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Message from LARRP Executive Director Troy Vaughn

It doesn't matter if we are elected officials or citizens we all must agree that something needs to be done with the criminal justice system here in the United States (U.S.). The number of incarcerated individuals continues to climb and we are becoming numb to its effect. We continue to operate with the knowledge that the U.S. incarcerates more people per capita than any other country in the world. We know that our recidivism rates are too high, and that we police our racial/ethnic minority communities too much and too often with tragic results. We know our fellow citizens, mainly people of color, living in those communities continue to suffer from higher rates of crime and police violence.

We must conclude that the U.S. is addicted to over policing, prosecution, and imprisonment; and it's a habit that it just cannot break. In order to help the U.S. break this habits, much like an addict is tapered off of dependence with Medicated Assist Treatment (MAT) services; we must employ Meaningful Alternative Treatment (MAT) Programs.

LARRP is dedicated to creating MAT programs because we understand that in spite of having lowest crime rates in 50 years (even considering the recent COVID-era surge) we still see conditions over policing, prosecution, and imprisonment prevailing throughout the U.S.

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LARRP Committee Meetings and Events

Integrated Health Committee

June 7, 2021

1:00 pm

REGISTER Integrated Health

June General Meeting

June 17, 2021,

10:00 AM

REGISTER - General Meeting April

Education Committee:

JUNE MEETING CANCELLED!

July 15th, 2021

4:00PM- 5:30 PM

Register Education

Housing Committee:

Thursday, July 15, 2021

1:30 PM-2:30 PM

Register Housing

Employment Committee

Wednesday, July 21, 2021

2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

Register Employment

General Meeting Schedule 2021

Recordings of Past Meetings

LARRP June Meetings

June Spotlight
LARRP LEADERS

Perhaps our most exciting new program is the LEADERS Training Academy is a project funded by CCJBH; Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health. It's 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 be graduating it's first LEADERS cohort of 12 amazing individuals!

LARRP LEADERS Graduation!!!

Jun 25, 2021 03:00 PM

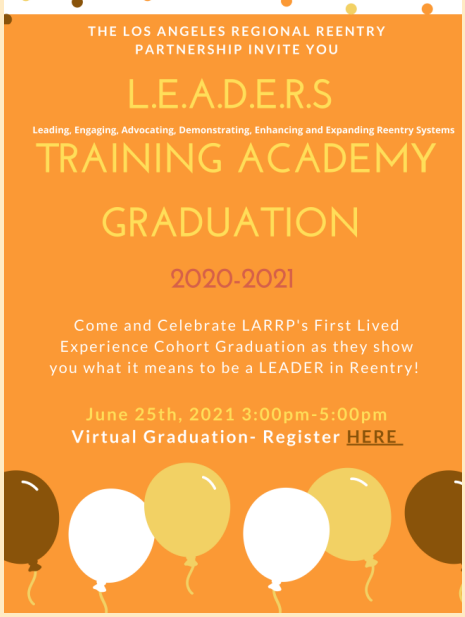
LARRP is very proud to announce our first cohort Graduation ceremony 2021 for the LEADERS Training Academy.

We are excited to show the network these incredible 12 LEADERS that have exemplified what it is to be a Leader in our community and will continue to lead by example.

Come join us to celebrate these 12 amazing individuals and shine a light on them for being our first Cohort LARRP LEADERS!



Register here!





With graduation season in the air, we are excited to spotlight our very own LARRP L.E.A.D.E.R Lami J.Glenn, who is graduating this month with his Associates of Arts Degree in Psychology. Lami has been part of the education team this past year not only has he been advocating in the education committee for equal opportunities within the reentry system, he has exemplified them himself by continuing his education after incarceration. Lami hopes to continue his education and become a professor. Keep on the look out for future professor Lami J Glenn, he is a change agent in this work!

