LARRP November 2021 Newsletter

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LARRP Tenth Anniversary

A Decade of Success

October 7, 2021 was a great day of celebration to recognize the 10 year Anniversary of The Los Angeles Regional Reentry Partnership (LARRP).

LARRP steering committee members and leaders, gathered together at Amity Foundation to be recognized by the City of Los Angeles for a decade of providing support and community-building for men and women leaving jails and prisons in Los Angeles.

LARRP has become the largest community voice for reentry in Los Angeles, a vital hub for organizations working together on policy, education, housing and integrated care while lifting the hearts and voices of people with lived experience at the forefront of this work.

LA City Councilman, Gil Cedillo, (who, 10 years earlier while in the State Senate, cut the ribbon at the opening of the Amity Foundation campus) was on hand to present certificates and speak with various leaders of community based organizations.

Congratulations to all of our members as we continue to move in a direction of racial, economic and social justice in our community! We celebrate you and your efforts towards bringing hope and opportunity through our collective love!

"When we launched LARRP in 2011, in the wake of Public Safety Realignment, we were seeking to fill a huge gap in greater Los Angeles, by growing and supporting
the reentry services community and all people returning from incarceration. Despite many challenges and lean years, we persevered, and blossomed into a true community, of thousands of people and organizations across LA County that are impacted by and working to end mass incarceration. I am deeply proud of our decade of work and grateful for all the staff and leaders I have served with," said Lynne Lyman, LARRP co-founder and Steering Committee Member.

“This recognition of amazing dedication and support to our returning citizens is so critical at this time” said Mark Faucette, LARRP co-founder and community leader.

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**LARRP Committee Meetings and Events**

### Integrated Health Committee

**November 1, 2021**

1:00 pm

REGISTER Integrated Health

### Education Committee:

**November 4, 2021**

4:00PM - 5:30 PM

REGISTER Education

### October General Meeting

**Nov 18, 2021**

10:00 AM - 11:30

Agenda:

- LARRP Voices From Impacted People: LARRP Leadership Academy
- Executive Director Report: Troy Vaughn
- Updates from Supervisor Holly Mitchel’s office: Senior Justice Deputy, John Mathews
- Updates from Governor Newsom’s office: Kris Applegate, Governor Newsom’s Criminal Justice Representative
- Community Updates

REGISTER - General Meeting

### Housing Committee:

**Thursday, November 18, 2021**

1:30 PM-2:30 PM

REGISTER Housing

### Employment Committee

**Dec 15, 2021**

2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

REGISTER Employment

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**October Spotlight - REPAC**

On November 28, 2021, The Re-Entry Providers Association of California (REPAC) was formally
REPAC was formally launched.

REPAC’s founding members include some of the state’s and nation’s most renowned re-entry service provider organizations, including Californians for Safety and Justice (CSJ), A New Way of Life Reentry Project, Amity Foundation, Anti-Recidivism Coalition, Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency (BOSS), Center Point, Inc., Health RIGHT 360, the Los Angeles Regional Reentry Partnership, and others.

REPAC has been formed as a 501c(4) to advocate for:

- Budgetary actions that support reentry organizations and demonstrate a sustained commitment to successful reentry and reintegration across the State.
- Advancement of fair hiring & housing practices for formerly incarcerated applicants.
- A State Office of Reentry that will be committed to developing and implementing solutions to successful reentry & reintegration efforts throughout the State.
- Replacing wasteful prison spending with more effective solutions that focus on addressing community needs before incarceration.

Visit RePAC Facebook Page

Here is a picture from the press conference October 28, 2021

Please see some of the articles below in the news section for more information on REPAC

LARRP Policy Update and SURVEY

Survey: LARRP’s policy committee wants to hear from you!

We have spent the last month working to develop our strategic plans and goals for the 2022 legislative session, and we need your input to help guide our policy goals and inspire our next wave of priorities.

We also want to know how we can best serve you, and grow our collaborative policy opportunities. The survey we are asking you to fill out will also help us understand the geographical reach of our network, and what we can improve upon in our policy training workshop series to help your organization grow into policy work.

By helping us with this information, we can better

Updates

We have seen the LA County Board of Supervisors continue to support many key motions.

- Primarily, the BOS voted during the October 19 meeting to continue their support of families affected by the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department with an emphasis on identifying sustainable funding for and streamlining the family assistance program. This motion tasks various groups, including the civilian oversight commission, to look at funding, as well as other metrics such as families affected, denied, and supported by the program.
- During that same meeting, the Board also voted to comment on their affirmation of the importance of the DREAM act, and to increase support for undocumented individuals and immigrants. This will look at gaps in housing, and recommend further steps to ease the burden on this population with steps like improving bilingual and culturally competent services through partnerships with community-based organizations and strengthening linkages between the homeless services system and immigration legal services.
- Lastly, the board voted to declare a homelessness shelter crisis, which will be in effect for one year beginning in November, and which will authorize the county to proliferate support for housing and other services to the unhoused population.

