LARRP April 2025 Newsletter

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THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL REENTRY PARTNERSHIP

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Become a Member Today!

Integrated Health Meeting

April 7, 2025
2:00 pm

Integrated Health

AV LARRP

April 15, 2025
11:00 - 12:00pm

Join Meeting

LARRP General Meeting

April 17, 2025
10:00 - 11:30am

General Meeting

Joint Employment and Education Committee Meeting

Special In person meeting
April 24th, 10am - 2:30pm
Dollarhide Community Center in Compton

Beyond Barriers: Building Reentry Bridges to Housing and Public Safety

The LARRP Education and Employment Committee Chairs Paul Seeman, Maria Alexandra and Leona Smith Di Faustino, will Lead a panel: **"Unlocking Opportunity: How Housing, Employment, and Education Intersect" from 12:10–1:00 PM**

Employment & Education

Housing Committee

May 23, 2024
10:00 - 11:00am

Housing

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A messge from Pastor Troy Vaughn



Dear LARRP Family,

As we move into April, Second Chance Month, I've been thinking a lot about what that really means—and what it's meant in my own life.
A lot of you know my story. I spent years cycling through homelessness and incarceration—many of those nights on Skid Row, some behind bars. I was stuck in the pattern too many in our community know all too well: survive, get locked up, get out, start over—only to end up right back where you started. At one point, I was living in a cardboard box. And I'll never forget when God spoke to me and said, "Get up, and get help."

That was the beginning of my second chance.
I entered a long-term, intensive rehab program. It wasn't easy. But that process—the recovery, the support, the structure—that lit a fire in me. A fire not just to rebuild my own life, but to help others access the same kinds of services and opportunities that helped me.

When we talk about second chances, that's what I think of.

It's not just about giving someone an opportunity—it's about giving them the access to take advantage of that opportunity. You can have an open door, but you've got to be able to walk through it.
Second Chance Month is a powerful reminder of how important that access is. And it's also a reminder that second chances aren't just for "certain people"—they're for all of us.

We all get second chances. They may not look the same because we all do different things. But we all restart—move to a new city, change careers, go back to school. We get a second chance every day we wake up.

And yet, for those of us who've been incarcerated, that grace isn't always extended. Even after we've done our time, paid our restitution, gone through the programs—society still finds ways to hold our past over our heads. That's why the work we do at LARRP and across the reentry community—is so important. Together, we're working to remove those barriers so people don't just survive reentry, but have a chance to truly thrive.

This month, I want to challenge each of you to make Second Chance Month personal.

Just one person. That's what I always tell folks. If each of us wakes up and decides to help just one person—give them a resource, a connection, a word of encouragement—that's how we change lives.
And if we did that every day for a year? Imagine that.
That's the mindset I live by. Me and my wife try to



Diversion changed my life. It gave me the chance to stabilize. I was able to enter programs that offered job training, group therapy, support systems—things that helped me understand not just what I'd done, but why I did it. That's where real accountability begins.

To me, diversion means a different opportunity than custody. It's about giving people something real and meaningful instead of jail time. And that doesn't mean there's no accountability—there's still structure, there's still restitution, there's still work. But there's also healing.

And it's not just about individuals. It's about public safety. At LARRP, we've worked alongside partners to create and grow community-based restorative programs across L.A. County—and the outcomes speak for themselves.

When someone has a place to live, when they're working, when they feel like they belong—they're not just staying out of jail, they're contributing. That's how we build safer neighborhoods."

That's why I'm proud that LARRP is co-sponsoring *AB 1231*—a bill that would expand access to diversion programs across California. This bill is about building the kind of infrastructure our communities need: treatment instead of time, support instead of a cell, dignity instead of delay. We know this works. The data shows it. But more importantly—we've lived it.

We're not saying don't hold people accountable. We're saying do it in a way that actually leads to change. That actually restores. So as we recognize Second Chance Month, let's keep that focus.
Let's celebrate redemption, yes—but let's also fight for systems that make redemption possible.
Let's keep pushing for diversion, for investment in our people, and for the kind of policies that treat humanity as something worth protecting—not punishing.

And let's not forget: we don't have to wait for legislation to start making a difference. That starts with us. We all get a second chance every day we wake up. Let's make sure we're offering that same chance to someone else.

wake up every day and ask: “who is one person we can help today?”

