LARRP September 2022 Newsletter

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311LA, a longtime LARRP partner, that provides a vital service to our community,
**Excerpts from the interview:**

2-1-1 is the number that over 400,000 people in Los Angeles County call every year when looking for food, shelter, and other crisis and disaster services including during the ongoing COVID pandemic when calls for assistance nearly doubled. 211 LA is the non-profit organization that has provided this 24/7 helpline service since 1981 when it was known as INFO LINE of Los Angeles.

About 63 community resource advisors (CRAs) answer 2-1-1 calls around the clock, about 2,000 calls every weekday. CRAs train for 5-6 weeks to start and receive ongoing training year-round to stay current with important service changes and to learn how to work effectively with vulnerable populations and people in crisis.

Though mostly known as the countywide 2-1-1 service agency, 211 LA has between 15-20 additional services at any given time and a growing number are specialized services that link target populations with more person-centered care and longer-term follow-ups and supports. This model of service engages community-based organizations in a collaborative approach to client care such as the RELINC effort, a partnership between 211 LA and LARRP that started in 2019. RELINC leveraged the fact that every month, over 1,000 formerly incarcerated individuals were calling 2-1-1 for help with basic needs and several LARRP member agencies like Paving the Way and Christ Centered Ministries were offering more comprehensive service navigation and employment supports.

**READ THE FULL INTERVIEW**

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**Policy Updates**

LARRP’S policy work in the month of August had some incredible victories and some very unfortunate losses, but we are proud of the work we have completed and want to thank you for your outreach and advocacy efforts along the way.

Our biggest victory goes hand-in-hand with the announcement that LARRP is officially endorsing **The Sheriff Accountability County Motion** that will be on the November 8 ballot! It would allow the LA Board of Supervisors to have oversight for the Sheriff!

The LA County Sheriff is elected and it is difficult to reprimand an elected official when they break the law, ignore subpoenas, or drag their feet on public health enforcement (all of which the current sheriff is guilty of). With this motion, the Board would have recourse if and when the elected sheriff breaks the law and ignores his legal responsibilities. We will be working to help voters understand how vital this motion is. You can read more about it in the **LA Times Article here**.

However, while we have had great successes, we are also sad to inform you all that some of our state policy work has been unable to overcome some of the biggest political hurdles we have run into:

- **AB 1816, Assemblymember Isaac Bryan’s Reentry Housing and Workforce Development Program**, has been pulled from the floor amidst budgetary and political issues that have come to light in the last few months. We will be revisiting this legislation next year alongside our cosponsor team to continue pushing hard for a long-term permanent supportive housing program.

- **Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyer’s AB 2383, the Statewide Ban the Box initiative**, was held in suspense, meaning it will also not be moving forward this year. You may remember that this bill was missing 2 key components widely supported by the reentry community statewide. While the bill is not moving forward this year, we have heard from the coalition that we will be working to get it reintroduced in the next legislative year with language to solve some of the aforementioned issues with its current iteration. **Read an article about it here**

As we finish this legislative year, we hope to know by October which of our policy priorities have succeeded in becoming law here in California. We have appreciated every call, letter, and email you, the community, have submitted, and we want to thank you for your advocacy efforts. As we move closer to the November election, we will be working on voter engagement efforts to encourage the formerly incarcerated, and the greater community at large, to make their voices heard and vote on changemakers who will continue to tirelessly fight for the reentry community.
LARRP in Action
LARRP is Co-sponsoring 2 Important Events this month!

Arts Celebration & Resource Fair
A Community & Family Event Celebrating the Power of Arts & Tradition DOORS Community Reentry Center

Thursday, September 15, 2022 11:30 am-2:30 pm
3965 S. Vermont Ave. 3rd Floor Los Angeles, CA 90037

Showcase of Visual Arts, Spoken Word, Dance, Drumming, Activities for Children, and Community Resources in Housing, Employment, Education, Self-Help Classes, Mental Wellness, Family Services, Legal Aid & More!

