SPOTLIGHT

May is here, which means the “Shaking up Reentry: A Collaborative Approach to Reentry in LA County” conference is upon us! As many of you know, LARRP has been supporting the LA Department of Probation to develop the first ever Reentry Symposium in LA County. We are excited about the robust agenda for the day and hope you will be joining us for the full day at Quiet Cannon: 901 Via San Clemente, Montebello 90640. Below we share some agenda teasers, be sure to review the full agenda.

Impact and Impacted Keynote Address!
LA County is proud to host Ms. Tonier Cain-Muldrow, CEO and Founder of Tonier Cain International, as the keynote speaker. With 83 arrests, 66 convictions, and nearly two decades struggling with drug addiction, Ms. Cain-Muldrow is a trauma survivor and internationally recognized trauma informed care expert. Her work has focused on heightening awareness of the characteristics and effects of trauma and improving the performance of service providers government agencies, and others who interact with people who have survived trauma. Additionally, Ms Cain-Muldrow has produced, advised, or been featured in numerous films, including “Healing Neen” and “Walking Thru Bullets.”

Where else will you get to see all the bosses in one place?
The Chief’s Panel will feature the chief executives of all LA County departments that work with current and formerly incarcerated people, including DA Jackie Lacey, Probation Chief Terri McDonald, Public Defender Ricardo Garcia, Sheriff Alex Villanueva, DPSS Director Antonia Jimenez, our own LARRP Exec. Director Troy Vaughn, and MORE! These execs will outline their vision for reentry in LA County and take your questions.

Register NOW!

Come hungry!
Breakfast and Lunch will be provided.
LARRP MEETINGS and EVENTS

Next LARRP General Meeting
MAY 9, 2019
9:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Amity Foundation
3750 S. Grand Ave, LA

LARRP’s next General Meeting will be addressing some of the most current issues surrounding the reentry population:
- LARRP Life Experiences
- LARRP Executive Directors’s Report
- LARRP 2019 State Legislation Priorities Overview
- Alternatives to Incarceration Workgroup Overview
- Unity Conference: future Federal Legislation

Employment Committee Meeting
Thursday, June 27th
9am-11am

Goodwill Industries/North East Worksource
342 N. San Fernando Rd
LA, CA 90031

Catherine Lozano from Shields for Families and Jose Osuna from The Meaning Foundation will give a special presentation on their services and best practices in reentry employment services including employer engagement.

Please join us for this special presentation and conversation on "lessons learned". We will have short committee meeting after the presentation.

Plenty of free parking in the lot directly across the street!

Don't Miss this Grant Webinar Workshop!

5/2/2019
2-4 PM May 2nd
The Los Angeles Regional Reentry Partnership presents
California Community Reinvestment Grant Workshop
with The LARRP Policy Training Institute
LARRP OFFICE
742 N. La Brea Ave.,
Inglewood CA, 90302

The workshop will consist of a robust presentation and Q&A session on the application requirements: eligibility criteria, timelines, evaluation process with scoring. The LARRP Prop 64 CRG workshop is open to LARRP members at no cost and $25.00 for non-LARRP members. Light refreshments will be provided.

LARRP’s FREE Legal Clinic
First Saturday of Every Month
Housing Committee Meeting
MAY 16, 2019
1:30pm-3:00pm
HOPICS
5715 S. Broadway, LA 90037

The LARRP Housing Committee Meetings are recurring on Every Other 3rd Thursday (Odd numbered months)

Please note: LARRP General Meetings and other events are open to the public. By attending, you consent to having your voice and likeness recorded, photographed, posted on LARRP's website and social media, and included in LARRP's materials and publications for noncommercial purposes. If you don't want to be photographed or recorded, please let the facilitator know so you can be seated accordingly.

ACTION ITEM

LA County BOS Launches Fair Chance Hiring Campaign

On Tues April 20, 2019, Supervisors Hilda Solis and Mark Ridley-Thomas introduced a motion to commit to implementation of the Fair Chance Hiring Law. The motion opens with critical statistics: "Federal and local statistics suggest that 1 in 3 working-age Americans has a felony criminal record; and up to 75% of individuals released from prison/jail are unemployed after a year."

The motion directs:
(1) Workforce Development and others to report within 30 days with a plan to increase hiring of justice-involved individuals by private sector businesses, associations and community-based organizations
(2) Implement a Countywide Fair Chance Hiring Pledge and education and media outreach campaign: Click here to read the motion

"Fair Chance" means inquiry into criminal history only after the employer has made an offer of employment, and then retraction of the offer only if a conviction is related to the job." (definition by LARRP Steering Committee member Joe Maizlish)

Keep up with the Board of Supervisors meetings, motions and resources at LARRP Steering Committee member, Joseph Maizlish's site

Cannabis Social Equity in Los Angeles is in Crisis!

