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**Message from LARRP Executive Director**

LARRP Executive Director, Troy Vaughn on Good Morning America, March 27, 2023

We are all so proud and moved!

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**LARRP Meetings**

**Integrated Health Committee**

April 3, 2023, 2:00 pm

REGISTER Integrated Health

**Education Committee:**

April 6, 2023, 3:30pm - 4:30pm

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**LARRP General Meeting**

April 20, 2023

10:00am - 11:30am

We are so sorry to have cancelled last months General meeting at the last minute, but we will make up for it with an amazing April meeting featuring José Osuna on Fair Chance Housing and Judge Judge Songhai Armstead to speak to us about Justice Care and Opportunities and take your questions!

AGENDA
April Spotlight
LARRP’s Issue Committees

Employment Committee

April 19, 2023, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

The LARRP Employment Committee mission is, “to increase employment amongst the reentry population, resulting in greater stability, self-sufficiency, and an improved quality of life for the community at-large.” It meets the 3rd Wednesday of every even month from 2:00-3:30pm and is co-chaired by Alex Alexander of Center for Living and Learning and Amber Roth of WERC. We invite you to review our progress over the past year in promoting fair chance hiring and creating career pathways for individuals impacted by the criminal legal system, and to join the April 19, 2023 meeting.

2022 Highlights and 2023 Goals
In 2022 we continued our "Fair Chance Series - What's Next?", focused on increasing fair chance hiring within LA County departments and with LA County employers. We were named as contributors to the Board of Supervisors’ January 2022 motion on Implementing Fair Chance Hiring County Wide.

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Integrated Health Committee

The LARRP Integrated Health Committee mission is, "convene reentry stakeholders to understand the housing and homeless services landscape, identify interim and permanent housing solutions for the reentry population, and track policies that impact the reentry community." It meets every 3rd Thursday from 2:00 to 3:30.

Education Committee

The LARRP Education Committee mission is, “to help support and advance educational and career pathways for both reentry students and the professionals who work with them.” It meets every 1st Thursday from 3:30-4:30pm and is co-chaired by Paul Seeman, D. Sugar Kopplin Easley and Daniel Tabor. We invite you to review our progress over the past year, and support our work of improving education opportunities for the reentry population in the Los Angeles region, please join our April 6, 2023 meeting.

2022 Highlights and 2023 Goals
In 2022, we participated in several regional conferences, including "Prison to University - ALIGN" hosted by the Underground Scholars Initiative at UC Irvine, and a regional Transfer Fair at Santa Ana Community College.

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Housing Committee

The LARRP Housing Committee mission is, “to understand the housing and homeless services landscape, identify interim and permanent housing solutions for the reentry population, and track policies that impact the reentry community.” It meets every 3rd Thursday from 2:00 to 3:30.

Read more on the LARRP website for more information on these committees and their upcoming events.
stakeholders dedicated to improving the comprehensive mental health, physical health, and substance use needs of the reentry population by addressing inequity across systems of care and increasing access to care.” It meets the 1st Monday of every month from 2:00-3:30pm and is co-chaired by Amanda Cowan of Claire Matrix. We invite you to review our Committee goals for 2023 below and to join the April 3, 2023 meeting.

2023 Goals:
The LARRP Integrated Health Committee is a hub of critical information for the reentry community, including reports, guides, toolkits, hotline, and the latest articles on harm reduction, mental health, and other health supports.

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Policy Updates

As we embrace the spring season, we have some exciting legislative updates to share with you! Thanks to your continued support and advocacy, both of the bills that LARRP is co-sponsoring this year, AB 745 and AB 974, have passed out of their first committees with unanimous support.

AB 745 (Isaac Bryan), the Reentry Housing and Workforce Development Program, aims to increase access to affordable housing and job opportunities for individuals impacted by the criminal justice system. We encourage you to show your support for this bill by submitting support letters to the upcoming appropriations committee hearing.