It doesn’t take a huge system overhaul to make an impact—although we’re working on that too. But we don’t need to wait for legislation or funding to start offering grace and opportunity. We can be part of someone’s second chance right now.
And one of the most important ways we do that—especially at the systems level—is through diversion.

Thank you for being in this work with us.

In solidarity,

Pastor Troy Vaughn

CEO & Co-Founder
Los Angeles Regional Reentry Partnership (LARRP)

LARRP LEADERS - Second Chance Fair

Beyond Barriers: Bridging Reentry and Housing for Second Chance Month

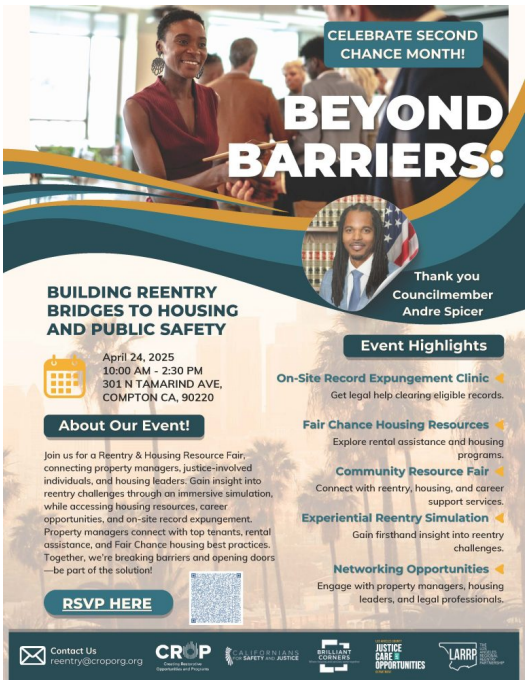
April 24th, 10am - 2:30pm
Dollarhide Community Center in Compton

This Second Chance Month, our LEADERS program of justice-involved organizers is proud to partner with CROP Organization, Brilliant Corners, and the broader LARRP network to host a powerful in-person event focused on housing, reentry, and public safety.

We invite you to join us for Beyond Barriers: Building Reentry Bridges to Housing and Public Safety—a unique networking and resource fair designed to connect the reentry community with property managers, housing providers, and key public safety stakeholders.

This event will feature an immersive reentry simulation, where participants can walk in the shoes of someone returning home after incarceration and experience firsthand the barriers they face. Property managers and housing professionals will have the opportunity to connect with highly motivated prospective tenants, learn best practices for Fair Chance housing, and explore rental assistance programs. At the same time, justice-involved individuals can access career resources, housing opportunities, and an on-site record expungement clinic.

We’re also honored to have Troy Vaughn, CEO of LARRP, as our keynote speaker, bringing his lived experience and leadership to the forefront of this important conversation.



Ready to attend? RSVP here

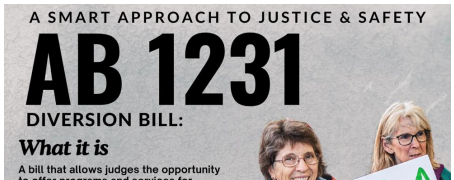
Reserve your Space

We hope to see you there and celebrate Second Chance Month together!

Policy Update and Action Items



As we enter Spring, LARRP’s two co-sponsored bills, AB 1144 (McKinnor) and AB 1231 (Elhawary), are both moving into the Assembly Public Safety Committee, where **YOU CAN HELP by submitting letters of support that demonstrate to those on the Committee that LA reentry service providers and impacted people want to see these reforms.**



AB 1231 - ACTION NEEDED TODAY APRIL FIRST!!!

AB 1231 (Assemblymember *Sade Elhawary*): would create new opportunities for diversion for 1170(h) felonies. Diversion is a legal process that allows individuals charged with certain offenses to avoid incarceration by completing rehabilitative



programs, community service, or other alternatives instead of serving time in jail or prison. Currently, diversion is a great tool judges have to sentence folks to non-carceral outcomes for convictions, but diversion is only currently available for certain felonies. Under AB 1231 (Elhawary), more non-violent, non-sexual felonies will be eligible for diversion, based on the case and individual. Being able to keep more people from being incarcerated will have numerous benefits, as serving time in jail or prison is directly correlated to higher rates of substance use, homelessness, and unemployment. This bill will create new pathways for support and provide options for judges to provide non-carceral sentences, benefiting everyone involved in the judicial system. LARRP is co-sponsoring this bill with the Vera Institute, Drug Policy Alliance, Pico California, the Immigrant Legal Resource Center, and Service Employees International Union (SEIU).

