LARRP February 2022 Newsletter

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LARRP Committee Meetings

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LARRP Committee Meetings

Education Committee:

February 3rd, 2022
4:00 pm

Agenda:
- Education Chairs - Welcome! - Updating Contact List
- Resource Fair Discussion - General Discussion on Convening
- LEADER Roles 2022 - What are the roles our LEADERS are taking on?
- LEADER Priorities 2022 - What are our LEADERS policy priorities?
- Community Discussion - Share your Calendar with Reentry Space!

Register Education

February 2022 General Meeting

February 17th, 2022
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

REGISTER - General Meeting

March Meetings

Employment Committee

March 16th, 2021
2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

Register Employment
February Spotlight

Update from Governor Newsom's Office

This month at the LARRP General Meeting we had an exciting update from Chris Applegate, the Governor's Deputy Appointments Secretary and Public Safety Advisor. He spoke about some of the unprecedented investments the Governor is making in the state criminal justice system in regards to rehabilitation and reentry. It is encouraging to see the direction the Governor's office is going in. You won't want to miss this excerpt!

Member Newswire

Tapestry of Friendship with Mark Faucette

This month we would like to highlight one of our unsung heroes, Mark Faucette, one of the founders of the Los Angeles Regional Reentry Partnership (LARRP).

Please join us in congratulating him on his new adventure as a senior member of the implementation team at Advocates for Human Potential, which has been contracted by the State to implement the Behavioral Health Infrastructure Program.

Mark currently serves on the LARRP Executive and Steering Committee, Board of Directors for Worker Education and Resource Center (WERC) - (a LARRP Partner), Community Advisory Board (CAB) for the California Policy Lab at University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) for Homelessness Prevention, and continues to support and mentor many individuals across the country as well as in Latin America, launching reentry projects and other social justice initiatives.

We want to Spotlight Mark Faucette’s 40 years of ongoing support for and inspiration to LARRP and our entire network from his time at the inception of Amity Foundation to the Department of Health Services within LA County and many more adventures. Please read more about Mark’s continued effort for our reentry community and the mindset that guides him HERE!
Health Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) and Community Care Expansion Program (CCE)
This is not only good news for Mark, but for our entire community!

Mark was invited to apply for a new effort that intends to impact the entire State of California, all counties, and Native American communities to build the infrastructure we need across the State to support behavioral health, substance abuse treatment, and many other efforts and interventions. This initiative was just launched January 31st. Click here for more information and to sign up for updates!

LARRP Policy

AB 328 (Bryan) Update

January has been an incredibly busy month for LARRP for policy, and we are gearing up for a wonderful 2022 with your continued support and advocacy.

To begin, we want to let you know that one of our key pieces of legislation, AB 328 (Bryan) The Reentry Housing and Workforce Development Act, was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. This means that unfortunately, this bill will not have the chance to become a law, and as a result, we must begin from scratch with a new piece of legislation that will take its place in our co-sponsor roster. We know this bill did not get voted on positively for a number of political and procedural reasons, and as a result, the subsequent piece of legislation will be written and worked on with those circumstances in mind. We are waiting to discuss what the new bill will look like, and how we will be working on it with our coalition.

In the meantime, we are asking you to reach out to Assemblymember Chris Holden, and your assembly member as well, and voice support for long-term permanent supportive housing for the reentry community. You can discuss why this is important using your or your communities’ stories with the carceral system, or use the script below to voice your opinion.

“Hello, my name is ___ and I am calling from your district to voice my support for long-term permanent supportive housing and specialized workforce development for the reentry community. This is an issue that impacts thousands of Californians, and now is the time to take some of the budget surplus the state has had in the last year and use it to help support some of the most disenfranchised populations. Housing is a vital resource for public health and to help those returning home to feel welcome, safe, and supported. I am urging you to support legislation that helps to tackle this issue, specifically bills being introduced by Assemblymember Isaac Bryan. Thank you.”

