

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

**JUSTICE
CARE AND
OPPORTUNITIES**

DEPARTMENT

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Reentry Intensive Case Management Services Program Overview

Reentry Intensive Case Management Services (RICMS) program provides case management and service navigation to people with prior criminal legal system involvement.

- ❖ RICMS launched in April 2018
- ❖ Funded by savings from state legislation – Proposition 47, Senate Bill 678, Assembly Bill 109 – as well as federal funding through the American Rescue Plan Act
- ❖ Served 27,000 clients since inception
- ❖ 39% of RICMS clients are pretrial

Program Goals:

- ❖ To reduce the rate of recidivism and improve public safety in Los Angeles County
- ❖ To improve the health (physical and mental) and substance use disorder service use of justice-involved individuals in LA County

Program Outcomes:

- ❖ Improved health and wellbeing
- ❖ Reduced arrests
- ❖ Reduced convictions
- ❖ Reduced incarceration admissions
- ❖ Reduced incarceration days



RICMS Program Services

➤ **Services provided:**

- Community Health Worker-Credible Messenger mentorship
- Health/social service navigation
- Assistance with benefits including:
 - Medi-Cal
 - CalFresh / Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
 - General Relief
 - Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
 - Countywide Benefits Entitlement Services Team (“CBEST”)
- Linkage to:
 - Shelter/bridge housing – RICMS Interim Housing, Los Angeles County Development Authority & Housing Authority of the county of LA (Emergency Housing Vouchers and Section 8), Brilliant Corner’s Breaking Barriers, and LAHSA
 - Employment – SECTOR, INVEST employment program for people on probation operated by the Department of Economic Opportunity, America’s Job Center of California (AJCC), and community Job Fairs
 - Education – Community Colleges, and Trade Schools
 - Legal assistance, accompaniment to health/mental health appointment, and assistance with adherence to appointments and treatment
 - Transportation – AB 109: Bus/Train, Gas Cards, Uber/Lyft
 - Food: Food banks and gift cards to grocery stores

➤ **Eligibility**

- Over the age of 18
- Arrested, charged with, and/or convicted of a criminal offense
- Mild to Moderate Mental Health and/or Substance Abuse Disorder (SUD)

➤ **Duration**

- On average 7.5 months, but participants can receive services up to one year if needed



RICMS Referral Sources



- ❖ Care Transitions Unit Pre-Release Program (County Jails)
- ❖ LA County Probation Department
- ❖ California Department of Correction and Rehabilitation
- ❖ City Jails
- ❖ Community Referrals



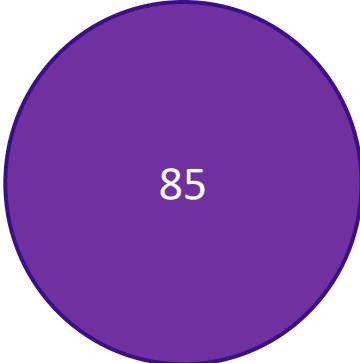
RICMS Program Stats



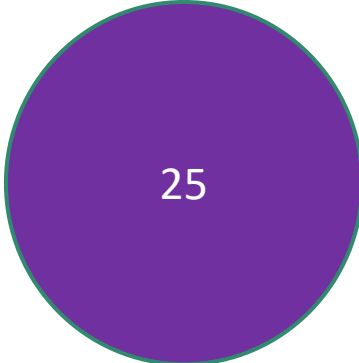
Total Clients Served to date



Current Program Capacity



Community Health Workers



Community-Based Organizations



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SECTOR

Program Overview

The Skills and Experience for the Careers of Tomorrow (SECTOR) Program offers skills training and paid work experience in high-growth sectors that offer career pathway opportunities and family-sustaining wages for people impacted by the justice system.

- ❖ Funded by Prop 47 grant and AB 109
- ❖ Operated by five community-based providers
- ❖ 1,500 participants served since January 2021



SECTOR participants in a solar panel installation training with Paving the Way, Lancaster, CA

SECTOR

Core Program Components



Demand-driven skills training and paid work experience that results in industry-recognized, stackable credentials



Financial assistance provided through stipends during skills training sessions, wages earned from paid work experience, and incentives payments for program participation and job retention



Career coaching, job readiness, and referrals to other services such as housing, transportation, and food assistance provided by staff with lived experience



Therapeutic services, including Cognitive Behavioral Intervention (CBI) group sessions to prevent recidivism and develop problem-solving skills for the workplace



Placement into jobs with employers upon training/work experience completion



SECTOR

Program Providers

Provider	Training Sectors	Geographic Areas
Alliance for Community Empowerment	Advanced Manufacturing Construction Trade, Transportation & Utilities	San Fernando Valley
Anti-Recidivism Coalition	Construction Green Construction Entertainment	Westside South Central, Downtown/Metro LA, Santa Monica
Chrysalis	Healthcare & Social Assistance Government Information Technology Leisure & Hospitality	Compton, Eastside South Central, Westside South Central, San Fernando Valley, Downtown/Metro LA, Venice/Santa Monica
Friends Outside Los Angeles	Construction Healthcare & Social Assistance Leisure & Hospitality Trade, Transportation & Utilities	Eastside and Westside South Central Los Angeles, Compton, Inglewood and Gardena
Paving the Way/Center for Living and Learning	Healthcare & Social Assistance Green Jobs Government Maintenance	Antelope Valley, San Fernando Valley

