LARRP April 2024 Newsletter

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LARRP Meetings

Integrated Health Committee
April 1, 2024,
2:00 pm

Registar Integrated Health

Community Safety Committee
April 10, 2024,
1:00-2:00 pm

Register Community Safety

LARRP GENERAL MEETING
April 18, 2024,
10:00 - 11:30 am

REGISTER - General Meeting

Employment Committee
April 17, 2024,
2:00pm-3:30pm

REGISTER Employment

Education Committee
May 2, 2024
3:30pm - 4:30pm

Register Education

Housing Committee
May 24, 2024
10:00am-11am

Register Housing



The LARRP Antelope Valley Chapter Meets Every 3rd Tuesday 11am via Zoom

AV LARRP was launched as the Antelope Valley arm of the general LARRP organization. The group consists of community members and service providers working to advance opportunities for individuals impacted by the criminal legal system in the Antelope Valley. We work better as a collaborative, which allows for effective brainstorming and exchange of best practices, a supportive community network, and partnership opportunities.

The April 16th meeting will feature two guest speakers on the topic of state funding for reentry: Mark Faucette, program director at Advocates for Human Potential and Dameion Renault, field representative for the BSCC (Bureau of State and Community Corrections)

Register AV LARRP Monthly Meeting

April is Second Chance Month

A short message about Second Chance Month from LARRP Executive Director Troy Vaughn



The Los Angeles Regional Partnership (LARRP) and dozens of reentry service partners will be celebrating “Second Chance Month” this April, with resource fairs, job opportunities, and recognition of our many members who have beat the odds and successfully returned to our communities after incarceration. Second Chance Month has been observed every April since 2017, and it is an opportunity to learn about the vast number of Americans living with a criminal conviction (1 in 3), the challenges and barriers to successful reentry after incarceration, as well as reflect on the many stories of return and resilience.

Enrique Morales - Grounding Us In Our Space

LARRP begins each monthly General Meeting with a presentation by a formerly incarcerated person, to ground us in our space. March is reentry month and this moving story told by Enrique Morales is a good reminder of why we do what we do.



Be sure to check our Social Media and ***website*** to hear some inspiring stories and keep up with the events this month.

LARRP News

New Hire: Fiona Lenz, Marketing Manager



In Action:

LARRP Makes Waves at South By Southwest





interviewing LARRP Steering Committee member Marie "Alex" Alexander

We're delighted to introduce the newest addition to the LARRP team, Fiona Lenz, who joins us as our Marketing Manager. Fiona brings a wealth of experience and a passion for storytelling that will undoubtedly elevate our outreach efforts to new heights. Her creative vision and strategic approach will play a pivotal role in amplifying the impact of LARRP and showcasing the incredible work being done by our members. Contact ***fiona@lareentry.org*** if there are any ways we can show off your work!

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Fiona as we embark on this journey together!



Sequential Intercept Mapping (SIM) Event

The Sequential Intercept Mapping (SIM) event we held with JCOD was a huge success. The SIM initiative bridges mental health and criminal justice, aiming to enhance collaboration, identify service gaps, and improve support for individuals facing mental health challenges within the system. Through cross-system dialogue, we strive to foster a more compassionate and effective approach in LA County.

You can learn more ***here***:
Additional materials: ***Event Slides*** and ***Event Priorities***



We're proud to announce that our Executive Director, Troy Vaughn, took center stage at South By Southwest in Austin, Texas, on March 9th. Troy, alongside esteemed figures including KTLA's ***Jasmine Simpkins,***, USICH's ***Jeff Olivet*** , and Congresswoman ***Maxine Waters***, engaged in a thought-provoking discussion on disruptive approaches to envisioning vibrant cities free from homelessness

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The LEADERS Training Academy Workshop in partnership with the La Maida Project



We had the opportunity to partner with the ***La Maida Project*** for a four-session program designed for our Leaders to interact, reflect, and self-discover to become active participants in reframing and generating mental health. The Leaders participated in an in-person workshop on March 16th.