CLICK HERE to register! Must be registered to attend. Spaces are limited.

UNITE-LA’s Step into Tech Trainee Program Application Deadline Extended and Info Session Added

09/13/2022 - 10/13/2022

The program will focus on inspiring system-involved individuals to explore careers in LA’s rewarding tech industry by exposing them to leaders and trainers from the industry and engaging them in relevant work-based learning opportunities, coaching and mentoring to stimulate their interests and foster their skills, competencies, confidence, and motivation to pursue high growth careers that offer a living wage in the tech industry.

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L.E.A.D.E.R.S. Cohort #2 Graduation

LARRP would like to congratulate the LEADERS Training Academy Cohort #2 for successfully completing the training academy.

These amazing individuals committed and successfully completed various workshops and trainings, as well as attending and contributing to committee meetings, state wide meetings, events & discourses that impact both the incarcerated and reentry communities.

Education Team: Amber Miller, Betty Mills, Isabel Gonzales, Luis Magana

Employment Team: Akilah Shands, Raymond Gonzalez, Antwon Carter, Rafael Quiroz
The Department is now officially looking to grow its team to help fully realize the vision of Youth Justice Reimagined.

1. **Youth Development Ambassador**
2. **Youth Development Specialist**
3. **Youth Development Supervisor**

For more information, please contact Kelly Ty at KTy@hr.lacounty.gov or (213) 351-2929
Professionals has an immediate need for Supervising Community Health Workers to support the expansion of Trauma Prevention Initiative services within four communities of South Los Angeles and to new communities including East Los Angeles/Commerce, Puente Valley, Pomona, Hawaiian Gardens, and Antelope Valley.

**MORE INFO**

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**LA Room & Board**

LA Room & Board was recently awarded nearly $43 million dollars in grant funding (through Project Homekey 2.0) to acquire and operate two new housing facilities in Boyle Heights (Dunamis House) and East Hollywood (Excelsior House) Additionally, we’re piloting a new program for nearly 20 students in Hollywood and still operating the Opportunity House This means we’ll be operating housing programs at 4 locations across Los Angeles.

- Director of Residential Learning & Student Success | Salary: $105,000
- Coordinator, Academic Success & College Completion | Salary: $77,500
- Coordinator, Job Readiness & Career Development | Salary: $77,500
- Six (Clinical Case Managers | Salary: $77,500
- Four Line Cooks | Salary: $65,000
- Office Manager | Salary: $75,000
- Administrative Assistant | Salary: $65,000
- Three Community Managers | Salary: $60,000 + on-site housing & meals

For More Info: jobs@larnb.org

100% of youth wages covered. Eligible youth: current or former foster youth, justice-impacted youth, LGBTQ+ youth and youth currently or previously experiencing housing instability or homelessness, ages 17-24.

More information and applications can be found here: For youth or For businesses: or email

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**Skid Row Housing Trust**

The Trust offers more than 1,800 homes to individuals who have experienced homelessness. We apply evidence-based solutions, and our cutting edge buildings and supportive programs give our residents the opportunity to regain dignity, independence, and wellness.

See the tour of the Cecil Hotel and CLICK HERE to apply for housing

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

**Community Events**
Upcoming Meetings of the Probation Oversight Commission

Commission Meetings (Register Here)
- September 8, 2022 12 pm-2:30 pm

Town Halls (Register Here)
- October 7, 2021
- November 15, 2021

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Harm Reduction Doula Lunch & Learn
Tuesday September 20th, 12-1:30 pm
Harm Reduction Doulas Chelsie & Ashley will discuss companioning and providing full spectrum doula work with families and pregnant people who are unhoused + use substances.
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CCJBH Awareness Events
Throughout September, CCJBH will host virtual lunch-and-learn webinars on topics related to suicide prevention and substance use disorder recovery resources. CCJBH will also share helpful resources with our listserv each Monday and Friday of the month.
Please join us in kicking off awareness activities next week, where we’ll feature Dr. Liseanne Wick for a special presentation on 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Implementation. Below is the schedule for the month:
- Week 1: September 6, 2022: 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Implementation
- Week 2: September 14, 2022: Addiction Treatment: Shatterproof
- Week 3: September 21, 2022: Co-Occurring Disorders
- Week 4: September 28, 2022: Recovery Services