As always, we will continue to be vigilant for proposals and policies that will affect the reentry space. If any policy issues or concerns come up in the course of your work, we encourage you...
By helping us with this information, we can better tailor our work to where the needs of the community are, and serve as more of a network capacity builder as we move into 2022.

TAKE THE SURVEY

LARRP in the Public Eye

LARRP Executive Director Troy Vaughn elected to the Council on Criminal Justice (CCJ)

The Council on Criminal Justice works to advance understanding of the criminal justice policy choices facing the nation and build consensus for solutions that enhance safety and justice for all. Independent and nonpartisan, the Council is an invitational membership organization and think tank, serving as a center of gravity and incubator of policy and leadership for the criminal justice field.

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, funded by The Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health to provide capacity building to the formerly incarcerated individuals. These are people who have been closest to the problem but the furthest away from the solutions. Each cohort consists of 12 people, a diverse group of individuals who have the opportunity to develop into leaders and advocates for their community.

Each of the LEADERS are assigned to one of three core areas of focus within the reentry system; Education, Integrated Health, and Employment. They are given the capacity to collaborate with LARRP’s Issue committees where they work to bring awareness through advocacy around systemic failures and barriers that have perpetuated high recidivism rates and caused a targeted disruption in underserved communities.

This month we would like to introduce you two of the LEADERS who are working with the Education Committee.

Member Newswire

Local Initiatives Support Communities (LISC)

LISC LA is one of 38 offices nationwide serving as an intermediary, building bridges between our local non-profit partners and the resources they need to transform underserved neighborhoods into thriving communities of opportunity and choice.
This month, we want to highlight the work of the **Local Initiatives Support Communities (LISC)**, a partner that often works behind the scenes. LISC is a non-profit committed to working together with residents and partners, to forge resilient and inclusive communities of opportunity across America – great places to live, work, visit, do business and raise families.

LISC LA has designed, implemented and supported several programs and initiatives centered around: Affordable Housing, Alternatives to Incarceration, Economic Development, Health, and Leadership Development.

LISC LA is connected to LARRP through their Alternatives to Incarceration work, where partnered with Los Angeles County to implement and expand diversion programs that prioritize treatment over incarceration. They recently launched the ATI Incubation Academy, which will help expand Los Angeles’ ecosystem of care by including a robust pool of qualified, community-based service providers and advance LA County’s “Care first, jails last” vision through humane, community-centered solutions to mass incarceration.

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### Information and Opportunities

**Los Angeles Continuum of Care Program NOFO Update**

**Notification of Final 2021 LA CoC Project Priority Listing**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released the FY 2021 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) on August 18, 2021. Applications from each Continuum of Care (CoC) are due by November 16, 2021; LAHSA plans to submit the LA CoC Consolidated Application on November 12, 2021.

**MORE INFO**

**National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) Minority Fellowship Program for Addictions Counselors (MFP-AC)**

The program will administer up to 40 Master’s degree-level counseling fellowships of $15,000 for addictions counseling students, plus the travel expenses to participate in other program-related trainings. Deadline: December 15, 2021

**MORE INFO**

**Improving Outcomes For Registrants**

An Employment Program Of Friends Outside In Los Angeles County

Friends Outside in Los Angeles County is pleased to announce a new employment program for Registrants. We are currently recruiting individuals to participate in our re-entry cohorts.

**More Info and Opportunities**

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**Community Events**
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DHS EDIA Initiative Homeless Service Community Listening Session

Mon, November 1, 2021
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM CST

A key focus of this Initiative is engaging community members and community-based organizations in the creation of an EDIA strategic plan for DHS. This virtual listening session is 90 minutes long and will take place over Zoom. In recognition of the value of your time and feedback, we will email all participants a $50 electronic Visa gift card within two weeks of the session. More Info and SIGN UP HERE

DHS EDIA Initiative Incarceration/Re-entry Community Listening Session

Tuesday, November 2,
11:00 am to 12:30 pm.

You are invited to attend a community listening session for the LA County Department of Health Services (DHS) Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Antiracism (EDIA) Initiative.

A key focus of this Initiative is engaging community members and patients in the creation of an EDIA strategic plan for DHS. As an important organization serving justice-involved folks.

You may choose two representatives (one staff member and one community constituent or client) to send to the Virtual Listening Session. In recognition of the value of your time and feedback, we will email all participants a $50 electronic Visa gift card within two weeks of the session.

More Info and SIGN UP HERE

The Public Memory Project featuring LARRP LEADERS

Exhibit Opening 9 November 2021, 5-7pm

Featuring Cal State LA, Project Rebound & the Los Angeles Regional Reentry Partnership

Zoom Meeting ID: 239 092 2569
Passcode: Nipsey

Community Safety through Racial Justice Learning Series

Prevention Institute will facilitate a three-part bi-monthly learning series for local health jurisdictions and their community and government partners on applying racial justice principles and practices to build community safety.