Five Keys Graduation

Join us in celebrating the recent graduation of five exceptional clients at D.O.O.R.S.- Five Keys School! Their achievement marks a significant milestone, and we're proud to support them on their journey forward. Congratulations to the graduates, and here's to their bright futures ahead!





This is a 8 workshop series for staff members of organizations that serve the community. These workshops aim to foster community safety for underserved and marginalized citizens by providing practical, culturally appropriate training that promotes peace through community-affirming strategies. Join us in building a safer and more inclusive future together.

More Info

Register for online orientation

Policy Updates



Sacramento Legislation Updates

AB1810 (Bryan), our Carceral Menstrual Product Access bill, has been placed on the suspense file of the State Assembly Appropriations Committee. This is a process that many bills go through, a step where the financial implications of legislation are analyzed and considered. Based on the state's own financial information, this bill, which seeks to increase the access and quantity of available menstrual products, is estimated to only cost the state an additional $14,000 dollars per year. The financial concerns around this bill are coming from county jail representatives, who claim high levels of turnover and changes in the local carceral numbers can

Election Season

With the March primaries now in our rear view mirror, we begin the long trek toward the November 2024 elections.

Important seats for congressional and state leadership will be up for your vote, and we encourage everyone to register to vote. Over the next 6 months political campaigning will be in full swing, and we aim to provide as much impartial, thoroughly researched election information as possible. To check your registration status, register to vote, or see election results, you can use the California Secretary of State ***website***.

Election Results from the LAist



Proposition 1 Passes by Thin Margin

The other major update for our community is the passage of ***Proposition***

greatly impact how many folks may need access to these items. We expect the bill to be voted on in mid May, which gives us about 6 weeks to strategize community engagement and activism plans. We are currently producing content for social media and expanding the awareness of this bill with organizations across California. Once the vote has a set date, we will send out emails, post on social media, and place the update on our website to alert you as to the actions you can take to help us push this bill to success!



passage of ***Proposition 1.*** This ballot measure, which passed by an extremely thin margin, seeks to direct state funds toward housing and treatment solutions for the unhoused and those who need substance use treatment and mental health. This roughly $6.5 billion dollar fund will go toward housing, treatment solutions, and expanding the case management infrastructure available. We will follow the policy and implementation details as this Proposition as it takes its final form for the November ballot, and keep you informed.

LARRP Steering Committee Member Updates

The Center for Living and Learning



Long time LARRP Steering Committee member the ***Center for Living and Learning***, has opened in its first housing program for women. Women began arriving last week. Their contract is with JCOD under our POWR (Providing Opportunities for Women in Reentry). The women are being case managed by peer community health workers at CLL. **There are up to 30 beds for women and children.**

Chrysalis



Long time LARRP Steering Committee Member *Chrysalis* has a new hire who would like to introduce himself to our community!

My name is Cosme Sandoval. I am very familiar with and have been a part of LARRP since my release from prison and while working for a number of nonprofit organizations, serving the reentry population. I have recently begun a new role and journey with Chrysalis, as the Director of Business Development & Community Engagement. As such, my role includes building relationships with potential employment partners and community stakeholders, in order to best support our clients.

That said, are you an employer looking for great candidates for your job openings? ***Contact me*** to discuss how you can partner with Chrysalis' Direct Hire Program. And as a reminder, if you have individuals who would benefit from Chrysalis' employment services, you can find our ***flyers here*** with Orientation information on how to get started. As a system-impacted individual, I know first-hand how this program can benefit our returning citizens and anyone who may be in need of support due to difficult times, so please contact us.

Paving the Way Foundation



Paving the Way Foundation (PTW) is proud to announce the opening of their new Wellness Center in the

City of Lancaster in the Antelope Valley. PTW Executive Director and LARRP Steering Committee Member Janie Hodge invites ALL to make the drive to the northern part of the county to join us for a Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on **Thursday April 25th, 2024 10am-2pm.**





(Steering Cmte members Janie Hodge and Lynne Elena Lyman reunion at the just built Wellness Center in December)



Featured Jobs and Opportunities



LARRP Partner
Chances For Change has a Resource Center
Daily 9:00am - 4:00pm Mon-Fri
1709 W. Manchester Ave.LA, CA 90047
(323) 997-4419
More Info

211LA
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Job Openings at 211 LA!

