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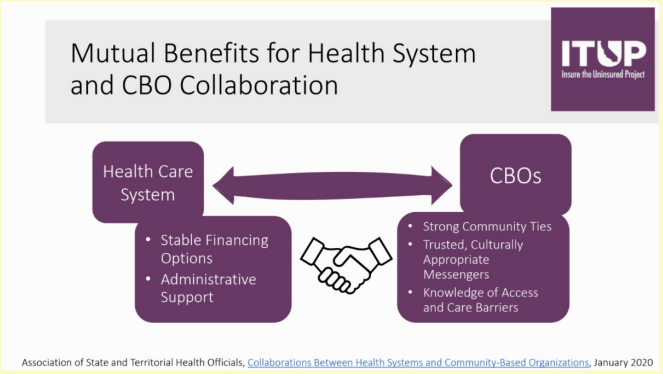
July Spotlight - CalAIM



At the July 20th LARRP General Meeting, we were extremely excited to have Marissa Montano from the I***nsure the Uninsured Project*** present to our community about ***CalAIM***.

CalAIM is a multi-year interdepartmental push with the goal of implementing whole-person care approaches to health with an emphasis on the social determinants of health, reducing complexity and increasing flexibility in MediCal.

CalAIM's specific importance to our work is the expansion of pre-release care for the currently incarcerated, who are soon returning home to the community, with treatment starting within 90 days of their release. This pre-release treatment also includes case-management, MAT, and other support systems to ensure that there is a support system in place by the time folks return to their communities.



The Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget includes $9.9 million total funds ($3.8 million General Fund) in FY 2023-24 for pre-release services to implement the justice involved initiative (in addition to $225 million estimated through PATH).

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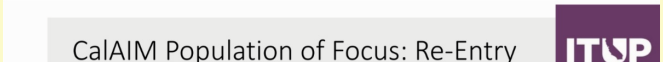
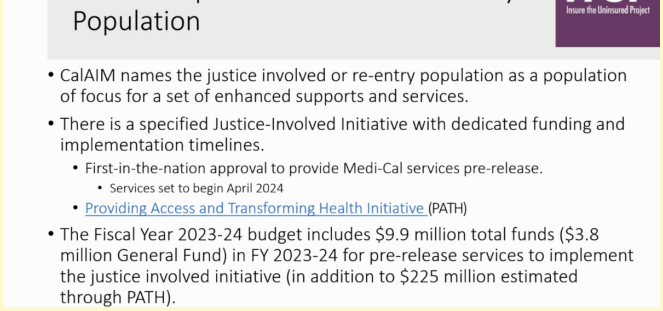




LARRP Meetings

LARRP General Meeting

August 17, 2023

10:00am - 11:30am

REGISTER - General Meeting

Employment Committee

August 16, 2023, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Register Employment

Integrated Health Committee

September 4, 2023, 2:00 pm

August Meeting cancelled

REGISTER Integrated Health

Education Committee

September 7, 2023, 3:30pm - 4:30pm

August Meeting cancelled

Register Education

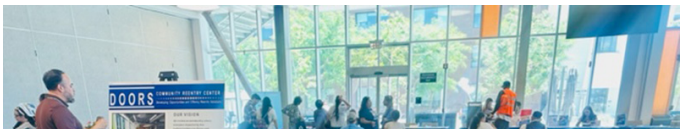
Housing Committee

September 7, 2023, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Register Housing

LARRP in the Community

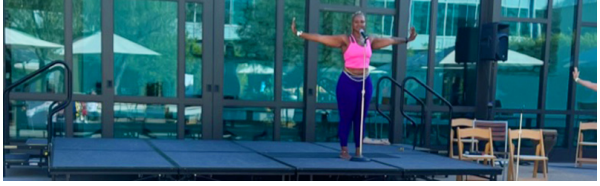
LARRP attended the ***A New Way of Life's*** Reentry Resource Fair at Trade Tech College to share the amazing resources offered at the D.O.O.R.S Community Reentry Center. It's great that our communities are coming together to support our reentry community!







LARRP and its collaboration in the ***D.O.O.R.S. Community Reentry Center*** hosted the 1st annual D.O.O.R.S. Summer Splash Service Connection to kick off this Summer and celebrate Pride Month, 2023. Many employment and career service providers assisted our community in providing resources and employment opportunities. There were also members of the community giving resume assistance and headshots for our clients and community members, along with fantastic food! If you are interested in collaborating at the next D.O.O.R.S. Event, please get in touch with ***evelyn@lareentry.org***. See you at the next event!



