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We will begin 2022 with a brief recap of 2021, which despite how incredibly difficult it was, turned out to be a year of remarkable growth for us. After the Committee meeting announcements, you will find a few snapshots from our annual retreat, so you can see all the amazing work we have been doing!

A Special Thanks to all of our 2021 Funders who made all this and more possible!!

LARRP Committee Meetings

January 2022 General Meeting
January 20, 2022
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
REGISTER - General Meeting

Employment Committee
January 19, 2021
2:00 PM to 3:30 PM
REGISTER Employment

Housing Committee:
January 20, 2022
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM
REGISTER Housing

February Meetings

Education Committee:
JANUARY MEETING CANCELLED!!!
February 3, 2022
4:00 pm
REGISTER Education

Integrated Health Committee
JANUARY MEETING CANCELLED!!!
February 7, 2021
1:00 PM
REGISTER Integrated Health

Make sure you click "view entire message" when you come to the bottom of the email so you can see all the September events and some of the important new reports and news stories that have come out in the last month

First Action Alert of 2022!

Show support for AB 328 (Bryan)

LARRP is co-sponsoring AB 328 (Bryan), the Reentry Housing and Workforce Development Act. With more significant and meaningful investments in career and housing support, we can show individuals who are returning to the community that they are supported and worth investing in.

Please join the coalition supporting AB 328 and the related budget ask to invest $200 million in a new state Reentry Housing and Workforce Development Program.
LARRP Communications Report

Communications in a nutshell

- Every month around 1500 people visit the LARRP website, over 100 each day, on average!
- Most often they are searching for Jobs, Information, and Opportunities
- The LARRP Monthly Newsletter goes out to almost 2500 people and has an open rate well above the Industry standard
- That means when we post MEMBER Jobs and announcements, they are seen by literally hundreds of people!
- So become one of our HUNDREDS of members, and have us post your important information, jobs, and events!!

Become a member TODAY!

LARRP Policy

In 2021 the LARRP Policy TEAM LEAPT INTO THE FRAY!!!

We are pleased to report that every LARRP priority bill that made it to the governor’s desk was signed into law! For more detail see below:

For more policy info, please contact: Charles Vignola

Successfully Passed Bills

2021 LARRP CA Leg Bill

39% of people serving time in CA have permanent housing
50% of unincarcerated people report a lack of incarceration

7x more likely to be hospitalized than when housed
$100k annual cost to incarcerate someone in CA

$25k annual cost of permanent supportive housing
2021 LARRP CA Leg Bill Tracking

- AB 717/SB 629 - CDCR/CalID
- AB 118 - CRISIS ACT
- AB 292 - EARLY RELEASE CREDIT ALIGNMENT
- AB 333 - GANG ENHANCEMENT REDUCTION
- SB 71 - EDUCATION AS DIVERSION
- SB 73 - CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE MM REDUCTION
- SB 81 - SENTENCING ENHANCEMENT REDUCTIONS
- SB 416 - INCARCERATED STUDENT BILL OF RIGHTS
- SB 483 - REPEAT CONVICTION SENTENCING REDUCTION

SB 731 - Sunsetting Convictions

LARRP was able to secure assemblymember Mike Gibson as a co-author, helping the bill's chances of getting passed by widening the coalition of support.

The bill failed but the story does not end there!

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

The LEADERS Training Academy is a project funded by the State of California Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health (CCJBH). Its' purpose is to provide capacity to the formerly incarcerated, the people who have been closest to the problem but the furthest away from the solutions.

LARRP is proud to have on board 12 amazing individuals in our second cohort, they all have lived experience and are change agents.

They are divided into three teams to align with some of LARRP's issue Committees: Integrated Health, Education, and Employment. Together they work on Capacity Building, Education, Awareness and Outreach & Engagement. Learning and practicing these skills as they learn them in public meetings and advocacy.

Each month we have been introducing a few members of each team, but this month we would like to give you an overview of both cohorts. For more info please contact Anthony Garcia.

D.O.O.R.S
(Developing Opportunities And Offering Reentry Solutions)
LARRP partnered with The Office of Diversion and Reentry (ODR) and the Probation Department to launch DOORS, LA’s first Community Reentry Center. LARRP continues to maintain a full time staff member at DOORS, where we help them provide many supportive services to address and assist the reentry community and their families.