Lami J. Glenn
LA City College
Associates of Arts Degree Psychology

LARRP Updates

Adopt a Bike

In collaboration with the Los Angeles Metro, Walk and Rollers, and other community-based organizations, LARRP participated in an initiative called Adopt a Bike where entities collaboratively came together to assist our communities. This event took place Friday, May 21st at the Los Angeles Union Station where community members got the opportunity to pick out a free bike of their choice. Community members were ecstatic to receive their new bikes! If you would like to partner up with LARRP contact ***info@lareentry.org***





Visit to the D.O.O.R.S Center



This month we had the pleasure of having Supervisor Holly Mitchell, Judge Espinoza, and our very own Pastor Troy Vaughn visit the D.O.O.R.S center to share with Supervisor Mitchell the amazing collaborative efforts everyone is doing at the D.O.O.R.S Community Reentry Center. This collaboration between the Los Angeles Probation, Office of Diversion and Reentry, and diverse community-based organizations show what true partnership looks like to assist our reentry communities. If you would like to learn more about the D.O.O.R.S Center contact our Outreach and Engagement Coordinator Evelyn Garcia at ***evelyn@lareentry.org***

LARRP Policy

Policy Update

LARRP's policy work has been firing on all cylinders this past month as we worked through the state appropriations cycle.

Of our 15 priority bills, three of them did not make it out of the appropriations step; SB 106 (Umberg), The Mental Health Services Act Innovative Program, AB 907 (Santiago), Drivers License Fines and Penalties, and AB 328 (Chiu), the Reentry Housing and Workforce Development Program. These bills, having not passed through the appropriations cycle, are not able to be voted on this year, but may be able to be passed next year, as the legislative process lasts until the 2022 election.

Apart from those bills, AB 333 (Kamlager) failed in its Assembly vote with a 38-27 vote, missing the 41 vote threshold needed. It is being reconsidered for a vote, so it is not in the same position as the aforementioned appropriations bills.

Lastly, **between now and June 4, every bill must be voted on and passed in its house of origin to have the possibility of becoming law.** You can help by taking the updated policy documents attached to the newsletter and calling your State Assembly and Senate members to voice your support for each bill we have marked as a LARRP priority. CAlling is a quick and effective way to voice your opinions and stand in solidarity with the justice-involved community.

Your ongoing support is the most crucial tool we have in order to fight for the social justice and reentry communities, and we appreciate every call you make on our behalf.

LARRP Policy Priorities

LARRP 2021 Priorities In-Depth Bill Analysis

LARRP Co-sponsored Bill, SB 731(Durazo) - Sunsetting Criminal Records, was passed by the Senate Appropriations Committee which made the following ammendments: sexual and violent felonies will not be eligible, there is a 4 year waiting period after finishing all sentencing requirements, and the bill is only retroactive back to 2005. This bill, like every other bill, will be voted on next week.

The coalition still believes strongly in the bill, as well as the fact that we are continuously working to secure the votes to ensure that the bill is voted on affirmatively in the Senate before the end of next week.

Senate Bill 731 - Creating Opportunity for Change





TAKE ACTION!

The Future of Probation and Parole in the U.S.

LARRP has signed onto a statement by a group out of Columbia University on ***the Future of Probation and Parole in the U.S***. This Statement was drafted by ***EXiT: Executives Transforming Probation and Parole,*** a network convened by the university's Justice Lab.

Founded by current and former probation and parole chiefs, EXiT's mission is to transform the systems of probation and parole to be smaller, less punitive, and more hopeful, equitable, and restorative, and the Statement lays out these goals as well as specific policy aims that they believe can help bring that transformation.

While EXiT started by organizing representatives supervision systems, they also recognize the expertise of those who have experienced harm at the hands of those systems. As such, EXiT is now seeking additional signatories, especially people who have experienced supervision and survived crime. Their hope is that this effort can demonstrate a broad base of support for significant change to probation and parole, which can galvanize action.