One of our long-term LARRP members, Information and Referral Federation of Los Angeles County DBA 211 LA County has multiple job openings available!
Positions include:

- Housing Director
- IT Business Analyst
- Temporary Housing Coordinator
- Over 15 positions for Community Resource Advisors

Don't miss out on the chance to join 211 LA's team and continue making a positive impact in our community.
Click Here to apply

Featured Partner Event

Vera Institute of Justice



Los Angeles County's Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) Work Group
Reconvening: Renewing our Commitment to Care

April 29, 2024, 11am-5pm
The Huffington Center (1324 Normandie Ave STE 28, Los Angeles, CA 90006)

This March marked the four-year anniversary since the Los Angeles County Board of
Supervisors adopted five foundational strategies to implement a "care first vision," as outlined in the Alternatives To Incarceration (ATI) Work Group's Final Report.

The Vera Institute of Justice, in partnership with The California Endowment and community partners, is excited to reconvene county and community stakeholders to examine progress and gaps in implementing the



examine progress and gaps in implementing the foundational strategies, discuss next steps, and reignite our collective commitment to the “care first” vision.

Please *RSVP* by Monday April 22
Lunch and parking

More Partner Events

More Updated Partner Events



Spring Fling
Community Resource Fair

April 3, 2024
10:30-2:30 pm
4251 Crenshaw Blvd, LA, CA 90008
Hosted by JCOD and Tarzana Treatment Center





Ethics in Public Safety Panel

The DA Accountability Coalition, ACLU SoCal, California Innocence Advocates, and the LA Progressive are gathering some of the most prolific journalists who report on public safety and crime in the Southland for an evening of discussion.
Los Angeles is facing a DA election, a statewide ballot measure that would end parts of Prop 47, and multiple bills in the legislature seeking to increase penalties for crime.
Please join us for this invite-only event to hear how public safety and crime reporters are thinking about how and what to cover in today’s atmosphere of fear and rollbacks.

RSVP



11th Annual Justice on Trial Film Festival!

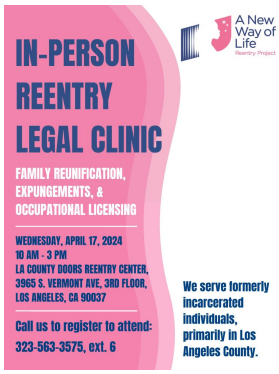
April 6-7 11 am - 4 pm
Loyola Marymount University
A New Way of Life is proud to present the 11th Annual Justice on Trial Film Festival! Dedicated to exposing injustice and exploring solutions, the Justice on Trial Film Festival is the largest film festival dedicated to the interests and needs of incarcerated and formally incarcerated people and systems impacted communities.
Register Now



Probation Oversight Commission Meeting Schedule

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted and can be accessed ***here.***

April 11, 2024



In-Person Reentry Legal Clinic

Wednesday, April 17, 2024 10 Am - 3 PM
La County Doors Reentry Center, 3965 S. Vermont Ave, 3Rd Floor,LA, Ca 90037

Family Reunification,Expungements, & Occupational Licensing

Call us to register to attend: 323-563-3575, ext. 6

Compassion Trauma Circle

Compassion Prison Project
Tue Apr 23, 2024
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Online, Zoom

Compassion Prison Project hosts these community Zoom-based Compassion Trauma Circles to connect to the core of humanity that lives within us all. We will spend four hours (with breaks) diving into our adverse childhood experiences, the symptoms of trauma, and some modalities to help us better understand and grow from our experiences.