These services are provided in a welcoming environment by county partners and community-based organizations that are considered leaders in the reentry work and are experienced professionals with high risk communities. Services offered include housing, employment, educational services, legal aid, mental health assessments, healing through the arts, and substance use health and counseling.

For More info contact Evelyn Garcia

In addition to the weekly orientations and the Legal Clinics, LARRP held a series of Focus Groups. They were moderated by lived experience individuals from the LEADERS Training Academy who went through a three week training. (another example of how our different programs cross pollinate.)

ReLINC and REPAIR

ReLINC Program
Restoring Lives, Investing, and Networking in Communities

LARRP works with 211 Los Angeles county to create a network of diverse community service providers who provide services for our reentry community and their families.

REPAIR

LARRP was able to provide recording clearing expungements to our reentry community in 2021, providing reentry services throughout the county. We are excited to continue this effort in 2022!

LARRP is always looking for opportunities to help the community and help our network of organizations grow as well. Last year, LARRP was able to distribute 2 million dollars in county grants to organizations throughout LA, through a social media grant with the County Department of Public Health.

The “Keeping Safe during the Holidays” Social Media Grant enabled organizations to post Covid safety information online and hand out flyers on how to stay safe. We worked alongside the County Department of Public Health to help inform the public on which precautions to take in order to celebrate the holidays safely.

In exchange for their help, we were able to provide 200 organizations with 10,000 dollars each. This money was used for some to grow and hire new staffers, and for others to provide new goods and services to the community.
Los Angeles County Office of Diversion and Reentry (ODR)

Employer Engagement Coordinator

To join ODR's reentry division employment team and support our Prop-47 funded SECTOR program in 2022! They are looking for someone with five or more years experience who can hit the ground running. They will begin reviewing applications the week of January 3rd and hope to hire as soon as possible.

Full Job Description

Care First and Community Investment Advisory Committee (CFCI)

SEEKING A COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CONSULTANT

The County is again accepting competitive solicitations for the role of community engagement consultant. The previous invitation to apply was cancelled due to limited response and concern that the opportunity was not disseminated widely enough to guarantee a sufficient response.

The current invitation will remain open until January 12, 2022.

MORE INFO

ManifestWorks is Hiring

Program Coordinator

Looking for a system impacted candidate

More Info

The Los Angeles County Reentry Health Advisory Collaborative (RHAC)

Is seeking 3 formerly incarcerated individuals or those who have had contact with the criminal legal system to apply for membership. We are prioritizing applicants who live or work within Long Beach, Pomona, East LA, El Monte, or surrounding areas.

In 2019, the RHAC was created out of a need to establish an intentional and effective partnership between communities and health care organizations to better serve populations with complex health and social needs. From this vision, the RHAC has served as a strong advisory body of formerly incarcerated individuals that has provided critical counsel to the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services, the Jail Population Reduction Council, Alternatives to Incarceration Initiative, Care First Community Investment (Measure J), and several other initiatives and programs.

If you are interested in becoming a member of this dynamic and revolutionary group please complete this short application by January 10th, 2022:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MRNYSRL

Homeless Healthcare Los Angeles

Cohort 71 launching January 5th!

- Module 01 (The Landscape of Homelessness in Los Angeles) January 5 2022
- Module 02 & 03 (Homeless Services Case Management Core Functions - Part 1 & Part 2) January 12 2022
- Module 04 (Cultural Competency & Ethics) January 19 2022
- Module 05 (Effective Practices - Part 1) January 26 2022
- Module 06 (Effective Practices - Part 2) February 2 2022
- Module 07 (Housing) February 9 2022
- Module 08 (Mainstream Benefits & System Navigation) February 16 2022
Most of our partners are still finalizing their calendars for January and the New Year, but please check our webpage. We will put community events up as we receive them!

**Upcoming Events!**

### NARCAN and Harm Reduction Trainings - January

**Wednesday January 12th, 9:30am**
https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYkf-qqrjItE907E4zukZ6YdpNHKitYMj1W

**Tuesday January 25th, 6pm**
https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUufuihgzkpGdUmm7Q-WcZhlzIQCd7N2bWj

### Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count

January 25-27, 2022
Please join us for this meaningful demonstration of community engagement to end homelessness!