- **ACTION ITEM** *Click here for the directions and template to submit your Letter of Support for AB 1231 (Elhawary)*

TODAY April 1st:

- **ACTION ITEM:** Submit your testimony to the Board of Supervisors In Support of Board Item 25: Motion Entitled, "Supporting Assembly Bill 1231 to Offer Diversion Programs and Services for Low-Level Non-Violent Felonies", *click here for BOS Motion Instructions and template*. This is the motion we were working on gathering public comment for a couple weeks ago, but the motion was delayed in its vote until today.

AB-1144 ACTION NEEDED TODAY APRIL FIRST!!!



AB-1144 (Assemblymember Tina McKinnor): would create protections for elderly incarcerated individuals to voluntarily step back from their work requirements in jails and prisons without adverse consequences. Currently, any incarcerated individual who cannot receive a medical exemption must work their assigned job or risk being reprimanded, including but not limited to losing visitation, canteen, and other privileges. Enabling seniors to be their own best judge for how much work they can take on will help restore dignity and autonomy. It is cruel that older prisoners are made to push heavy dollies with one hand while supporting their oxygen tanks with the other. LARRP is co-sponsoring this bill with *California Coalition for Women Prisoners, Cure CA,* and *A New Way Of Life*.

ACTION ITEM: *Click here for the template to submit your Letter of Support* for AB 1144 (McKinnor)
TODAY April 1st

MEASURE A

Measure A is a quarter-cent sales tax to find homeless services here in LA County which was approved by the voters in the November, 2024 elections. As the county brings Measure A online, work is ongoing to highlight projects and programs which will receive funding. Veronica Lewis, LARRP's Housing Committee Chair was kind enough to go over some of the recommendations so far in last month's Housijg Meeting, and you can find those recommendations *here.*

Policy Action Highlight





CLOSE MCJ!

Tuesday April 1st

Rally and Press Conference: 11:30AM

Board Meeting begins at 1pm

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 W Temple St, Los Angeles, CA 90012

2020 LA County Board of Supervisors Unanimously Vote to close Men's Central Jail, a deadly and decrepit facility.

2020 Supervisors directed the LA County Sheriff's Department and the Office of Diversion and Reentry to launch a workgroup to come up with a plan for closing MCJ within a year.

2021 On March 30th, 2021 the Men's Central Jail (MCJ) Closure Report outlined a roadmap for closure within 18-24 months. LA County has not taken the bold steps to implement the evidence-based will of the people.

2025 At least 216 people have died in LASD custody since the board voted to close MCJ.

On April 1st, 2025 the County's Jail Closure Implementation Team will be presenting at the Board of Supervisors meeting. Join us in holding the Board accountable to community.

JCOD Executive Coaching Program



LARRP is proud to be partnering with the *Justice, Care and Opportunities Department (JCOD)* on their *Incubation Academy,* supporting local reentry-focused organizations through a specialized Executive Coaching program.

Now in its second month, this program is helping a cohort of 22 nonprofit leaders—many of whom are formerly incarcerated—build the skills, structure, and confidence to lead thriving, sustainable organizations.

From sharpening their mission to growing their teams and managing resources, each coaching session is rooted in real-world challenges and tailored to the work these leaders are doing on the ground.

This isn't just professional development. It's about investing in leadership that's lived the system and is now working to change it.

We're inspired by the growth we're seeing and excited for what's ahead as we continue to walk alongside these organizations in their journey to scale impact and drive change across L.A. County's reentry landscape.