Get Tickets (Suggested Donation)

Lumos Transforms

eTIRO Training Embodied Trauma-Informed Resilience-Oriented Capacity Building

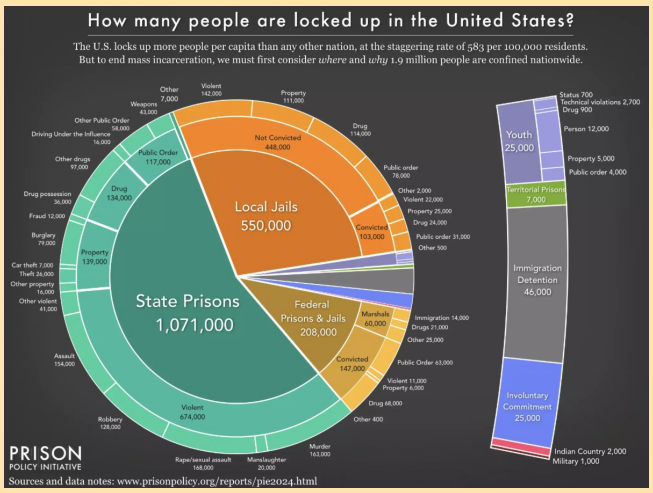
In-depth, interactive 3-session trauma-informed training series in April, designed for Public Health community partners and facilitated by Lumos Transforms. You'll come away with practical skills to identify, track, and attune to stress, trauma, and relaxation responses in yourself and others. You'll begin to develop the embodied resilience needed for effective embodied trauma-informed, resilience-oriented (eTIRO) implementation.
Choose from in-person or online sessions!
More info and sign up

Featured Reports

This month we will feature a few invaluable reports. Make sure to check our Reports Section on the website, for more invaluable reports to use as a resource!



More Reports



Mass Incarceration: The Whole Pie 2024

Prison Policy Initiative, By Wendy Sawyer and Peter Wagner, March 14, 2024

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? Have popular reforms really triggered a crime wave? 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.

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Fact Sheet: Californians Deserve Solutions to Retail Theft, Not Misinformation and Ineffective Policies

Vera factsheet, March, 2024

Reshaping the Narrative on Retail Theft

For months, the issue of retail theft has dominated



Research spotlight: PrisonOversight.org equips the fight for accountability in jails and prisons

Prison Policy Initiative, by Brian Nam-Sonenstein, March 25, 2024

The United States' massive practice of incarceration goes almost entirely unchecked. This new resource aims to change that by centralizing news, educational resources, legislative updates, and more to support movements for independent corrections oversight.

Fortunately, PrisonOversight.org is working to answer questions like these, providing critical resources to a movement for more oversight

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Protect and Redirect: America's Growing Movement to Divert Youth Out of the Justice System

The Sentencing Project, By Richard Mendel,

March 20, 2024

Jurisdictions across the country are advancing reforms to expand and improve diversion, demonstrating diversion's potential to transform youth justice in ways that protect public safety and enhance youth success.

After decades of neglect, the youth justice field is awakening to the importance of diversion in lieu of arrest and formal court processing for many or most youth accused of delinquent behavior. Even amid rising concerns over youth crime nationwide, jurisdictions across the country are heeding the evidence by taking concerted action to address more cases of alleged lawbreaking behavior outside the formal justice system.

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California's media and public discourse, despite a lack of data showing a meaningful increase statewide. Some elected officials have suggested carceral approaches to address the perception of increased retail theft, alongside moneyed efforts to overhaul Proposition 47, a popular initiative passed by California voters in 2014, which reclassified some nonviolent offenses as misdemeanors and redirected public funds toward community-based services. Research shows that enacting harsher penalties and rolling back Proposition 47 won't work

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Fact Sheet

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In the News - March 2024



Days before Easter, Newsom announces dozens of pardons and commutation

LA Times, By Hannah Wiley, Taryn Luna, March 29, 2024

Days before Easter, California Gov. Gavin Newsom on Friday moved to commute sentences for 18 people, issue pardons for 37 others and submit a pardon application for an award-winning San Quentin podcaster, Earlonne Woods.