Find Your Representative

With respect to our other bills, we expect to have our 2022 policy priority list done by the start of March. Our policy team is looking at the proposed state legislation for the year, and we aim to have a comprehensive, intersectional list of bills that will help mitigate some of the most pressing issues facing the reentry community.

As always, your support and input in the policy space helps guide our work, and provides us the strength and networking capabilities to be in new and existing spaces. Our ability to fight comes from your volunteer advocacy.

Los Angeles Board of Supervisors - Motion 20

During the Board of Supervisors meeting of January 25th, the Board voted unanimously to approve Motion 20, which will create a plan to track and collect data related to reconciliation and reentry services in LA County. This is a big step forward in ensuring that we have the data we need to make informed decisions and improve outcomes for our reentry community.

And please see the Governor’s announcement of this program in the featured News story below.
LARRP Program Updates

LARRP L.E.A.D.E.R.S Training Academy - Second Cohort 2021-22
Leading, Engaging, Advocating, Demonstrating, Enhancing and Expanding Reentry Systems

LARRP is excited to announce that the LEADERS training academy is providing life coaching to this year’s cohort as part of Project Candlestick, a program matching volunteer life coaches with people who were formerly incarcerated. LEADERS are being supported with monthly workshops to support them in setting and achieving their goals, as well as understanding what life coaching is and how it can complement their efforts.

The workshops are led by Matt Maxwell, the founder and head coach of Hearthstone Coaching and the author of How to Hold a Cockroach. Project Candlestick has recruited other professional life coaches to support the LEADERS with one-on-one life coaching sessions. We would also like to recognize Bonafidetlife.org as a collaborative partner in Project Candlestick.

DOORS (Developing Opportunities And Offering Reentry Solutions)

Expansion to the Antelope Valley

DOORS is expanding to the Antelope Valley and will be holding Virtual Listening Sessions/Informationals

Every Monday January 24 -February 21
9:00 AM-10:00 AM
Permanent Zoom Meeting ID: 836-3062-3920 (No password required) Zoom call-in number: 1-669-900-9128
Jobs and Opportunities and Information

Below is one of the many new employment opportunities you will find on our website:

**Bend the Arc National Organizer**

This is a full time remote Job, The National Organizer will be an integral member of Bend the Arc’s Organizing team, and is responsible for helping build the breadth and depth of our core leaders' skills, leader teams, and base in 3-4 chapters. Through local, statewide and federal legislative initiatives; electoral campaigning; cultural, political and educational events; training and leadership development; the National Organizer will train volunteer leaders who will organize Jewish people towards dismantling white supremacy and advancing Black liberation.

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More New Opportunities and Information

Below is only one example of the various Opportunities we are constantly posting on our website as we come across them.

**Apply to become a Commissioner**

The Los Angeles County Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission is looking for qualified applicants to fill the community represented role of Commissioner. Get started by learning more about the Commission and the role of the Commissioner in this informational bulletin. Tell your friends and colleagues, and submit your application today!

The Commission is accepting applications now, and submissions before February 1, 2022 will have first consideration.

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More Jobs Updated Constantly

Community Events
Inmates to Entrepreneurs Free Entrepreneurship Program

Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 5 PM PT.

Brian Hamilton, tech entrepreneur and philanthropist, has a free 30-year-old Inmates to Entrepreneurs program that helps people with criminal backgrounds start low-capital businesses.

More details and registration information can be found HERE

LA County Board of Supervisors and Youth Commission Invite Community to Virtual Event “Centering Voices in Mental Health”

Thursday, February 10th
6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. PST

Youth, community members, agency partners, community-based organizations, philanthropy, and media partners are invited to join and learn more about how to center lived experience and youth voices while responding to the mental health crisis impacting youth in LA County.

REGISTER

NARCAN and Harm Reduction Trainings - January

Narcan Trainings:

Friday February 11th 9am:
https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZArf--hrz8sGd2mOZXi6tlXf35OPOzwq2OD

HR/Structural Violence Training dates

Monday February 21st 7pm:
https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIlcuivpjMoG9Peogexmy0y1aRiL_g0wkHu

Prop 47 Joint Local Advisory Committee (JLAC)Public Meeting
5pm-6:30pm Thursday February 24, 2022

This meeting is open to the public, individuals impacted by the legal system, and providers of social services for the reentry population are especially encouraged to come!