Please review the ***Statement***, and if you are inclined to add your name in support of the Statement's message, the form for support can be found ***here.*** They are looking for individuals and organizations who have been affected by and operate in this space, so even if you personally have never been justice-involved, your organizational support would help this project continue forward.

Partner Events

Measure J Reimagine LA Advisory Committee

Thursdays 6/3, 6/17, 8/19, 10/21, 12/16 from 4-6pm

ZOOM LINK

LAUSD Career Technical Education Programs

Details about Programs and how to Enroll Clients

Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM PDT
Do you any of your clients show drive to pursue education leading to a career? If so, register for the LAUSD Career Technical Education Programs Webinar!

The LAUSD Adult and Career Education's Abram Friedman Occupational Center (AFOC) is opening registration for its winter term, which starts on November 13, 2021. Joining this webinar will inform you about the term's available programs and how you can help your clients enroll.

REGISTER



Prop. 47 Joint Local Advisory Committee (JLAC) Public Meeting

June 8 at 5:00 pm

More Info

REGISTER



Successful Youth Leadership Councils in Reentry Programming

June 4th, 2021
10:00 am PT

When young adults have the power to make decisions in programs that impact and serve them, they can have a more positive and fruitful experience. The organizations also benefit as they gain access to firsthand knowledge and experience in a meaningful way.
In this interactive webinar session, put on by the Latino Coalition, you will join representatives from FHI360's National Institute for Work & Learning to learn about the history and philosophy behind youth engagement and youth-adult partnership. They will share the unique benefits and challenges of creating and managing a leadership council with young adults who have been impacted by the justice system. You will also get the perspective of a founding member of FHI360's young adult leadership council on the impact of youth-adult partnership!
REGISTER



State Advocacy 1-2-3 Webinar Series

The Peer Action League (PAL) State Advocacy 1-2-3 is a series of three webinars on the basics and details of how consumer peers and others can liaison at the State level in a meaningful and consequential manner for a peer-driven transformation of the California behavioral health system.

PAL State Advocacy Web #2:
Function of State Legislative & Advisory Bodies
June 15, 2021, 1-2:30PM
Register

PAL State Advocacy Web #3:
State Funding & Effective Peer Advocates
June 29, 2021, 1-2:30 PM
Register



SECOND CHANCE VIRTUAL JOB FAIR homeless and re-entry individuals

Hosted by The Pomona Valley Comprehensive AJCC and the Rio Hondo Comprehensive AJCC
Thursday, June 17th
2:00 to 4:00 pm.
15 employers or more will be available to offer full and part time employment in logistics, manufacturing, construction, and the hospitality sectors.
REGISTER HERE

ATI/Alternative Crisis Response Meeting

Wednesdays 6/16, 8/18, 10/20, 12/15
9-10:30am

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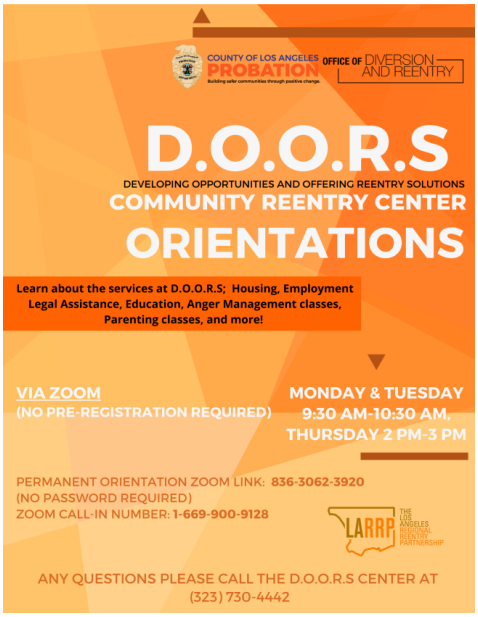
Recurring Clinics and Workshops



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

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Court Relief for Criminal Records

Last Tuesday of Each Month
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Attendees of this Webinar will find out

