LARRP Committee Meetings and Events

**Integrated Health Committee**
April 5, 2021
1:00 PM

REGISTER Integrated Health

**April General Meeting**
April 15, 2021, 10:00 AM

REGISTER - General Meeting April

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LARRP April 2021 Newsletter

Restoring People! Rebuilding Community! Reshaping the Nation!
**April Spotlight**

**LARRP's work with CCJBH**

LARRP is excited to provide an update on the work with the Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health (CCJBH), and how it’s expanding.

We all know that the justice-involved population has some of the most complex health and social needs of any given demographic group. In order to have the greatest impact on this vulnerable community, the Los Angeles Regional Reentry Partnership (LARRP) has been very intentional about incorporating their voices into the process of the change we seek to improve the quality, scope and coordination of services for our returning citizens.

Over the past year, LARRP has partnered with CCJBH to create our LEADERS Academy, which immerses a cohort of twelve men and women in a year-long process of using their voices and platform to create the change they seek.

In addition to establishing our LEADERS Academy, we have been working closely with CCJBH to establish a focus group of formerly incarcerated individuals in order to gather feedback about the development of the initial draft for individuals reentering the community after incarceration. Obstacles include a lack of health care, job skills, education, stable housing and disconnection from community-based services. CBOs and FBOs are the first to provide services to returning citizens and are well acquainted with helping them to face many obstacles, as they transition out of incarceration and return to communities.

The importance of involving community members with lived experience when making decisions that impact the community at large is becoming increasingly recognized. We have found that both government agencies and policy makers are often disconnected from their communities despite their good intentions. Thus we have to come together and use our collective voices to help them fully understand the barriers that exist for people who are re-entering the community. These barriers can vary by community, so giving people who are from different backgrounds and regions a seat at the table is of the utmost importance. There is something empowering and therapeutic in having a directly impacted person make decisions that will affect them.
to give feedback about the development of the initial draft of the “SB 369 Barriers Table.” LARRP has been essential in ensuring our voice is heard, both by being part of the CCJBH Lived Experience Program Advisory Group and increasing stakeholder engagement opportunities.

During the past year, LARRP, along with many other justice advocates across the state, worked to pass SB 369. SB 369 would have established the California Reentry Commission, which would have been tasked with developing a new health and safety agenda for those returning home from custody, reviewing the barriers to reentry, and coordinating with other entities to establish a grant program for reentry service providers. SB 369 passed both the Assembly and the Senate in the 2019 Legislative Session but was vetoed by the Governor. Per the Governor Newsom’s veto message, he directed CCJBH to instead perform this reentry coordination task.

Cal Voices, LARRP, and CCJBH would like to hear from individuals with lived experience of re-entry and from their supporters about the common difficulties they face pre and post-release, and their ideas on how to address these issues using strategies that leverage effective approaches used across correctional and behavioral health settings.

Update on Expanding Los Angeles County’s Felony Incompetent to Stand Trial

Last week, LARRP was able to mobilize some incredible testimony from individuals involved with the Incompetent to Stand Trial population (IST). In addition to sending a letter signed by dozens of LARRP members to the BOS calling for the expansion of LA County’s FIST Program through ODR, Tedman Cheung from the Amity Foundation and Emily Bell from Project 180 LA provided passionate spoken comments, discussing the vital work that ODR has done with this vulnerable population.

We would like to thank both Ted and Emily for being vocal advocates for the work being done with the IST’s. We would also like to thank you, our network, for providing your support through LARRP and on the Board of Supervisors website.

Advocacy for those unable to advocate for themselves is some of the most important work we engage in, and it would not be possible without your support. Work with the IST population is far from over, and we hope that you will continue to be an active participant in the meetings and policy work necessary going forward.

LA County Leaders Agree To Expand Community Care For People Declared Unfit To Stand Trial

Witness LA, March 25, 2021 by Taylor Walker

On Tuesday, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors voted to expand reentry programs that provide community-based treatment to people found incompetent to stand trial who would otherwise languish in LA’s jail system — the largest mental health facility in the country — while they wait for state hospital beds to become available.

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Partner Events

RE-IMAGINE LA - MEASURE J ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

April 1st and 15th, May 20th, June 17th

JOIN THE MEETING
Civilian Oversight Commission, virtual conference
“Money: How is L.A. County’s Public Safety Budget Prioritized?”