**Register Today!**

**In the NEWS**

**California criminal justice panel eyes ‘three strikes’ law changes in 2022**

LA Times, By Hannah Wiley, December 31, 2021

SACRAMENTO — For more than a year, a seven-person California commission has been quietly spearheading a massive effort to overhaul the thicket of criminal laws that make up the state penal code.

Its ideas for 2022 are ambitious, including an eventual end to the state’s controversial “three strikes” law and changes to lifetime prison sentences without the
Pregnant Behind Bars, Part 5: Looking To The Future

Witness LA, December 31, 2021 by Taylor Walker

At the beginning of this five-part series, we looked at the statistics and history of incarcerating pregnant people and women in LA and nationally and introduced readers to Los Angeles County’s unique Maternal Health Diversion Program. In subsequent parts of the series, we went step-by-step through the pregnancy diversion process which starts in jail, and ends with permanent housing, and looked at ways in which that process can get knocked off track. Later, we shared experiences of individual mothers participating in the program — stories of living unhoused, of frequent incarceration, of being pregnant in jail, and of life after the diversion program.

Now, in the final part of the Pregnant Behind Bars series, we’ll explore the pressing need for LA’s Office of Diversion and Reentry to scale up its diversion capacity, and why, thus far, the money to do so hasn’t been there.

Open Letter Re: Recent New York Times George Gascón Article

This is an open letter, published in the LA Progressive, that LARRP and many of our partners signed on to. "We are writing in response to the recent New York Times Magazine story about George Gascón: He’s Remaking Criminal Justice in L.A. But How Far is Too Far? by Emily Bazelon and Jennifer Medina. We appreciate it when reporters ask difficult questions about what policies best protect public safety, when they interrogate well-accepted but unproven norms about how to reduce crime, and when they examine public perception of crime and causation versus reality. This article does some of that, but it also misleads the public on the current state of criminal legal system change in Los Angeles and across the country. We are at a precipice in this country, where criminal justice reporting that strays from an objective discussion of research and evidence can support political attempts to roll back badly needed change. For this reason, we issue this response..."

The Biggest Crop in Prison Gardens: Hope

The Crime Report, December 21, 2021, By Eva Herscowitz

Jamala Taylor didn’t grow up a gardener. “Inner cities have more liquor stores than trees,” he quips. So there is some irony in the fact that his introduction to gardening came in a place that few would associate with greenery: California State Prison in Los Angeles County.
The Sentence
A new podcast about the system that sentences juveniles to life in prison, a story of incarceration, redemption, and the unusual relationship between a journalist and a source.

LISTEN HERE

The Justice Department says inmates confined at home can stay there after Covid emergency ends

NYTimes, Tuesday, December 21, 2021

The Justice Department moved on Tuesday to allow federal inmates to remain on home confinement after the government declares an end to the Covid emergency, reversing a Trump-era legal opinion that said the Bureau of Prisons would have to recall them to federal facilities.

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How Do We Begin Again?

Zócalo Public Square, December 7, 2021

Live from the ASU California Center: Artist and co-founder/executive director of Homeboy Art Academy Fabian Debora, TransLatin@ Coalition president and CEO Bamby Salcedo, and UCLA distinguished professor and psychology department chair Annette L. Stanton visit Zócalo

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REPORTS

College-in-prison program found to reduce recidivism significantly

Peer-Reviewed Publication
Crime And Justice Research Alliance News Release December 7, 2021

A new study sought to determine the effects of a college-in-prison program, the Bard Prison Initiative (BPI). The study found a large and significant reduction in recidivism rates across racial groups among those who participated in the program. It also found that participants with higher levels of participation had even lower rates of recidivism. In light of their findings, the authors offer several policy recommendations in support of college-in-prison programs.

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Youth in Adult Courts, Jails, and Prisons

At the turn of the 21st century, it was estimated that 250,000 children every year were charged as adults in the United States. By 2019, that number had dropped 80% to 53,000. This drop is to be celebrated and is the result of legislative changes in 44 states and the District of Columbia, as well as federal funding incentives. However, there is still much work to be done. The children that remain exposed to the adult criminal legal system are overwhelmingly youth of color. The vast majority serve short sentences in adult jail or prison and return home by their 21st birthdays, the age at which services can be extended to in the youth justice system in the vast majority of states; indicating that many youth could be served, more appropriately, by the youth justice system.

This brief reviews the history, harms, pathways and trends that treat children as if they were adults.

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