- how Reductions of Charges, Expungements, and Certificates of Rehabilitation may increase their opportunities for employment and job licensing.
- the criteria to qualify, how to apply if eligible, and be provided resources in their community that can be helpful in their rehabilitative journey.
- In addition, a lawyer from the Inland Empire Latino Lawyers Association will be present to answer questions and provide information on the free legal services they offer for eligible individuals. **Registration required.**

More info and register

LA Coalition for DA Justice and Accountability Meeting

Fourth Thursdays of the month, 4-6 PM

ZOOM LINK

Housing Rights Workshops

Click the Flyers to download









A New Way of Life & UCLA Law







Member Newswire

This month's spotlight features an individual partner rather than an organization. Someone whose name keeps popping up in action with so many of our partners that it seems about time we found out more about him.

So we would like to introduce Douglas Jessop, a Social Justice Advocate, Musician and Writer.



Wrongfully Convicted and incarcerated unlawfully, he spent that time studying the law, policies as the Prison Law Clerk. He wrote and filed cases that went to En Banc in the California Supreme Court, won Prison Appeals, had corrupt guards removed from facilities and helped other inmates gain their freedom. Once he was released he was rendered homeless and had to bounce back from the extremes of homelessness,

Now he attends college through UCLA, The Prison Education Program and works in the creative and marketing team at Universal. He is a Creative Futures Graduate, has been featured in multiple reports from ACLU. He is an advocate with Outreach Organizations such as Anti Recidivism Coalition, DA Accountability Coalition, Community Coalition, Los Angeles Poverty Department and more. Douglas was part of two subcommittees that put together the Youth Justice Reimagined, a proposal that was accepted by the Board of Supervisors unanimously, and wrote scripts regarding the crack cocaine disparity, that was also accepted by UCLA to turn into legislation.

"Social Justice Reform for me is personal. I've survived too much to not give back and use my insights to fix the extremes of poverty, life inside of it and break the toxic stigmas. In the future I aspire to be an award winning screenplay writer, best selling author, award winning recording artist/producer and CEO or Executive Director of a major policy changing organization."

Music on soundcloud
ARC Mental Health Panel
Root And Rebound, Voices For Justice

Information and Opportunities

Research in Transforming Health and Health Care Systems 2021 Call for Proposals

Application Deadline: Mon, 28 Jun 2021

The purpose of this 2021 RTHS call for proposals is to fund research studies that evaluate or predict how enrollees are effected by Medicaid policy changes enacted in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Given the disproportionate impact of the pandemic on communities of color, we are requesting studies that

APPLY TO BE AN LA COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSIONER:

The LA County Youth Commission is accepting applications for its first cohort of Youth Commissioners. To learn more, the Youth Commission is hosting Information and Listening Sessions this week. ***Click here*** for the full schedule and ***sign up for a session here***. You can also apply directly on the ***Youth Commission website***.
Applications for the Youth

Elevate Youth California Funding Opportunity: Supporting Capacity Building for Community Organizations

With grants up to $300,000 over two years, this funding opportunity will strengthen the capacity of emerging grassroots community-based organizations and Tribal organizations throughout California to use innovative programs/practices for substance use

examine the impact of Medicaid policies on communities of color and/or explore how current or proposed policies may alleviate or exacerbate racial inequity and structural racism in the context of Medicaid. The goal of this funding opportunity is to generate rigorous evidence on the effects of recent Medicaid policy changes on enrollees, states, and others, and to inform and advance equitable policies and racial equity in Medicaid.

MORE INFO
APPLY ONLINE

2021 Subrecipient Project Replacement for CoC Joint TH-RRH and RRH Program Request for Information (RFI)

Submission Deadline Extended to June 4, 2021 at 2 p.m.

2021 Subrecipient Project Replacement for Continuum of Care (CoC) Joint Transitional Housing-Rapid Re-Housing (TH-RRH) and Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) Program Request for Information on their ***website***.