Black Construction Workers Life Skills
Every Tuesday Starting September 6
6-7 pm
Given by, PDA Foundation
Southside Christian Church,
3947W. 104th Street, Inglewood, CA, 90303
More info: 310-910-0060

CFCI ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 AT 4 P.M.
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In the NEWS

Featured News Item
This month's featured article concerns LARRP Cosponsored County Measure A - See Policy update above

The poll also found significant support for a measure recently added to the November ballot that would give the county’s Board of Supervisors the power to force out a sitting sheriff. According to the poll, 52% of voters said they support the idea, while 22% said they would vote against it. The rest were undecided.
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Sheriff Villanueva in tight race as challenger Robert Luna has edge in new poll
LA Times, By Alene Tchekmedyian, Aug. 21, 2022

Retired Long Beach Police Chief Robert Luna has an early edge over incumbent Alex Villanueva in the runoff for Los Angeles County sheriff, with support for the candidates falling largely along political lines, according to a new poll by UC Berkeley co-sponsored by the Los Angeles Times...

More news....

New LASD Whistleblower Tells Of The Sheriff's Budget Manipulations, Rigged Promotions, & An Alarming Array Of Other Forms Of Corruption
WitnessLA, by Celeste Fremon, August 30, 2022

More Than Half a Million People in Prison May Soon Be Able to Afford College
Vera Institute for Justice Nicholas Turner President & Director, Aug 23, 2022

For the first time in nearly three decades, all academically eligible incarcerated people—regardless of sentence length or offense—will soon be able to apply for federal aid for the 2023-2024 academic year.

Column: Violent crime is spiking in Trump’s California. These counties blame everyone but themselves
LA Times By Anita Chabria, Aug. 26, 2022

Some fault criminal justice reform for increasing rates of violent crime. But homicides in California increased the most in places with hard-line policies.

Deeper in the data, released Thursday by state Atty. Gen. Rob Bonta, is a more complicated story, one that defies those easy narratives of a failed California with its recklessly unsafe efforts at criminal justice reform. The biggest risks for homicides came in conservative counties with iron-fist sheriffs and district attorneys.

Editorial: Now that a second recall effort has failed, let George Gascón do the work he was elected to do
By The LA Times Editorial Board, Aug. 15, 2022

An excellent overview of the issues surrounding the recall efforts and criminal justice reform in the state.

Newsom vetoes bill to set up drug overdose prevention programs in some California counties
LA Times, By Hannah Wiley, Mackenzie Mays, Aug. 2, 2022

We just keep punishing.’ Californians with criminal records still face housing barriers
overdose prevention programs in some California cities

LA Times By Hannah Wiley, Aug. 22, 2022

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Note: Sadly LARRP co-sponsored Bill AB 2383 which aimed to address some of these problems was put on hold. (See Policy Update)

Regenerative farming cultivates living-wage jobs, new opportunities in the East Bay
FOX 2, By Tom Vacar, August 17, 2022

FREMONT, Calif. - A new East Bay public-private partnership aims to help ex-inmates re-enter the workplace, fight local hunger, and reduce global warming all in one fell swoop.

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REPORTS

Diversion: A Hidden Key to Combating Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Juvenile Justice

The Sentencing Project, August 30, 2022, Richard Mendel

New juvenile justice analysis reveals the system’s unequal and limited use of diversion from court involvement, particularly for Black youth.

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