Membership Spotlight

Member Check-Ins

Troy and the LARRP Team have been taking the time, this month, to meet with our members. These conversations have invigorated new life into the community and inspired upcoming events, projects and collaborations. LARRP members continue to make a profound impact on the reentry community. Here are some highlights:



- *Kindful Restoration i*s experiencing lots of growth and expansion in Riverside, Indio and Temecula.
- LARRP is excited to help provide resources for Rise King Mind, Body, and Legacy Summit, a wellness event focused on holistic care for Hispanic and Black men in South Los Angeles, run by Kimberly Ligon. Keep a lookout for more information!
- *Hope the Mission* will be hosting an Expungement Clinic April 8th 11839 Sherman way, North



LARRP is proud to spotlight member *Partners for Justice.* Partners for Justice *t*rains non-attorney Advocates to provide clients with case navigation and wraparound support, while helping public defenders protect people from incarceration and other criminal penalties. Their goal — to infuse dignity and connection into an otherwise traumatic and dehumanizing experience of legal system contact.

The result is a world in which every person gets the kind of collaborative, interdisciplinary service team that ensures race and wealth no longer determine legal outcomes, and that every person has a chance to walk away with their life—and future—intact. Visit their website to learn more about their work.

Hollywood, 10-2pm

- *The Dream Live Hope Foundation* hosts a 24-Hour Youth Center in Inglewood with community movie nights every other Friday

Interested in becoming a member? *Join here*

LARRP in March Highlights



Doug Bond at South by Soutwest!

We were proud to see Doug Bond, LARRP Cofounder and Steering Committee Chair, and CEO of Amity Foundation, take part in a powerful panel at SXSW titled “Community Champions: Driving Social Justice Forward.” Joining Judge Songhai Armstead of LA County’s Justice, Care and Opportunities Department (JCOD), the conversation focused on how creatives, community organizations, and local government can work together to support justice-impacted individuals

Paving the Way Non-Profit of the Month!!!



“Paving the Way Foundation: Nonprofit of the Month”

A huge congratulations to *Paving the Way Foundation*—a key member of the LARRP network and a driving force in our Antelope Valley chapter—for being named *Assembly District 39’s Nonprofit of the Month!*

Led by LARRP Steering Committee member Janie Hodge, Paving the Way has been a vital support system since 2006, helping individuals rebuild their lives after incarceration, homelessness, and family separation. Their work in job training, financial literacy, and behavioral health continues to create meaningful pathways to stability and success. We’re incredibly proud to stand alongside Janie and her team. Thank you for your leadership and dedication to second chances.



The Employment and Resource Roundup

This event on March 12 was a fantastic success! Hosted by the Breaking Barriers team at DOORS, the event brought together local providers, employers, and community members for a day of networking, resource-sharing, and job opportunities. Attendees had the chance to connect directly with organizations offering valuable services, while providers and employers engaged with potential candidates and strengthened their community ties. A huge thank you to everyone who participated, spread the word, and helped make this event such a meaningful experience.

Pop Culture

Dave Dahl Of Dave's Killer Bread Trades Fast Paces For Open Spaces



Dahl's story is well-known and was featured on Dave's Killer Bread packaging for many years. While serving a total of 15 years in prison for drug-related crimes, Dahl struggled with mental health issues and credits the appropriate antidepressant medication and classes in computer-aided drafting (CAD) in prison for helping to inspire and motivate him. After his release, Dahl's brother, Glenn, offered him a job with the family's long-standing bakery, Naturbake. There, Dahl drew on his experience working with CAD for a methodology to improve and iterate bread recipes. In 2005, he began selling his Dave's Killer Bread at the Portland Farmers Market, and the popularity of his story and his loaves took off.

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The Strike

PBS, Premiered February 03, 2025, Directed by JoeBill Muñoz and Lucas Guilkey

How a small hunger strike against solitary confinement turned into a massive statewide protest.

Watch



Featured Opportunities and Jobs



West Coast Customs Training

JCOD is partnering with legendary automobile customization and repair shop West Coast Customs (WCC) to provide training and certification to

system-impacted individuals. A 12-week program for 18 participants, who will receive hands-on experience in metal fabrication, wrap and tint, upholstery, electronics, and various other automotive disciplines. At the end of the 12 weeks, graduates will receive a Certification of Completion in Automotive Customization and Restoration.