Nov 16, 2021 11:00 AM

MORE INFO AND REGISTER

We update our website DAILY with new events of interest to our Community. It is perhaps the most complete calendar of such events. Please visit frequently as events so often come in at the last minute.

And if you have an event or an announcement -
NARCAN and Harm Reduction Trainings - November
Please find trainings for November on opioid reversal (Narcan training) as well as Harm Reduction & Structural Violence against People who use drugs. Each training is around an hour, with time to stay on for q&a. As always, Narcan training will provide box (two doses) for anyone who completes training.

- **Narcan Trainings:**
  Tuesday November 16th, 10am: 
  [https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZApdOGppzgrGNJ3DGjkvwuxVMo2rRMdi0v-](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZApdOGppzgrGNJ3DGjkvwuxVMo2rRMdi0v-)

- **Harm Reduction & Structural Violence against People who use drugs:**
  Monday November 22nd, 10am: 
  [https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwkc-2pqDslGdG9yxESLglCRJioVb4fFtm](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwkc-2pqDslGdG9yxESLglCRJioVb4fFtm)

And if you have an event or an announcement please send it our way! [info@LAreentry.org](mailto:info@LAreentry.org)

**Upcoming Events!**

Recurring Workshops and Clinics
Please visit our website and scroll past Partner Events for a growing list of recurring workshops and clinics!

**DOORS Community Reentry Center Orientations**
Every Thursday 2:00 - 3:00 PM

**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](#))

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

Make sure to check out the DOZENS of new jobs on our website. These jobs are constantly updated!

Visit our website

**In the NEWS**

**Feature News Story**
This month we feature an editorial from the LA Times that was published after the press

**Editorial:** For former prisoners to have a shot at a normal life, we need successful reentry programs
Times that was published after the press conference announcing rePAC - the new statewide Reentry association that LARRP’s Troy Vaughn and Joe Paul have helped to launch.

By The LA Times Editorial Board, Oct. 28, 2021

Coming home from prison can be as scary as staying inside. In fact it can be worse, especially for people without a supportive family to offer housing and meals, and to assist in finding employment, medical care and other services. A state should meet the immediate material needs of people returning to society after prison, both because it is the moral thing to do and because doing so protects the rest of us by directing the “reentry” population toward help and away from further criminal activity.

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More news....

Inside an LAPD crime briefing: Homicides, ‘hood days’ and the ‘compounding’ violence

LA Times, by Kevin Rector, Oct. 31, 2021

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LA County votes to ramp up services for LGBTQ+ jail population

Los Angeles daily News, By Elizabeth Marcellino. October 19, 2021

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State Officials, Service Providers Launch Reentry Program Read the Story

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Re-Entry Program for the Formerly Incarcerated
The Epoch Times, By Micaela Ricaforte October 28, 2021

LA County tees up agreement with Metro for mental-health crisis response teams
Los Angeles Daily News, City News Service, October 19, 2021

This Is What Happened When a Kentucky County Closed Its Jail
The Vera Institute of Justice, by Jack Norton, Oct. 28, 2021

Claudette Colvin was arrested in 1955 for refusing to give up her seat on a bus. Now she’s fighting to get her record expunged
CNN, By Devon M. Sayers and Maria Cartaya, October 26, 2021

Let the Punishment Fit the Crime
NY Times Opinion, By Ben Austen and Khalil Gibran Muhammad, Oct. 23, 2021

REPORTS

Inaugural ATI Impact Report
The ATI Office bases its policy development and program implementation on the Sequential Intercept Model, which aims to support people before they even come into contact with the criminal justice system and divert them from the wrong path. The model also focuses on supporting those within the criminal justice system to ensure better outcomes for individuals and communities.

The ATI Office identifies critical gaps in service throughout this model and works to disrupt the cyclical elements that lead people to a downward trajectory through the criminal justice system.

In its first year of operation, the ATI Office has:

- Spent more than 430 hours holding meetings to engage community leaders and the public – including 130 hours focused on Care First Community Investment (formerly known as Measure J).
- Supported the expansion of Alternative Crisis Response, building the foundation for the forthcoming 988 number to replace 911 and a law-enforcement response for mental health crisis calls.
- Invested in the countywide expansion of Youth Diversion & the Rapid Diversion Court Program, working to divert juveniles and individuals with mental health or substance use disorders into care-first models.
- Piloted programs such as ATI Pre-Filing Diversion & the ATI Incubation Academy.

DOWNLOAD REPORT

An Outlier of Injustice
Introduction To Special Issue

Science Magazine, Tage Rai and Brad Wible, October 15th

Amid burgeoning interest in scholarship on criminal justice, this special issue examines social science research on the state of mass incarceration in the US: its origin and expansion, its far-reaching effects on families and communities, and why the public tolerates and encourages it.

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A Toolkit for Jail Decarceration in Your Community

Places that have heeded demands for change are beginning to see significant reductions in jail populations, showing that decarceration at the local level is possible when criminal legal system stakeholders make different choices.

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