LARRP attended the ***Hope Village*** Visioning Kick-Off hosted by LINC Housing at the California Endowment Center. The community came together to share resources and advocate for how the New Hope Village should come to life. There was an agenda full of amazing community organizations sharing their talents, such as singing, meditation, and yoga. We look forward to continuing to support the vision of Hope Village.

LARRP July Policy Update



Summer tends to be a slower time for policy as many of the decision making bodies, like the State Assembly and Senate, take a summer recess to spend time in their homes and communities, attending to local issues and talking to the folks who are on the front lines.

One such major event was the County's push to hold community feedback sessions on a proposed update to the ***LA County Fair Chance Employment ordinance***. Fair Chance Employment is a push to ensure that almost anyone who applies for work in the County is not subject to a criminal background check until a final job offer is made, and those who are found to have a criminal history are protected from retaliation by potential employers. This is a vital step to ensuring that folks who have been incarcerated can find gainful employment. Such a push is a delicate matter, for without understanding employers and their concerns, this proposal could receive immense negative feedback, making the push for these protections even more complicated. This was the topic of many of these feedback sessions, as the county must work to carve out protections without alienating employers.

This year, many bills which we supported to benefit the reentry community were put on hold amidst a tough financial outlook for the state. Thus we have selected stand behind bills which seek to increase the ease of access by nonprofits to state grants and funding. You can see an updated list of our priority bills by clicking on the button below. It is vitally important that we continue to talk to our communities and elected officials about why investing in reentry programs is an investment in community trust, healing, and eventually true reform. Our hope is that by the end of this year, we will have a better understanding of the state's financial health, and can build our 2024 slate of bills from the ground up to incorporate the financial outlook from the get go.

Updated list of LARRP 2023 Priority Bills

Partner Events

Civilian Oversight Commission



Town Halls



Probation Oversight Commission

Virtual Town Hall: Probation Facilities Inspections
August 1, 2023, 2:00 pm

REGISTER



2023 Prison to University Conference

August 3 · 9am - August 4 · 4pm
California State University, Long Beach
1250 N Bellflower Blvd long beach, CA 90840

The second annual Prison to University Conference hosted by our LARRP partners the Underground Scholars, Project Rebound, and Rising Scholars will take place August 3rd and 4th at Cal State University Long Beach. The PTU Conference is the premiere convening of reentry programs in higher education in California, featuring speakers, panels, workshops, a resource fair, and networking for students, faculty, and administrators. The resource fair in particular is a great opportunity for housing, employment, and other providers to share their programs with the education community.

More info and get FREE Tickets



A New way of Life 2023 SAFE Housing Training!

August 2–4, 2023

The SAFE Housing Network is a national collective of formerly incarcerated people working to decarcerate the US by bringing people home to stay, helping them to heal from the trauma of incarceration, and empowering them to lead in the fight to end mass incarceration.
This intensive 3-day training event covers the SAFE

- **August 5: Lancaster**
- September 16: West Hollywood
- November 2: San Gabriel Valley

Regular meetings:

- September 21 - TBD
- October 19: St. Anne's
- November 9: St. Anne's
- December 14: Peck Park, San Pedro

MORE INFO



Beyond The Convictions

August 24th, 10-12 pm

A virtual forum hosted by Goodwill Southern California-Riverside Career Resource Center, aimed at bridging opportunities between employers and justice-impacted candidates.

I you have any questions regarding the virtual forum, please contact at ***RiversideCRC@GoodwillSocal.org*** or call our Intake Specialist at (951) 255-2918.
REGISTER by August 18

Housing Network philosophy, program model, best practices, and more.

REGISTER

JOCD Funding Opportunities!!

JOCD Year Two CFCI Care Grant Applications are now LIVE!

Any Community Based Organization (CBO) that works in the below areas, is encouraged to apply:

- Youth Development and Education
- Assistance with Housing
- Workforce Development and Job Placement
- Violence and Exploitation Prevention
- Re-entry Services

Out of 588 CBOs who applied in Year One, 118 were awarded Care Grants. That's 20% - a very significant chance for all whom apply.