Under this RFI, LAHSA seeks to gather information from service providers interested in operating a 2021 CoC Joint TH-RRH and/or a CoC RRH Program. This RFI will allow LAHSA to gain information regarding program operations and forming working partnerships. This RFI is open to

qualified nonprofit organizations that are interested in delivering TH-RRH services to survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking, or sexual assault.

Commissioners close June 4, 2021



Become an Initiate Justice Outside Organizer!

The Institute of Impacted Leaders is a 12-week organizing and leadership training for people who have been directly impacted by mass incarceration.
If you are in San Diego, Bakersfield, San Jose, and Santa Barbara, ***apply now!***
Deadline to apply: June 18th

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disorder prevention. The programmatic activities should use a social justice youth development approach and must be focused on the following: 1. Investing in youth empowerment, leadership and development and 2. Implementing programs through the cultural lens of the impacted community.

Applications are due by June 23 at 1 p.m. PT.

Access the Request for Applications for a full funding overview and information about webinars and office hour opportunities.

More Info and Opportunities

NEWS

Feature News Story

Mission president changing the face of Skid Row

The Wave, May 13, 2021, By Shirley Hawkins

LOS ANGELES — For seven years, Troy Vaughn's home was in a cardboard box on Los Angeles' Skid Row.
"I lived in and out of the streets, sleeping in cardboard boxes periodically," Vaughn said. "I was in and out of shelters, cars, and missions — anywhere just to find a place to sleep."
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Column: How the LAPD got this way and five concrete ways it needs to change

LA Times By Sandy Banks, Columnist, May 27, 2021

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Column: The people who clean skid row find needles, rats, the occasional corpse — and deep gratitude

LA Times By Steve Lopez | Photography by Francine Orr, May 22, 2021

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Women with Lived Experience in the Criminal Legal System Must Lead the Way

Vera Institute of Justice, by Kimberly Haven, Guest Writer, May 21, 2021

Women represent the fastest growing segment of our prison population and are incarcerated at twice the rate of men. This phenomenon has required advocates like me to seize opportunities to change perceptions and bring about authentic systemic change.
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Boudin and Gascón Share Their Perceptions of Crime with Reason Magazine

Reason magazine, By Paige Laver, May 21, 2021

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – District Attorneys Chesa Boudin in San Francisco and George Gascón in Los Angeles discussed the unfolding crime rates throughout California and the best ways to stop it with Reason Magazine this week.
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The Police Union Failed Miserably in Its Attempt to Beat Philadelphia DA Larry Krasner

The Nation, By John Nichols, May 19, 2021

Across the country, police unions are trying to defeat progressive reformers. Tuesday's hotly contested election shows voters remain committed to changing an unjust system.
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L.A. County Cutting Hidden Costs of Incarceration

LA Progressive, by Jeremy Loudenback, 5/18/2021

Following impassioned testimony from more than a dozen advocates for incarcerated people and their families, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors voted Tuesday to come up with a plan that would ban expensive collect calls and markups on commissary items in jails and juvenile detention facilities.
Supervisor Hilda Solis, who authored the motion, said the vote recognizes the impact incarceration has had on communities of color during the COVID-19 pandemic, when more than a million calls were made from L.A. County jails — at a cost of $20 million to the families and friends of the incarcerated.