Since the passage of Proposition 64 and Measure M, the residents of Los Angeles who have been impacted by the War on Drugs have been waiting to see equity, justice, and repair.

We deserve a FULLY funded Social Equity Program to begin to address the harms to our communities. This funding will provide technical assistance, education, loans, and other services to qualified applicants who want to own businesses in the cannabis industry.

The City of LA has yet to fund the program.

Read the Cannabis Social Equity Report, Repairing the Harms, Creating the Future: Creating Cannabis Social & Health Equity in Los Angeles (2019) for more in depth information.

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

05/20/2019
06/04/2019
Healing Through Writing

With New York Times Best Selling Authors

Susan Burton - 4/16 - Executive Director of A New Way of Life
Shaka Senghor - 5/20 - Executive Director of Anti-Recidivism Coalition
Father Gregory Boyle - 6/4 - Founder of Homeboy Industries

Central Library,
Los Angeles Public Library
Meeting Room A
630 W. Fifth St., LA

MAY 14, 2019
10am-3pm
Anchor of Hope International Ministries
RE-ENTRY CONFERENCE

City of Refuge
14527 San Pedro St., Gardena, CA, 90248

Contact:
310-516-1433 or 323-509-4897

NEWS

Featured News Story

Featured this month, is an important NYTimes feature exploring the concept of Prison Abolition!

We are also featuring several articles about what Los Angeles could be doing about the linked problems of Homelessness, mental health and jail overcrowding.

Also, check out our NEWS page, where we are constantly posting the latest news pertaining to this space.

Visit the LARRP News Page

Is Prison Necessary?

Ruth Wilson Gilmore Might Change Your Mind

NYTimes Feature, April
17, 2019
By Rachel Kushner

In three decades of advocating for prison abolition, the activist and scholar has helped transform how people think about criminal justice.

Read more

L.A. County can safely release and treat thousands of mentally ill inmates. So do it
By The Times Editorial Board, Apr 22, 2019

Read the editorial

Mentally ill homeless people keep going to jail. But a study says L.A. County can fix that
LA Times, APR 22, 2019
By DOUG SMITH

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How close is L.A. to building 10,000 houses for homeless people? Here's a breakdown
By DOUG SMITH
LA Times, APR 22, 2019

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An Ex-Prisoner of America's Drug War Speaks Out: It's Not Over Yet
The Crime Report | April 17, 2019
By Anthony Papa

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California Jail Inmates
Effort to cut prison overcrowding puts some jails in crisis.

The Marshall Project, 04.23.2019
By ABBIE VANSICKLE and MANUEL VILLA

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LA Sheriff Watchdog: The First Amendment Shouldn't Shield Deputy Cliques, Tattoos From Scrutiny
The laist BY FRANK STOLTZE IN NEWS ON APRIL 23, 2019

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Bernie Sanders Is Right: We Should Let the Boston Marathon Bomber Vote
Reason, by JOE SETYON | 4.23.2019

Incarcerated people are already paying their debt to society. What good does it do the rest of the population to take away their right to have a say?

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21 more studies showing racial disparities in the criminal justice system
The Washington Post, April 9
By Radley Balko, Opinion writer

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First major drug distribution company, former executives, criminally charged in opioid crisis
NBC News, April 23, 2019
By Tom Winter and Elisha Fieldstadt

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Read more and watch the video
Cannabis Social Equity Report
Repairing the Harms, Creating the Future

CANNABIS - APRIL 16, 2019
published by UFCW 770, Equity First Alliance Los Angeles and the Social Impact Center in Los Angeles

The new Repairing the Harms, Creating the Future: Creating Cannabis Social & Health Equity in Los Angeles (2019) report compiles extensive research that shows the City of Los Angeles’ promising programs meant to repair the war on drugs need a more comprehensive approach – and immediate funding – to succeed.

Read the report

LARRP also has an amazing resource of Reports on the website

Read the report

Where ‘Returning Citizens’ Find Housing After Prison
STATELINE ARTICLE, April 23, 2019
By: Teresa Wiltz

For those who’ve been locked up in prison for years, finding a home on the outside can be rough. Parole restrictions may limit where former inmates can live. Public housing and housing vouchers may be off-limits, and many landlords are reluctant to rent to former offenders.

The result, criminal justice experts say, is a housing crisis among the formerly incarcerated, particularly among those recently released from prison.

Read the article
Read the report