JCOD's Third Party Administrator, Amity Foundation, is offering free webinars to assist CBOs with the application process. To register for a webinar or to apply for a Care Grant, ***click here.***

Become a member to see more funding opportunities

Featured News Article and Report

Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall in Downey remains on lockdown in aftermath of riot

LA Times, By Louis Sahagún, James Queally, July 29, 2023



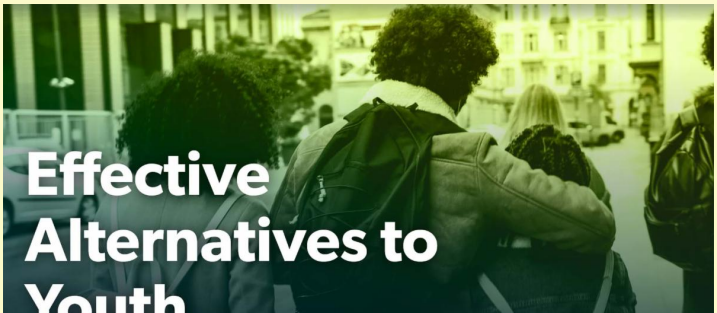
Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall in Downey remained on lockdown Saturday after a riot during which 13 detainees breached their units and attempted to escape by scaling the perimeter walls of the sprawling 66-year-old Los Angeles County facility, officials said.

...This month, the Probation Department moved

Effective Alternatives to Youth Incarceration

Six alternative-to-incarceration programs that work for youth who pose serious risks to public safety

The Sentencing Project, written by Richard Mendel



about 270 juveniles now held in Central Juvenile Hall in downtown Los Angeles and Barry J. Nidorf Hall in Sylmar to Los Padrinos, as the troubled agency tries to right itself after years of disarray.

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Report identifies six alternative to youth incarceration program models that consistently produce better public safety outcomes than incarceration, with far less disruption to young people's healthy adolescent development at a fraction of the cost.

By now the verdict is clear. Any objective reading of the evidence shows beyond a reasonable doubt that incarceration is neither necessary nor effective in the vast majority of cases of adolescent lawbreaking.

This report examines the obvious follow-up question: If not incarceration, what? What programs can be used to safely supervise youth who commit serious offenses and pose a significant risk of reoffending and endangering public safety, and to steer them away from delinquency?

Read the report

More News



Newsom's plan to transform San Quentin prison lacks details but is moving ahead

LA Times, By Hannah Wiley, July 27, 2023
Newsom's vision for ***San Quentin*** builds on the prison's already expansive programming by layering on more robust job training courses, additional substance-use and mental-health treatment and expanded academic classes. The plan fits into Newsom's broader goal of ***reducing the incarcerated population***, largely through treatment and prevention programs and a ***handful of prison closures***, and builds on his prior decisions to ***impose a moratorium on the death penalty*** and ***shut down the execution chamber at San Quentin***.
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LA mayor signs, updates emergency declaration on homelessness

Hey SoCal, by City News Service Inc., JUL 10, 2023
"Over the first six months of my administration, we've seen thousands of Angelenos come inside and thousands of units expedited," Bass said during a Monday morning press briefing at City Hall. "That's the urgency that must continue with added collaboration and coordination with the City Council in this emergency."
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LA County Moves 171 Youths to Revamped Downey Juvenile Hall

California spent $600 million to house and rehab former prisoners — but can't say

The San Fernando Valley Sun, July 14, 2023

LOS ANGELES (CNS) – Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall in Downey was officially back in business Friday, July 14, housing 171 youths who were transferred this week from one of two other county facilities deemed by the state to be unsuitable for housing young detainees.

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Free calls for LA County jail inmates OK'd by Board of Supervisors

City News Service, July 25, 2023

LOS ANGELES — Despite concerns over the costs of the program and how it will be funded, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a motion Tuesday to provide free phone calls for jail inmates.

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Unlike Other States, California Ex-Prisoners Left on Own – Prison to Homelessness Pipeline Real Thing

Davis Vanguard, By The Vanguard Staff, July 21, 2023

LONG BEACH, CA – A recently-released prisoner here, Alberto Perez, has bounced around California prisons most of his adult life, and according to an NBC News report is proof of a "prison-to-homelessness pipeline."

At a recent county encounter where recently-released

whether it helped

Cal Matters, By Rhonda Lyons, July 10, 2023

A $100 million-a-year rehabilitation program for former California prisoners grew with little oversight from the state corrections agency. It's unclear how many parolees wind up back in prison.

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Ex-Prisoners Face Headwinds as Job Seekers, Even as Openings Abound

NY Times, By Talmon Joseph Smith, July 6, 2023

An estimated 60 percent of those leaving prison are unemployed a year later. But after a push for "second-chance hiring," some programs show promise.

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A New Era of Prison Education

Inside Higher Ed by Judy Olian, July 6, 2023

More than 700,000 incarcerated individuals are estimated to be eligible for Pell Grant funds as of this past Saturday,

July 1, marking the first time men and women in prisons have had broad access to Pell Grants since 1994, when Congress voted to deny these funds to incarcerated individuals.

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prisoners may be offered help to adjust, all Perez wanted was a pair of construction boots—the NBC story suggested he didn't get those or shelter, which he said he didn't want anyway.