REGISTER

For questions or comments about these meetings contact Jessica Sarriot (JSarriot@dhs.lacounty.gov)

Peer-Led Innovations in Reentry Support Programming: Towards Holistic Recovery

Feb 16, 2022 03:00 PM in Eastern Time (US and Canada)

This webinar will provide information about supporting reentry peer specialists and reentry peer support services in the context of the expanded definition of recovery.

Welcome Home Long Beach: Re-Entry Advisory Group
Let’s Talk about Cannabis!
Reentry peer specialists and reentry peer support programs through providing certification, training, and the knowledge and resources to effectively support people in transition from incarceration to the community. Three presenters will discuss the opportunities that come with training and education, along with the policy and practice challenges of supporting people in recovery who are transitioning back to the community, including peer support specialists, themselves.

REGISTER

Upcoming Events!

In the NEWS

Featured News Item

Governor Announces major new investments to house and provide critical support services to the most vulnerable Californians

Live Stream recording from January 31, 2022

Governor Gavin Newsom visits the site of a behavioral health and transitional housing facility to highlight the state’s major new investments to house and provide critical support services to the most vulnerable Californians.

The California Blueprint proposes an additional $2 billion investment in behavioral health housing and encampment rehousing strategies, creating a total $14 billion package to advance the state’s multi-year plan to confront the homelessness crisis. The plan will create 55,000 new housing units and treatment slots when fully implemented.

More news....
Judge allows earlier potential releases for repeat offenders at California prisons

Los Angeles Daily News By the Associated Press, January 22, 2022

SACRAMENTO — A judge is allowing California to proceed with plans to allow earlier potential prison release dates for repeat offenders with serious and violent criminal histories under the state’s “three strikes” law.

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Editorial: Want to stop the prison-to-street pipeline? Pass this bill to provide housing

LA Times Editorial Board, Jan. 20, 2022
...The need for reentry housing hasn’t slowed, though, and California has an unusual, and enormous, surplus of funds, so there’s no reason to delay a program to keep people off the street and reduce criminal recidivism. Assemblymember Isaac Bryan, a Los Angeles Democrat, and several of his colleagues are recrafting the bill to launch a pilot project funded by $200 million from the state’s surplus. If it fails to get out of the Appropriations Committee this week, they will introduce a new bill to accomplish the task. Either route works. It’s time to create and fund the program.

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Thousands of federal inmates to be released under law signed by Trump

KTLA 5, Jan 13, 2022

The Justice Department will begin transferring thousands of inmates out of federal prisons this week as part of a sweeping criminal justice overhaul signed by President Donald Trump more than three years ago. The department, in a rule being published Thursday in the Federal Register, is spelling out how “time credits” for prisoners will work. The bipartisan law is intended to encourage inmates to participate in programs aimed at reducing recidivism, which could let them out of prison earlier. It also eases mandatory minimum sentences and gives judges more discretion in sentencing.

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Lesson of the Day: ‘What It’s Like to Leave Prison During a Pandemic’

NYTimes by By Jeremy Engle, Jan. 13, 2022
In this lesson, students will learn about the challenges facing people released from prison. Then, they will explore ways to support the formerly incarcerated.

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REPORTS

Heading Here

Report by the UCLA Luskin Center for History and Policy: "The Making of a Crisis: A History of Homelessness in Los Angeles County"

The new report on homelessness by the Luskin Center examines the historical roots and causes of the disastrous homelessness crisis in Los Angeles, and suggests some innovative policy solutions. The research was conducted...
innovative policy solutions. The research was conducted by Dr. Kirsten Moore-Sheeley, Jessica Richards, Marques Vestal, Fernanda Jahn-Verri, Andrew Klein, Alisa Belinkoff Katz, and Zev Yaroslavsky.

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