AB 974 (Tina McKinnor), the Birth Certificate Waiver Bill, seeks to remove the financial barrier for individuals who are reentering society and cannot afford the cost of a birth certificate, which is often a requirement for obtaining an identification card, employment, and other essential services. You can show your support for this bill by filling out the google form provided by LARRP.

We would also like to ask for your support for AB 1241 (Weber), a bill brought to us by Californians for Accessible Connected Care (CACC), a coalition working to protect and expand telehealth and teledoc access for Californians. AB 1241, introduced by Dr. Akilah Weber, would ensure that the same requirements are used for treating Medi-Cal patients, regardless of whether care is provided via telehealth or in-person. You can access the fact sheet for AB 1241 here and join the coalition by reaching out to Vanessa Hamra at vanassa@elevatepublicaffairs.com.

As we move through the legislative process, we will keep you updated on the expected hearing dates for the appropriations hearings and the deadlines for submitting your support letters and filling out the support form. We encourage you to get involved in supporting these important bills and advocating for policies that benefit our community. For any questions about getting involved in any of the LARRP bills, please contact Charles Vignola, LARRP’s Policy and Community Engagement Manager, at charles@lareentry.org.

Funding Opportunities

JCOD - Request For
Proposals (RFP) #JC-032223-J1-ARP
Reentry Intensive Case

The Yield Giving
Open Call
This is a $250 million open call focused on elevating organizations...
The Los Angeles County Justice, Care and Opportunities Department (JCOD) has issued a Request for Proposal for Reentry Intensive Case Management Services (RICMS) Programming. Attached are the 12 documents for the solicitation. Feel free to spread the word to agencies you think might be a good fit to apply. Please see the timeline below for questions and solicitation. All questions should be directed to Solicitations@JCOD.lacounty.gov. You can also visit the Los Angeles County Solicitations page “Open Solicitations” link and searching for Solicitation Number “JC-032223-J-ARP”.

ARP - RFP – RICMS Release Memo
ARP - RFP – RICMS Proposal
ARP - RFP – RICMS Sample Agreement

Proposals Due: April 19, 2023 @ 12:00 p.m.

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**Two LAHSA RFP’s**

1. **Shallow Subsidy**: This RFP seeks to fund services that will assist low-income families, individuals, and Transition Age Youth (TAY) who have previously utilized Time Limited Subsidy assistance or seniors 55 years and older who previously utilized homeless prevention assistance but remain rent burdened.

2. **Home Safe**: This RFP seeks to fund services that cover the entire County of Los Angeles to increase and expand the inventory of qualified agencies providing Home Safe services to older adults who have been identified by Adult Protective Services (APS) as needing homeless assistance or prevention services.

Submission Deadline: April 28, 2023 at 2 p.m. The RFP is now available [HERE](#).

For Questions: fundingopportunities@lahsa.org.

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**FCI/Amity Solicitation**

The County invites you to apply for the County of Los Angeles Non-CFCI funding in Program Area 8: Grants to Justice-Focused Community Based Organizations (CBO). As part of the County’s commitment to its Care First, Jails Last vision, the County has allocated $7.65 million in American Rescue Plan funds to assist justice-focused community-based organizations recovery from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. This program will be administered by the Care First Community Investment (CFCI) third-party administrator, Amity Foundation (Amity). Full instructions and links to applications are available on [Amity’s website](#). Questions may be emailed to tpagrannts@amityfdn.org. Please note the key dates and timeline below:

- Written Questions Deadline: April 17, 2023 at 5:00
- Submission Deadline: April 21, 2023 at 5:00 PM

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Become a Member

Become a LARRP Member and gain access to more funding opportunities!

Featured Jobs, Opportunities and Information
LARRP has posted so many new jobs in the past week, including exciting openings at DHCS ODR, JCOD and the LA County Probation Department. Please check our website for details, new jobs are posted all the time.