Apply

A New Way of Life is Hiring

- *Housing Coordinator*
- *Staff Attorney (Legal Expungement Clinic)*
- *Real Estate Asset Manager*
- *Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)*
- *Operations Manager*
- *Accounting Analyst*
- *Communications Manager*
- *Policy & Advocacy Strategist*
- *Managing Attorney, Legal Services & Family Reunification*

Formerly incarcerated individuals or those impacted by the criminal justice or child welfare system are encouraged to apply. To learn more, please visit: *https://anewwayoflife.org/careers/*

Friends Outside

Friends Outside In Los Angeles County

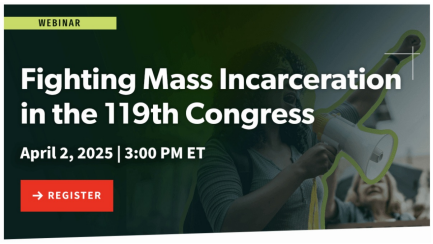
Regional Director

Each Regional Director is responsible for one (1) or more sites. They ensure compliance and overall success of the program by monitoring, supervising, motivating, encouraging, advising, training, and coordinating employees in their region.

Position will not start until May 2025 Open to remote work for the right Southern, CA (Los Angeles area) applicant otherwise position worksite will be our Administration Office located in Stockton, CA.

"Sector" Grant" *Job Specialist*

Second Chance Month Events



Fighting Mass Incarceration in 119th Congress

April 2, 2025, at 3 PM ET

Sentencing Project webinar to learn more about how you can take action to end extreme sentencing, expand voting rights, and promote youth justice. Tune in to hear about my journey from serving a life sentence in federal prison to sentencing reform advocacy and the importance of raising your own voice. I'll be joined by expert advocates who will speak about how to make an impact on congressional staff, the power of faith-based advocacy, the outlook for justice reform in Congress this session, and more. -William "Bill" Underwood, Senior Fellow

Register



Healing Through Forgiveness

This Four-Part Virtual Workshop Series with Ernst Fenelon Jr. will explore forgiveness, emotional intelligence, and personal accountability.

Part Four: Healing Relationships & Setting Boundaries – April 2, 10 AM – 11 AM

RSVP





South Central Expungement Event

Saturday, April 12 · 10am - 3pm PDT
PVJOBS, 4112 Main Street Los Angeles, CA 90037

UNDER 21 WITH PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN
Clear your record for FREE at our South Central Expungement Event in LA- say goodbye to your past mistakes and hello to a fresh start.

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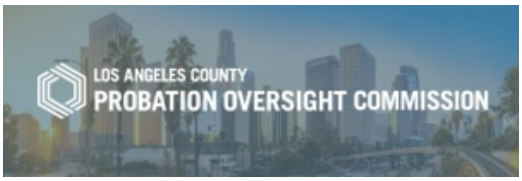
Expungement Clinic

April 8th, 2025, 10-2pm

11839 Sherman way, North Hollywood
Hosted by Hope the Mission



HYBRID COMMISSION MEETING:Thursday, April 3rd at 9:00 a.m.

Attend In Person: *RSVP*
St. Anne's Conference And Event Center
155 North Occidental Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90026

Watch and participate on *WEBEX*



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Get Tickets



EXPUNGEMENT CLINIC 4/26

Saturday April 26, 2025, 10am - 2pm

Partnerships: OC Legal Aid SoCal & OC Public Defender's Office

CHECK IN: Center for Hope & Redemption, PLS-140.
CLINIC LOCATION: PLN-130.

Register

In the News Last Month

Featured News Story

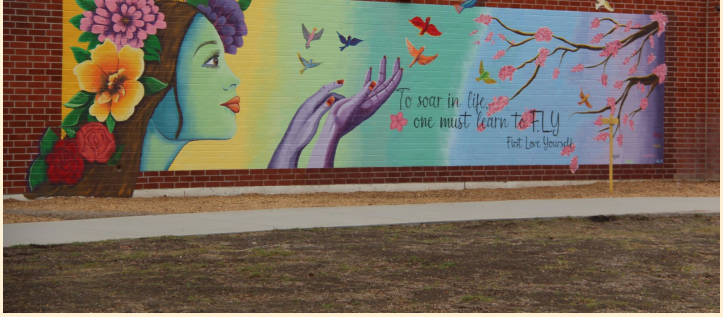
Mother Earth mural graces women's prison wall

Chino Valley Champion, By Marianne Napoles Feb 22, 2025



An inspirational message showing a woman releasing birds into the world has been recently painted on the outside wall of the main dining hall at the California Institution for Women (CIW) in Chino.