April 1, 9-10:30 AM

The COC for the LASD is hosting a Virtual Conference (2 Part Series) on Public Safety Budgets. County leaders, law enforcement professionals, academics, community partners and members of the public to discuss the flow of the budget process, public safety budget priorities and opportunities for community feedback.

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Rand Corporation Webinar

Supportive Housing in LA County for LGBTQ+ Clients with Incarceration Histories:

April 2, 2021
10:00 AM—11:00 AM

Meeting ID: 843 2828 2013 | Passcode: 057036

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COVID Vaccination Pop-Up Clinic - Pamona

April 5, 2021

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Homelessness and Health Panel

April 8, 2021, 12:00 PM

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April Lunch & Learn

Transgender & marginalized groups:

Friday April 2nd, 12pm
a focus on substance use, barriers to care, language & best practice
With Alexis Sanchez, Vice Chair of WeHo Transgender Advisory Board

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Narcan training dates for April

April 8th, 10am:
https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEqcemhrzIrEtLhA9YMCuTawekcYTPFgSE

April 20th 6:30pm:
https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJModrjktGdfAsp8FisbTCy155AeTXRSz

As always, Narcan training will provide box (two doses) for anyone who completes training. (sent via mail)
Building Trades Apprenticeship
Begins April 5th

More Info: Phone: (213) 340-6567 or Email: INFO@LAOCMC3.ORG

Virtual Training:
LAHSA's Interim Emergency Transfer Plan (IETP) Interim Housing Programs Focus

Wednesday, April 14th 10am-11:30am (90 minutes)

REGISTER and MORE INFO

Save the Date

Prop. 47 Joint Local Advisory Committee (JLAC) Public Meeting

June 8 at 5:00 pm

More Info

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Recurring Clinics and Workshops

NEW!
Legal Clinics hosted by the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA) and the D.O.O.R.S team

- Expungement and Early Termination of Probation Workshop: Every 1st Wednesday of the Month at 1:00pm (More Info)
- Citations/Tickers Workshop: Every 2nd Wednesday of the Month at 10:00am (More Info)
- Fair Chance Hiring Workshop: Every 4th Wednesday of the Month at 1:00pm (More Info)

The legal clinics are open to existing/active D.O.O.R.S clients as well as any person who have been system impacted and are looking to connect to legal services.

Court Relief for Criminal Records
Last Tuesday of Each Month
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm Online with Skype

Did you know that applying for court relief may reduce the barriers of a criminal conviction and make it easier to obtain a job? Attendees of this Webinar will find out how Reductions of Charges, Expungements, and Certificates of Rehabilitation may increase their opportunities for employment and job licensing. They will learn the criteria to qualify, how to apply if eligible, and be provided resources in their community that can be helpful in their rehabilitative journey. In addition, a lawyer from the Inland Empire Latino Lawyers Association will be present to answer questions and provide information on the free legal services they offer for eligible individuals.

Registration required.

More info and register
impacted and are looking to connect to legal services at the reentry center. Please note if a client is on active probation, their DPO will be required to submit a RUU referral on their behalf in order to activate legal services. DPO’s are encouraged to submit the appropriate RUU referral concurrently with recommending attendance to the legal clinics.

Questions: Call D.O.O.R.S Center reception desk at 323-730-4442

D.O.O.R.S Community Reentry Center Orientations

Download Flyer

Member Newswire

Commissary Club

This month we would like to introduce you to one of our partners who is doing something new and exciting in our space!

Introducing Commissary Club: The first, exclusive social network for people with criminal records. From the team who brought you 70 Million Jobs (the first national, for-profit employment platform for people with records), Commissary Club is a response to our users asking for more -- namely, the opportunity to connect with each other.

Commissary Club makes all of the essential resources needed by a returning citizen available in one place: employment, education, mentorship, virtual events and so much more. Our goal is to capitalize on the power of bringing this community together into one place, to support, inspire, and advocate for each other. Our mobile app is free and will be launching soon. Please get in touch with us to inquire about how to get your organization's clients connected to the app.

Contact: Adrienne Hatter, Director of Programs
Adrienne@Commissary.Club
LARRP Updates

**Digital Exhibit**

Mervyn Dymally, the Bridge-Building of Los Angeles

LARRP's LEADERS Training Academy is proud to have collaborated with CAL State LA, Genea Richardson from the Integrated Health team and Lami J. Glenn from the Education team are featured as narrators of letters written to them from peers who are currently incarcerated. Both are providing testimonial accounts of being incarcerated during the COVID 19 pandemic and speak about the conditions and accounts of the measures, or lack thereof, taken in the California prison system to keep the people safe.