There are so many new opportunities that have just been posted on the LARRP website, including UNITE LA’s paid carrier trainings, "My Pathway to Health" and "Step Into Tech" HHCLA's latest Case Management Training, free Groceries, and the new Medical Outreach and Education Toolkit for Kids. See our website for details and more opportunities.

**Partner Events**

**Build Beloved Community With Us**  
*Hosted by the Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity and LARRP Steering Cmte Member Larry Foy*

April 3rd, 2023, 6:30-8pm PDT.  
Join us to discuss creating real public safety outside of the harms of policing and mass incarceration. We’ll hear from keynote speaker LA County District Attorney George Gascon, as well as from Rev. Gary Williams, Pastor of St. Mark United Methodist Church, Keeairra Dashiell, the Women’s Department Coordinator at the Anti-Recidivism Coalition (ARC), and student members of the UCLA Beloved Community.

**Tri-County Collaborative Community Safety Conference**  
April 6th 3pm to 7pm  
Galen Center, 3400 South Figueroa St. LA, CA 90089  
This year's conference theme is "Community Safety Through the Lens of Women Leadership." Featuring a career panel with health care professionals providing the insight needed to help move your future forward.

**DHCS Continuous Coverage Unwinding and Communications Campaign webinar**  
April 6, from 1 to 2 p.m.  
To discuss the Medi-Cal renewal and redetermination process, communications campaign updates, and how DHCS Coverage Ambassadors and other partners can continue to help assist in this important effort. Organizations and individuals who work directly with Medi-Cal members, including communications teams, should attend.  
(advance WebEx registration required)

**UNITE-LA for a virtual Future Forward Forum**  
Thursday, April 20, 4:15-6 p.m. via Zoom  
featuring a career panel with health care professionals providing the insight needed to help move your future forward.

**Register**
Dinner will be provided.

**REGISTER**

Fair Chance Employment Online Information Session for Jobseekers

**Thursday, April 6 · 9 - 10:30pm EDT**

Interested in healthcare, construction/green industries/manufacturing, transportation, technical services, sports/arts/entertainment

Unsure about what you want to pursue? Learn more about the career pathways available to you. Get the chance to connect with potential employers, learn more about Fair Chance hiring laws and legal support, and receive free livescan services at one of our upcoming events.

**REGISTER**

HRC's 24th annual Housing Rights Summit!

**Monday, April 24, 2023, 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM**

California Endowment: 1000 Alameda St., Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Register and More Info**

**LARRP Updates**

The **DOORS Community Reentry Center- LA** hosted its first Black History Month Health & Wellness Fair & Celebration on February 23rd, where an array of DOORS clients, probation officers, community-based organizations, and community members joined in this fantastic event. We had over 70 individuals get resources from our marvelous DOORS service providers and guest community-based organizations who took the time to come and share their services. We had a variety of activities for the community, and fantastic soul food was provided while a live DJ and outstanding performers shared their art.
LARRP also had the opportunity to attend the annual San Fernando Valley Justice & Wellness Resource Fair hosted at California State University Northridge. Thank you to Community Actions Partners Alliance, Project Rebound- Northridge, and The Social Impact Center for this amazing event!

In the News!

This Month we are featuring this shocking article!

LA Is Locking Up More Mentally Ill People, Despite Diversion Efforts

The Appeal, By Meg O'Connor, March 02, 2023

In 2015, Los Angeles County created a program to reduce the number of mentally ill people trapped in jail. But since then, the number of people with mental illness incarcerated in LA has instead increased significantly.

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More News
San Quentin Could Be the Future of Prisons in America

**NYTimes, Guest Opinion, March 30, 2023, by By Bill Keller, founding editor in chief of The Marshall Project**

There are many ways to measure the disaster that is America’s prison system... But the metric that has haunted me in the decade since I helped start the nonprofit The Marshall Project and began paying attention to the role of prisons in America is this: Each year more than 600,000 individuals are released from state and federal prisons. Far too many of them emerge from custody brutalized, alienated, estranged from their families, stigmatized and lacking in basic education or employable skills. Unsurprisingly, about three-quarters of those released from state prisons nationwide are arrested again within five years. California has one of the worst records for repeat offenses.