The 45-by-9 foot mural was a partnership with CIW's Patient Advisory Committee, volunteer mural artist Eric Davis who provided mentorship, and a supply vendor that donated the paint, according to



CIW officials.

The original 8½-by-14 inch artwork was voted on by the prison community and translated via a grid system to the brick wall, said officials, describing the mural as a great project with more to come.

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More News Stories



The Strike That Broke a Supermax Prison

Reveal, March 29, 2025, Reporter and producer: Michael Montgomery | Editor: Brett Myers | Filmmakers: Lucas Guilkey and JoeBill Muñoz |

After spending years locked in solitary confinement, a group of California men united to launch the largest prison hunger strike in US history.

This week on Reveal, we team up with the PBS film The Strike to tell the inside story of a group of men who overcame bitter divisions and harsh conditions to build an improbable prison resistance movement.

Listen



A newspaper sets up shop in an unexpected place: California's largest women's prison

The LAist, By Libby Rainey, Mar 23, 2025

Tucked away in the Central Valley, Central California Women's Facility sits off Highway 99 between Fresno and Merced. Farmland surrounds much of the prison, and visitors are rare.

The 640-acre facility is the largest women's prison in California, and holds more than 2,000 women, nonbinary and transgender people. In total, women make up just 4% of the state's prison population.

For these reasons and more, the prison in Chowchilla seems an unlikely place to have its own newspaper. But last year, an organization for prison journalism helped open up a media center and started training journalists there.

Read or Listen



Public Defenders Slam DA's Death Penalty Decision While Hochman Tries to Burnish Reform Credentials

Davis Vanguard, March 28, 2025



Why Are We Still Strip-Searching Prisoners?

LOS ANGELES – A growing rift between Los Angeles County's public defenders and the District Attorney's Office exploded into public view this week after DA Nathan Hochman announced a return to seeking the death penalty—a move sharply condemned by the LA County Public Defenders Union.

In a searing public statement, the union denounced the decision as "state-sanctioned murder" and called on Angelenos to join their opposition. "The death penalty does not deter crime. The death penalty does not repair harm. Abolish the death penalty," the union declared in a tweet that quickly gained traction.

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Judge Summons LA Leaders to Court as Audit Finds Billions in Homelessness Funds Poorly Tracked, Mismanaged

Westside Current, Mar 27, 2025

LOS ANGELES - City officials called to a Los Angeles federal court hearing Thursday are expected to respond to the bleak picture of the region's homelessness assistance programs painted by an independent consulting firm that spent months trying to track expenditures.

The court-ordered audit by the firm Alvarez & Marsal identified $2.4 billion of funding, including appropriations, commitments or spending related to city programs.

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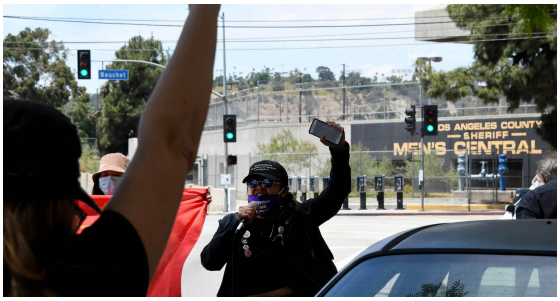

With 12 Deaths in 2025, LA Jails Continue Deadly Trend

NYTimes Opinion, March 20, 2025 By Christopher Blackwell and Sarah Sax, Mr. Blackwell and Ms. Sax are reporters. Mr. Blackwell is incarcerated in Washington State.
Tracy McCarter remembers vividly the first time she was strip-searched. On Rikers Island in New York, she was forced to remove every shred of clothing and bend over to expose the most intimate parts of her body to three strangers. Ms. McCarter, who was arrested after defending herself from a violent domestic partner, said it was one of the most dehumanizing moments of her life.
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International Program Demonstrates How Centering Human Dignity in Reentry Improves Public Safety

CAP by Akua Amaning, Mar 17, 2025

International Program Demonstrates How Centering Human Dignity in Reentry Improves Public Safety. In Brazil, a prison-based reentry program known as APAC centers human dignity in its efforts to reintegrate individuals fully back into society, serving as a model that U.S. leaders and policymakers alike should consider expanding to improve reentry and public safety outcomes.