View the exhibit online [HERE](#)

**ReLINC- Restoring Lives, Investing, and Networking in Communities**

In collaboration with 211 Los Angeles County, Christ Centered Ministries, and Paving the Way Foundation we are looking for additional community service providers to join our ReLINC network to effectively service our reentry population. The current network is working collaboratively and receiving training on how to effectively service our population. All the efforts will be tracked by the innovative CarlinQ system that will track referrals, collaborations, and success rates. If you would like to join this network of community service providers contact Evelyn Garcia at [evelyn@lareentry.org](mailto:evelyn@lareentry.org)

Information and Opportunities

**ICE ALERT for the Reentry Community!**

During the COVID-19 pandemic, some people in California prisons with ICE holds were allowed to parole to the community without being detained by ICE. On March 16, 2021, ICE arrested someone in that situation at a reentry program. We are concerned that ICE will soon begin arresting other people in this situation.

ICE may arrest people at home, reentry programs, work, or at the parole office. CDCR, including parole agents, shares information and works with ICE.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS! You do not need to open the door for ICE. ICE has no right to enter your home without a warrant even if you are on parole or probation. ICE almost never has a warrant and instead shows people an administrative warrant signed by an ICE agent that does not give them legal authority to enter your home. Make sure everyone in your home knows to not open the door for ICE.

More info
Youth Advisory Council
Application Deadline April 2, 2021

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SECTOR
New Opportunities For Job Success After Incarceration With County-Wide “Sector” Program
Innovative program combines training, paid work experience, and mental health support to help participants enter high-growth sectors with living wage careers
The Los Angeles County Office of Diversion and Reentry (ODR), together with six community-based partner organizations, has launched Skills and Experience for the Careers of Tomorrow (SECTOR), a $4 million annual program aimed at helping people who have been to jail or prison or otherwise involved in the justice system develop the skills they need for well-paying jobs with opportunities for career advancement. Offered across Los Angeles County, the program combines an innovative sector-based approach with services tailored to the needs of people impacted by the justice system to help them get back to work and obtain fulfilling careers.
MORE INFO

Paid Opportunity
For more Info DOWNLOAD THE FLYER

VITA/ EITC Program
Free Virtual Tax Preparation
For More Info DOWNLOAD FLYER

COVID-19 Retraining & Recovery Fund (CORE) Scholarships
The fund offers scholarships to South LA residents whose jobs have been lost because of COVID-19. CORE will pay for enrollment and completion of in-person or online professional certification and training program that will be in high-demand as our society adapts to a new COVID-19 reality.

MORE INFO
Homeless Healthcare Los Angeles Training

Cohort 61 launching April 7th!
More INFO and REGISTER

Cohort 62 launching April 9th!
More INFO and REGISTER

Cohort 63 launching April 20th!
More INFO and REGISTER

CORE will partner with local and national educational institutions to help ensure students commit and complete recertification programs paired with job placement and technical assistance services.

(Note: It is of extreme importance that under the "Supporting Documents and Recommendations" Section in the "How Did You Hear About the CORE Scholarship" you type in Yetunde Price Resource Center.)

More Info

California Policy Lab Community Advisory Board
Help Guide Our Homelessness Prevention Research

Register for a COVID-19 test - PAMONA

Register

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Vaccines at Temple of Deliverance Ministries Int'l Site - PAMONA

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Here are just a few of the MANY job openings for this month. For more please visit our constantly updated Employment Page!

JOBS!

Root and Rebound

- California Policy Director
- In-Prison Programs Coordinator
- 2021 CA Changelawyers Legal Fellow
- Remote Law Clerks to support our work – in California and South Carolina (Spring & Summer 2021)

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The Urban Peace Institute

Policy Associate, Smart Justice

The Smart Justice Policy Associate will work with UPI's Smart Justice team and the LA County Division of Youth Diversion and Development (YDD) to develop a county-wide pre-arrest diversion training platform and support UPI's existing juvenile justice transformation efforts with the Los Angeles Youth Uprising coalition. This is a fast-paced position that requires initiative, project and relationship management, coordination, and research and writing ability.

Find Out More!

