

LIVED EXPERIENCE PROJECTS (LEP)

Lifting the voices of individuals with Lived Experience to inform State-level policy development

PROJECT OVERVIEW AND GOAL

In 2020, The Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health (CCJBH) received funding from the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) to increase advocacy capacity of those with lived experience, increase education and training opportunities, increase organizational and community awareness, and improve collaborative efforts and partners at a regional/ local level.

Through a competitive bid process, CCJBH awarded LEP contracts to Cal Voices, the Anti-Recidivism Coalition (ARC), Transitions Clinic Network (TCN), and the Los Angeles Regional Reentry Partners (LARRP). The goals of the LEP projects are to lift up the voices of individuals with lived experience given their behavioral health (BH) conditions and involvement in the criminal justice (CJ) system, raise community awareness, and inform policies related to issues faced by the BH/CJ population.

ARC

ARC is a non-profit organization that was founded in 2013 as a peer support network. Their mission is to change lives and create safe, healthy communities by providing support and advocacy network for and by formerly incarcerated men and women. As a LEP, ARC focuses on raising community awareness on lived experiences through workforce development opportunities.

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CAL VOICES

Cal Voices is the country's oldest and largest non-profit organization that address all aspects of mental health and mental illness. Their mission is to improve the lives of residents in the diverse communities of California through advocacy, education, research, and culturally relevant services. As part of the LEP, Cal Voices focuses on raising community awareness on lived experiences and resources through the use of Ambassadors for the Superior and Southern regions.

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LARRP

LARRP is a network of public agencies, community and faith-based organizations, advocates, and other stakeholders with the interest in the successful reintegration of formerly incarcerated people into the community. As a LEP, LARRP focuses to raise awareness of lived experiences through the Leaders Training Academy to increase the capacity and skills of individuals who were formerly incarcerated.

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TCN

TCN is a national network of medical homes for individuals with chronic health conditions recently released from incarceration. The TCN program employs community health workers (CHW) with a history of incarceration as part of their clinical team. As part of the LEP, TCN focuses on raising awareness on issues related to the BH/CJ population through the utilization of CHWs who have lived experience, and by increasing clinical staff capacity.

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