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FDA approves over-the-counter Narcan. Here’s what it means

**AP News, By Geoff Mulvihill, March 29, 2023**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration on Wednesday approved selling the leading version of naloxone without a prescription, setting the overdose-reversing drug on course to become the first opioid treatment drug to be sold over the counter.

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Three inmates died in Los Angeles County jails in just over a week

**LA Times By Keri Blakinger March 28, 2023**

Three Los Angeles County inmates died in an nine-day period this month, according to the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, a grim milestone that comes even as the county is facing scrutiny in court for using a cash bail system that can keep poor people behind bars.

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California to overhaul San Quentin prison, emphasizing rehab

**Associated Press/Report for America, By Janie HAR and Sophie Austin March 16, 2023**

SACRAMENTO, Calif. -- The infamous state prison on San Francisco Bay that has been home to the largest death row population in the United States will be transformed into a lockup where less-dangerous prisoners will receive education, training and rehabilitation, California officials announced Thursday. The inmates serving death sentences at San Quentin State Prison will be moved elsewhere in the California penitentiary system, Gov. Gavin Newsom's office announced, and it will be renamed the San Quentin Rehabilitation Center.

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CA’s Chief Probation Officers Call For Immediate Limited Court Receivership For LA County’s Youth Facilities

**Witness LA, March 23, 2023 by Celeste Fremon**

In what appears to be a completely unprecedented action, on Wednesday, March 22, the statewide organization known as the Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC) sent out press release asking state and county leaders to put Los Angeles County’s juvenile facilities, most particularly the county’s two deeply troubled juvenile halls, into “a narrowly tailored” court receivership.

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Gascón loses retaliation case, a grim omen for the L.A. County D.A.

**LA Times, By James Queally Staff Writer, March 6, 2023**

An L.A. County prosecutor on Monday was awarded $1.5 million in a retaliation lawsuit against Dist. Atty. George Gascón, who faces more than a dozen similar civil claims that could prove equally costly.

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First Step Act – GAO Reports on Federal Efforts to Help Reduce Recidivism and Re-entry to Federal Prisons

The Davis Vanguard, By Belen Avelar and Vaiva Utaraite, March 24, 2023

According to BOP data, as of Jan. 29, 2022, “39,394 incarcerated people who were eligible to earn First Step Act time credits were not able to have their First Step Act time credits applied because of their medium or high-risk level status.”

New Partnerships Help Incarcerated People Find Jobs

Vera Institute, Nazish Dholakia Senior Writer, March 21, 2023

Corrections departments, educators, and employers are increasingly working together to create job opportunities for people leaving prison.

Reports

Mass Incarceration: The Whole Pie 2023

Prison Policy Alliance, By Wendy Sawyer and Peter Wagner, March 14, 2023

Can it really be true that most people in jail are legally innocent? How much of mass incarceration is a result of the war on drugs, or the profit motives of private prisons? How has the COVID-19 pandemic changed decisions about how people are punished when they break the law?

SMH: The rapid & unregulated growth of e-messaging in prisons

Prison Policy Initiative, By Mike Wessler, March 2023

A technology that, until recently, was new in prisons and jails has exploded in popularity in recent years. Our review found that, despite its potential to keep
about how people are punished when they break the law? These essential questions are harder to answer than you might expect. The various government agencies involved in the criminal legal system collect a lot of data, but very little is designed to help policymakers or the public understand what’s going on. As public support for criminal justice reform continues to build — and as the pandemic raises the stakes higher — it’s more important than ever that we get the facts straight and understand the big picture.

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review found that, despite its potential to keep incarcerated people and their families connected, e-messaging has quickly become just another way for companies to profit at their expense.

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