Public Health Institute

Research Associate III

More Info

NEWS

Feature News Story

The debate over victim's rights and what crime survivors want has been reignited by the policies of LA's new District Attorney. The issue is being politicized by his opponents, but all sides of this painful issue need to be listened to and acknowledged. This month we would like to highlight some of the serious discussion.
No, crime survivors don’t want more prisons. They want a new safety movement

Washington Post Op-Ed, By Lenore Anderson and Robert Rooks, March 16, 2021


Witness LA, March 8, 2021 by Celeste Fremon

In the ongoing battle between those who are in favor of the newly instituted justice reform policies of Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón, and those who are not, one of the main weapons used by the anti-Gascón groups — such as the local prosecutors’ union, the LA Association of Deputy District Attorneys, the California District Attorney’s Association, plus several conservative-leaning DAs in other counties — is the accusation that the DA who defeated incumbent Jackie Lacey in November 2020 has abandoned the needs of victims of crime in his rush toward reform.

What Do Victims Want? New California Justice Reforms Expose Divide Among Crime Survivors

KQED, by Marisa Lagos, March 19, 2021

LA County could close Men’s Central Jail within 2 years, report says

Los Angeles Daily News, By Ryan Carter March 30, 2021

What secret files on police officers tell us about law enforcement misconduct

LA Times, By Alene Tchekmedyian, Ben Poston March 19, 2021

For years, the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department has kept under wraps a list of deputies with records of misconduct....Now, with its hand forced by a recent state law that loosened strict privacy protections given to police, the Sheriff’s Department has released a cache of documents that provide details about dozens of deputies on the list.
‘Gigantic momentous decision’: California Supreme Court shrinks role of cash bail in jailings

The Mercury News, By Nico Savidge and Robert Salonga, March 25, 2021

Landmark ruling directs judges to expand use of non-jail alternatives and affordable bail, and increases burden to justify public-safety detentions

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How Chesa Boudin Is Pursuing His Promise To Reduce Incarceration

The Appeal, by Elizabeth Weill-Greenberg, Mar 18, 2021

After more than a year in office—and despite pushback—the San Francisco DA’s policies have kept people out of jails and prisons.

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Thousand of California marijuana convictions officially reduced, others dismissed

By Greg Moran San Diego Union-Tribune, March 7, 2021

SAN DIEGO — With the stroke of a pen by a Superior Court judge in California, nearly 26,000 people with felony marijuana convictions on their records had them reduced to less onerous misdemeanor convictions last month.

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Editorial: Court takes a giant step on bail, but more work is needed

By The La Times Editorial Board, March 26, 2021

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Rob Bonta named California attorney general, would be first Filipino American in role
LA Times, March 24, 2021 By Patrick Mcgreevy, Phil Willon
SACRAMENTO — Gov. Gavin Newsom on Wednesday appointed Democratic Assemblyman Rob Bonta as California attorney general, picking a leading advocate for criminal justice reform who has campaigned to abolish the death penalty and eliminate cash bail for many offenses.

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Not Built for Humans: Living and Working at Twin Towers Correctional Facility During COVID-19
KnockLA, by Eleanor Bray, March 28, 2021
Over a year into the pandemic, the most vulnerable population in Los Angeles County are still left to fend for themselves.

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Former prosecutor announces bid to challenge first-term Orange County D.A.
LA Times, By Hannah Fry March 16, 2021
A former prosecutor and U.S. Marine Corps veteran said Tuesday that he will challenge Dist. Atty. Todd Spitzer to become Orange County’s top prosecutor next year in a race that is poised to test the climate for justice reform in a county that has historically favored tough-on-crime policies.

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Reports

The 2020 Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) to Congress
US Department of Housing and Urban Development January 2021
Some of the key findings:
On a single night in 2020, roughly 580,000 people were experiencing homelessness in the United States.
• For the fourth consecutive year, homelessness increased nationwide....

Read the Report

Parole Trends In The Time Of COVID-19:
What Jails Cost
A Look at Spending in America's Large Cities
Vera Institute of Justice

- There were more than 10 million jail bookings in 2019.
- Nationally, jails cost taxpayers $25 billion per year.
- Jail employee payroll accounts for 73 percent of jails' budgets.

Read the Report

Parole Trends In The Time Of COVID-19: Fewer Hearings, Fewer Approvals
Witness LA, March 16, 2021 by Taylor Walker
Only five out of 13 states actually increased the number of people granted parole during the first year of the pandemic over 2019, as COVID-19 raged through prisons and jails, infecting and killing incarcerated people and employees, data analysis by the Prison Policy Initiative revealed.

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