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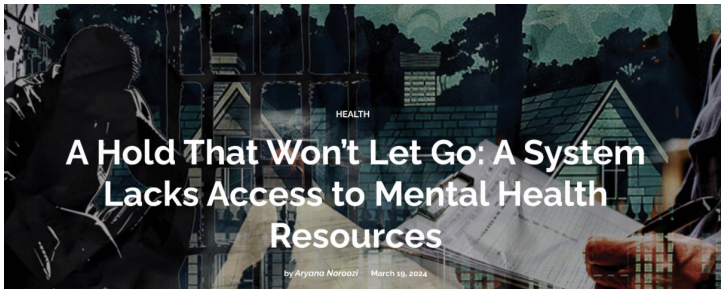

A Hold That Won't Let Go: A System Lacks Access to Mental Health Resources

Black Voice News, by Aryana Noroozi, March 19, 2024

Over the past decade, the number of incarcerated individuals in California jails with an active mental health case has risen by 63%, according to the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS).

An estimated 18% of the general population has a mental health condition, while that proportion jumps to more than 37% for those in prison according to an analysis by the California Budget and Policy Center. This is true across the full spectrum of diagnoses, including bipolar disorders.

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Why was 2023 such a deadly year in Los Angeles County jails? It depends on whom you ask

LA Times, By Keri Blakinger, Staff Writer, March 26, 2024

Though the number of people in the county's lockups is roughly a third less today than what it was a decade ago,



Man Exonerated after Nearly Two Decades Incarceration – Wrongful Conviction Marks 5th Los Angeles County Exoneration in 2 Weeks

Davis Vanguard By Praniti Gulyani, March 19, 2024

Marking the fifth exoneration of 2024, and the thirteenth exoneration under District Attorney George Gascón's administration here in Los Angeles County, Stephen Patterson was released March 13 after two decades in prison for a South LA murder he did not commit.

roughly a third less today than what it was a decade ago, the number of fatalities has risen so much that the annual death rate has more than doubled in that time frame.
Suicides are slightly down after a sharp spike in 2021, but natural deaths are up, killings are up, and overdoses are way up compared to 10 years ago.
Yet no one seems to agree on why.
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California jails are holding thousands fewer people, but far more are dying in them

CAL Matters, By Nigel Duara And Jeremia Kimelman
March 25, 2024
People are dying in custody at record rates across California. They're dying in big jails and small jails, in red counties and blue counties, in rural holding cells and downtown mega-complexes. They're dying from suicide, drug overdoses and the catch-all term natural causes.

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Gascón Launches 1st Interfaith Advisory Board in LA County District Attorney History

The Davis Vanguard, March 24, 2024,By Cindy Chen
LOS ANGELES, CA – Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón has made history by inaugurating the office's first-ever Interfaith Advisory Board, the sixth advisory board formed by Gascón since he assumed office in December 2020.
Gascón emphasized the pivotal role of faith-based

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What happens to detainees if state shuts down LA County juvenile halls? No one knows

Pasedena Star News, by Jason Henry, March 17, 2024
The Los Angeles County Probation Department does not have a contingency plan ready for the possibility the state will force it to close its two largest juvenile detention facilities on April 16, a situation branded as "irresponsible" by one oversight commissioner.
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Warden is ousted as FBI raids California women's prison known as the 'rape club'

LA Times By Richard Winton, March 12, 2024
FBI agents raided a federal women's prison in California this week so plagued by sexual abuse that it was known among inmates and workers as the "rape club."
The action coincided with the ouster of the new warden from the federal correctional institution in Dublin. Warden Art Dulgov — just a few months into his tenure — and three other top managers were removed from their positions Monday by the federal Bureau of Prisons.
Dulgov was the third new leader of the low-security prison since Warden Ray T. Garcia, who, along with more than half a dozen employees, was convicted of sexually assaulting multiple women serving time there.

