market.

Attorneys are available from the Los Angeles Public Defender's Office as well as independent, FREE post-conviction relief lawyers across the state.

• Felony Reductions & Dismissals • Post-47 & Post-54 Relief
• Certificates of Rehabilitation Referrals • Housing & employment services
• Attorney Referrals & Support

TIME: 10AM - 1PM

Amity Foundation
3750 S. Grand Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90007

For more information email LARRP at info@larreentry.org



Everyday People Expungement Clinics in 2018

- January 5th
- February 2nd
- March 2nd
- April 6th
- May 6th
- June 3rd
- July 5th
- August 2nd
- September 7th
- October 5th
- November 2nd
- December 7th

LARRP's FREE Legal Clinic First Saturday of Every Month

Saturday, March 2nd
10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Amity Foundation
3750 S. Grand Ave. LA, 90007

If you have a criminal record of any kind and you need help getting it removed, reduced, or expunged then register for these free expungement clinics. Attorneys and paralegals from the Los Angeles County Public Defenders Office will be onsite providing FREE post-conviction relief in the City of Los Angeles. Job recruiters and other service providers will be on site as well.

[Register](#)

ACTION ITEMS

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A 2015 Case Was Supposed to Overhaul California's Solitary Confinement. The Reality Is Much More Complicated.

"It's clear that monitoring alone is not going to fix the situation."

Feb 13, 2019, Mother Jones, by MARISA ENDICOTT
"Basically, prison staff are prosecutor, judge, jury, everything."

[Read the article](#)

End Solitary Confinement!

And then there is indifference. Everyone can fall into this trap. It's so easy to enter into indifference and stay there. An indifferent person remains indifferent unless shaken up.

Elie Wiesel

PARTNER EVENTS



SAVE THE DATE

Gang Prevention & Intervention Conference
Mon, May 13, 2019, 9:00 AM – Tue, May 14, 2019, 4:30 PM

Hilton Long Beach 701 West Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, CA 90831

[more info](#)

[Buy Tickets](#)

Root and Rebound

Free Fresno Second Chances Legal Clinic

Saturday, March 23rd
10 am - 3 pm
2014 Tulare Street, Fresno, CA 93721

This clinic is for any person with a criminal record! Meet 1-on-1 FREE with a lawyer to learn about your legal rights with an arrest or conviction record! At the clinic, we will be providing record-cleaning services and legal information about navigating barriers because of your record related to employment, housing, public benefits, family & children, immigration, parole & probation, and more!

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NEWS

Featured News Story



In landmark move, L.A. County will replace Men's Central Jail with mental health hospital for inmates

By MAYA LAU
LA Times, FEB 13, 2019
Los Angeles County supervisors narrowly approved a plan Tuesday to tear down the dungeon-like Men's Central Jail downtown and build at least one mental health treatment facility in its place.

[Read the article](#)

Is It a Jail? Is It a Hospital? Vote of County Supervisors Exposes Chronic Confusion and Corruption

Justice Not Jails, February 17, 2019
By Peter Laaman

Changing the name from "Consolidated Care Treatment Facility" to "Mental Health Treatment Center" actually accomplishes very little and raises more questions than it answers. [Read more](#)

LA County Construction Vote Means Our Work Is Far from Done—But Also That the Moral Landscape Has Shifted

It may sound stupid and naive to say this, but regardless of today's vote to go ahead and build a mammoth new mental health facility, the balance of moral force has finally shifted in LA County. [Read more](#)

Why California's Default Mental Institutions Are Now Jails and Prisons

Justice Not Jails, Feb. 8, 2019 By Jocelyn Wiener
[Read the article](#)

More News Stories

SF district attorney to wipe out 9,000-plus pot cases going back to 1975
San Francisco Chronicle, Feb. 25, 2019, Evan Semoffsky

[Read the story](#)

Science—and the law — says don't try juveniles as adults

More News Stories

California must double-down on prison rehabilitation



CALMatters Guest Commentary | Feb. 24, 2019 | By Adnan Khan

The State Auditor recently issued an audit of the California Department of Corrections and

Rehabilitation's in-prison rehabilitation programs with a conclusion that these programs did not reduce recidivism rates. [Read more](#)

Huwe Burton on being cleared of mom's murder after 19 years in prison

NBC Today, Feb. 12, 2019



Ending the Punishment of Poverty: Supreme Court Rules Against High Fines & Civil Asset Forfeiture

Democracy Now, FEBRUARY 21, 2019
In a major victory for civil liberties advocates, the Supreme Court has unanimously ruled to limit the practice of civil asset forfeiture—a controversial practice where police seize property that belongs to people suspected of crimes, even if they are never convicted.

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Anti-recidivism efforts falling short, audit says Report suggests state prisons aren't meeting ambitious goals on inmate rehabilitation.

LA Times, Feb 16, 2019, By Jazmine Ulloa
SACRAMENTO — California set ambitious new goals in 2012 to help state inmates transition into society and infused the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation with more funding to fulfill the mandate. But a state audit released last month found corrections officials have failed to connect many prisoners with services, monitor rehabilitation programs and keep people away from incarceration.

[Read the article](#)
[Read the State Audit](#)

SF Chronicle
Miriam Krinsky, Ron Davis and Brian Gurwitz Feb. 13, 2019

[Read the article](#)



Pepper Sprays Used Too Often To 'Subdue Youth' In LA's Juvenile Justice System

LAist, Feb. 5, 2019 BY EMLY ELENA DUGDALE
[Read the article](#)

REPORTS

Featured Report



California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
Several Poor Administrative Practices Have Hindered Reductions in Recidivism and Denied Inmates Access to

In-Prison Rehabilitation Programs

January 2019

[Read the Report](#)

A Groundbreaking Report Goes Deep On Black Homelessness In Los Angeles

LAist, MATT TINOCO, Feb. 26, 2019

Homelessness disproportionately affects black people in Los Angeles. Though about nine percent of Los Angeles County's total population is black-identifying, black people make up about 36 percent of the county's homeless population, according to the 2018 homeless count.

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More Reports

New Report: Pervasive Violence and Isolation at California's Division of Juvenile Justice Endanger Youth

Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice

Maureen Washburn & Renee Menart

Feb. 19, 2019

SAN FRANCISCO – February 19, 2019 – A new report from the Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice provides a comprehensive review of conditions at the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ)—California's state-run youth correctional system—and finds a return to its historically grievous conditions that isolate and traumatize youth.

[Read the Report](#)

Failure should not be an option: Grading the parole release systems of all 50 states

Prison Policy Initiative, Jorge Renaud, Feb. 26, 2019

From arrest to sentencing, the process of sending someone to prison in America is full of rules and standards meant to guarantee fairness and predictability. An incredible amount of attention is given to the process, and rightly so. But in sharp contrast, the processes for releasing people from prison are relatively ignored by the public and by the law. State paroling systems vary so much that it is almost impossible to compare them.

[Read the Report](#)