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LA County Probation Presents "Global Plan" for Housing Youth in Halls and Camps

Witness LA, March 15, 2025 by Taylor Walker

Two years ago, on March 7, 2023, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors directed the LA County Probation Department to develop what they called a "Global Plan" to reorganize and move incarcerated youth between the county's juvenile halls and camps. Last week, the Youth Justice Coalition and other advocates

Deadly Trend

Vera Institute, Sam McCann, Mar 25, 2025

Just three months into 2025, 12 people have already died in Los Angeles County jails. That brings the jail death tally to 87 since the start of 2023.

These tragedies underscore the urgency with which the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors must honor its now four-year-old commitment to close Men's Central Jail and stop this cycle of death.

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continued to put pressure on the supervisors and the probation department to toss out the Global Plan. Members of YJC, many of whom have personal experience with the county's criminal legal system, are urging the board and probation officials to forget about shuffling kids around and instead prioritize decarceration.

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Violence-Prevention Helpline for Those Who Want to Change Gains Ground in California

Witness LA, March 1, 2025, by Claudia Boyd-Barrett
The Alliance for Boys and Men of Color, a network of community and advocacy organizations focused on advancing racial and gender justice, is spearheading expansion of the helpline in California. For the past several years, the network has led a campaign to create new ways of addressing intimate partner violence that don't involve the criminal or legal system.

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Reports

Mass Incarceration: The Whole Pie 2025

Prison Policy Initiative, by Wendy Sawyer and Peter Wagner, March 11, 2025



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

The Eugenic Origins of Three Strikes Laws: How "Habitual Offender" Sentencing Laws Were Used as a Means of Sterilization

The Sentencing Project, By Daniel Loehr, March 5, 2025



"Habitual offender" laws, also known as "habitual criminal" laws, are sentencing laws that significantly increase the length of a sentence based on an individual's prior convictions. They are widely understood to have emerged

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. The uncertainty that results muddies the waters around our society's use of incarceration, giving lawmakers and lobbyists the opportunity to advance harmful policies that do not make us safe. As criminal legal system reforms become increasingly central to political debate — and are even scapegoated to resurrect old, ineffective "tough on crime" policies — it's more important than ever that we get the facts straight and understand the big picture.

Article
Report

from the "tough-on-crime" movement in the 1980s and 1990s. (Three Strikes)

"Habitual offender" laws first spread across the country in the early 1900s as part of the eugenics movement, which grew in the 1880s and reached its peak in the 1920s. The aim of the eugenics movement was to create a superior race in order to address social problems such as crime and disease, which the movement assumed had a biological basis. Applying pseudoscience, laws and policies were created to prevent those who were deemed inferior, such as the mentally ill, those convicted of criminal offenses, or the physically frail, from reproducing.

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LARRP Programs

The UCLA/UC Berkeley Research Project



Going into 2025, our work with the California MEPS Hub Project continues to be an exciting opportunity to bring LARRP's community leadership and convening expertise to the frontline of research into how our network handles STI prevention, SUD support, and mentoring to help encourage folks to live their healthiest and best lives. Our work to identify a San Bernardino or San Diego research partner is ongoing, so if you or anyone in your network know of organizations in these cities which have the capacity to help roll out a new approach to connect at risk individuals with dedicated recovery and support resources, please reach out to Charles Vignola at ***Charles@lareentry.org.***
Download the Flyer

Community-Based Safety and Violence Prevention Trainings



This program is designed to equip participants with the knowledge and skills to address violence and promote safety within their communities. Participants actively shared their lived experiences, contributing to meaningful discussions on the social determinants of health and their connection to community-based violence. Feedback from participants has highlighted key takeaways, including the impact of systemic racism, disparities in school districts, and the importance of self-expression in fostering community safety. Many have noted the program's effectiveness in providing valuable insights on violence prevention, expanding their perspectives on community challenges, and empowering them to take on leadership roles to drive positive change. For questions or more information, contact Megan@lareentry.org.

For all questions and more information, contact *Megan@lareentry.org*

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