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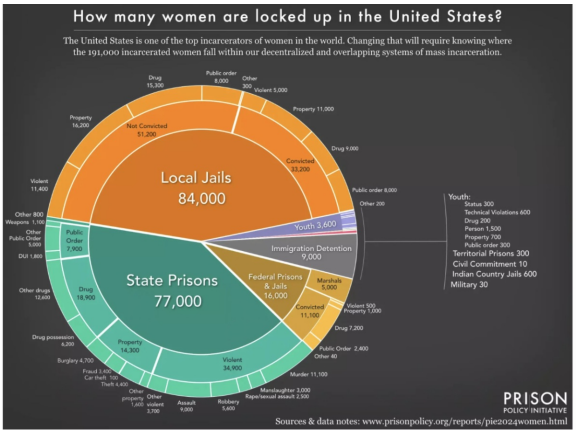

The Whole Pie 2024: Women's Mass Incarceration

LA Progressive, by Aleks Kajstura And Wendy

organizations in advocating for marginalized and underserved populations within social justice movements, stating: “Faith-based organizations have long been at the forefront of social justice movements, advocating for the rights of marginalized and underserved populations. Our County is a rich tapestry of cultures, beliefs, and backgrounds, and it’s imperative that our criminal justice system reflects and respects this diversity.”
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Council takes next steps in reforms for police accountability

2 Urban Girls, 2UG Staff, March 20, 2024
LOS ANGELES – The Los Angeles City Council voted unanimously today to approve a motion to advance reform options for police accountability, including creating the ability for the Chief of Police to fire officers, and reform and repeal the all-civilian Board of Rights. The motion, introduced by Councilmembers Tim McOsker and Hugo Soto-Martínez, will return for final language from the City Attorney before appearing on the November 2024 ballot.
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Evidence Does Not Support the Use of the Death Penalty

Scientific American, by the Editors, March 19, 2024

Capital punishment must come to an end. It does not deter crime, is not humane and has no moral or medical basis
Capital punishment was halted in the U.S. in 1972 but reinstated in 1976, and since then, nearly 1,600 people have been executed. To whose gain? Study after study shows that the death penalty does not deter crime, puts innocent people to death, is racially biased, and is cruel

Sawyer, Mar 6, 2024
This report provides a detailed view of the 190,600 women and girls incarcerated in the United States and how they fit into the even broader picture of correctional control.
With growing public attention to the problem of mass incarceration, people want to know about women’s experiences with incarceration. How many women are held in prisons, jails, and other correctional facilities in the United States? Why are they there? How are their experiences different from men’s? These are important questions, but finding the answers requires not only disentangling the country’s decentralized and overlapping criminal legal systems, but also unearthing the frustratingly limited data that’s broken down by gender.
Read the Article
Read the Whole PPI Report



Probation employee arrested for sexual activity with detained youth

Two Urban Girls, by 2UG Staff, March 11, 2024

On March 7, 2024, during an investigation being conducted by investigators with the Los Angeles County Probation Department’s Juvenile Safety and Welfare Task Force into a phone recovered from a youth housed at Dorothy Kirby Center, the department’s Chief Safety and Security Officer became aware of a sexual relationship involving an on-duty female Probation Officer with a male youth detainee.

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The Life of an Incarcerated Transgender Woman

Everyday Injustice Podcast Episode 131: March 04, 2024



and inhumane. It is state-sanctioned homicide, wholly ineffective, often botched, and a much more expensive punishment than life imprisonment. There is no ethical, scientifically supported, medically acceptable or morally justifiable way to carry it out.
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New LA County fire camp in Calabasas welcomes former foster kids, ex-prisoners

LA Daily News, Staff Report, March 21, 2024

The live-in fire camp offers firefighting training to men seeking a new path in life
L.A. County Board of Supervisors Chair Lindsey Horvath joined the county's Justice, Care and Opportunities Department and others on Thursday, March 21, to welcome the first group of men who will live in the Los Angeles County Training Center Fire Camp in Calabasas. The camp is a live-in, voluntary project that offers firefighting training and other training especially to "those who are justice involved, former foster system impacted, and veterans," according to a prepared statement.

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How does LA County's new bail system work? And who gets released without having to pay?

Long Beach Post, by Jason Ruiz, Mar 2, 2024
These new so-called "Pre-Arraignment Release Protocols" (PARP) have been in place since October, and representatives from the court updated county agencies this week on the first few months of data, which they say is keeping people who are a risk of re-offending in custody while allowing lower-risk offenders to be released without bail.
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