"Perez explained his decision. He said the shelter, where he was required to obey strict rules regarding his comings and goings, mirrored life in prison," noting, "A shelter is worse than a jail. Why do I have to be in a controlled, prison-like environment to get assistance? That's what I don't understand."

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Column: She fantasized about torturing her daughter's killer. Instead, she helped him

LA Times, By Anita Chabria, July 13, 2023
Forgiveness is complicated. So is its counterpart, remorse.
Both require moving on from pain and violation — either as perpetrator or victim — while somehow holding space for the meaning of that suffering. Both require faith that the past doesn't own the future.
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California promises better care for thousands of inmates as they leave prison

LA Times, By Don Thompson , Updated July 4, 2023

California has agreed to improve healthcare for newly released prison inmates who are disabled, including through a series of measures that advocates say will help almost everyone trying to make the transition from incarceration.

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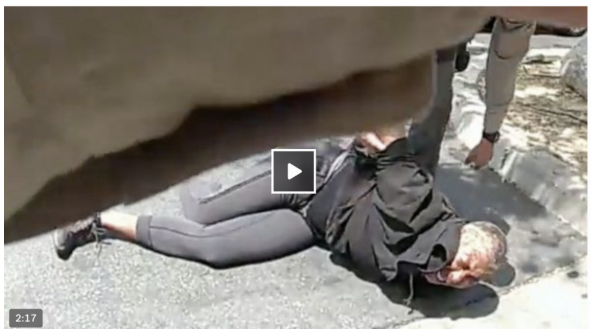

LA County sheriff investigating after bodycam video shows deputy throwing Black woman to the ground

ABC News By Deena Zaru and Alex Stone, July 5, 2023

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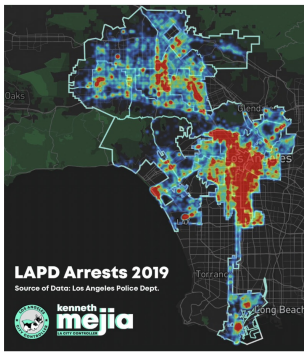
Reports

LAPD arrested Black and Latino people disproportionately in recent years, city controller stats show



By City News Service, July 26, 2023

The Los Angeles Police Department arrested Black and Hispanic/Latino people at a "disproportionate rate" — an average of 78.26% of all arrests from 2019 to 2022, when such residents make up 56% of the city's population, according to a report released this week by City Controller Kenneth Mejia.



Mejia's office released a map and analysis of nearly 300,000 arrests by the LAPD in the past four years.

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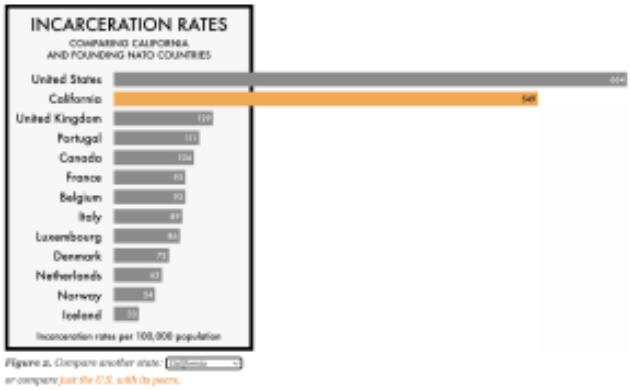

States of Incarceration: The Global Context 2021

Prison Policy Initiative, by Emily Widra and Tiana Herring

Not only does the U.S. have the highest incarceration rate in the world; every single U.S. state incarcerates more people per capita than virtually any independent democracy on earth. To be sure, states like New York and Massachusetts appear progressive in their incarceration rates compared to states like Louisiana, but compared to the rest of the world, every U.S. state relies too heavily on prisons and jails to respond to crime.

The incarceration rates in every U.S. state are out of line with the entire world, and we found that this disparity is not explainable by differences in crime or "violent crime." In fact, there is little correlation between high rates of "violent crime" and the rate at which the U.S. states lock people up in prisons and jails.

Read the Report



An important report that we missed last year

Police are not primarily crime fighters, according to the data

Reuters, By Hassan Kanu, November 2, 2022

A new report adds to a growing line of research showing that police departments don't solve serious or violent crimes with any regularity, and in fact, spend very little time on crime control, in contrast to popular narratives.

In 2019, 88% of the time L.A. County sheriff's officers spent on stops was for officer-initiated stops rather than in response to calls. The overwhelming majority of that time – 79% – was spent on traffic violations. By contrast, just 11% of those hours was spent on stops based on reasonable suspicion of a crime.

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