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The California Prosecutors Who Want to Keep People Out of Jail

The Nation, By Sasha Abramsky, May 17, 2021
In the state that once pioneered the punitive Three Strikes policy, a coalition of recently elected district attorneys is pushing back against mass incarceration.
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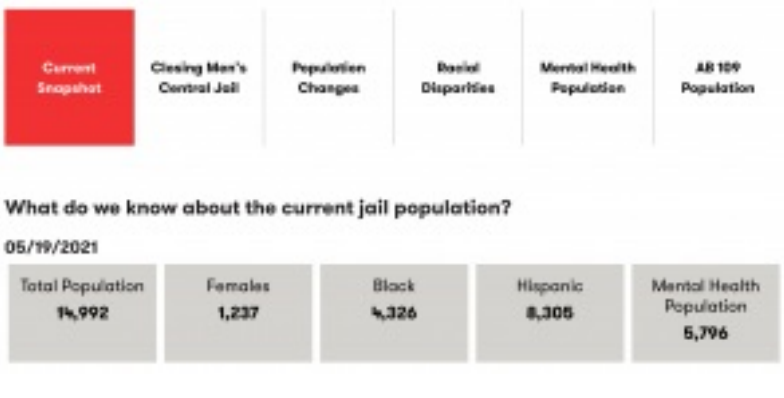
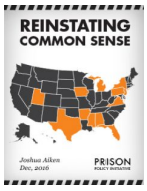


Reinstating Common Sense:



How driver's license suspensions for drug offenses unrelated to driving are falling out of favor

Prison Policy Initiative Report: A misguided federal law from the War on Drugs threatened states with reduced highway funding if states did not begin automatically suspending the driver's license of anyone convicted of a drug offense, even in cases unrelated to driving. These license suspensions, which last at least 6 months,

L.A. County releases daily jail 'dashboard'

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Tuesday released detailed data on the county jail population. Published in partnership with the Vera Institute of Justice, the jail "dashboard" is expected to be updated daily to help policymakers, advocates and researchers better understand the race, case status and incidence of mental illness — among other characteristics — of the people held behind bars.

View the website

Jail incarceration rates vary widely, but inexplicably, across U.S. cities
Cities jail people at rates that have little to no correlation to their violent crime rates, police budgets, or jail budgets.

Prison Policy Initiative, by Tiana Herring, May 4, 2021

Why do some places incarcerate people at much higher rates than others? We considered this question in 2019, when we compared prison incarceration rates across U.S. counties, finding a wide range that loosely correlated to the respective state imprisonment rates. Now, we can do the same for jail incarceration rates.
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Friends Outside
Los Angeles County

New Publication – Improving Outcomes for Individuals with Sex Offenses

Friensds Outside, Los Angeles County, by Dr. Luis Barrera Castañón, Dr. Marco Murillo (Researchers) May 11, 2021

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struggle to find and keep employment for lack of transportation because of these needless license suspensions. Our new research found that more than 190,000 driver's licenses are suspended every year for non-driving drug offenses, and illustrates why this policy sets people up to fail.

READ the report

Addressing the Drivers of Criminal Justice Involvement to Advance Racial Equity

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, Proceedings of a Workshop—in Brief (2021)

The Committee on Reducing Racial Inequalities in the Criminal Justice System of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine convened a workshop in March 2021 as part of its exploration of ways to reduce racial inequalities in criminal justice outcomes in the United States. This workshop, the second in a series of three, enabled the committee to gather information from a diverse set of stakeholders and experts to inform the consensus study process. Speakers discussed the numerous interrelated factors that shape racial inequalities in the criminal justice system. Presentations focused on issues and promising solutions in health and well-being, in both neighborhood and opportunity contexts, as well as in youth-serving systems, as they relate to reducing racial inequality. This publication highlights the presentations of the workshop.

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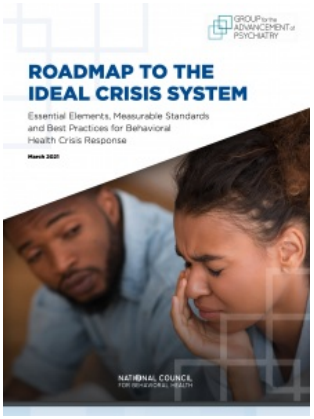

Roadmap To The Ideal Crisis System

National Council for Behavioral Health, March 2021

Essential Elements, Measurable Standards and Best Practices for Behavioral Health Crisis Response

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