

Radical Hospitality at LA County Jail

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Kerry Morrison's presentation at the Commission's Conference on LASD Jails.



LA County: Collaboration with
community-based mental health
system in Trieste, Italy

Guiding Principles . . . of the Trieste System that Inspire Us



Social Recovery

Human connection is therapeutic and can be more impactful than psychiatric interventions. Kinship -- family, friends and pets -- matter.



Purposeful Life

You have a human right to pursue meaning in life that comes from work, creativity and the opportunity to learn.



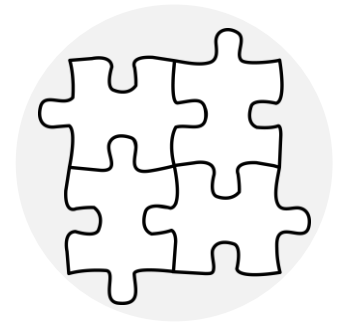
Radical Hospitality

You are welcome here and you are safe. You are seen. We hear you. You are loved. As humans, we are equal.



System Accountability

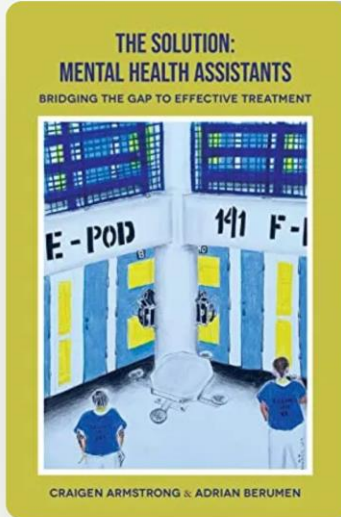
You will not be left to figure out this system alone. We will catch you if you fall. You will be served by familiar faces who won't lose you.



Whole Person Care

You are not your diagnosis. We will support you in your life plans and your daily needs.

The Book



Bridging the gap

The Solution: Mental Health Assistants

Two alleged violent offenders in LA County jail take on one of the biggest problems to date: incarceration of people with mental illness. Not only is this a pressing issue within jails and prisons, the lack of treatment and support for people with mental illness is contributing to our homeless issues throughout Los Angeles and the rest of the country.

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From LA jail, two inmates pioneer care for mentally ill peers



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With more than 5,000 inmates struggling with mental health issues, the Los Angeles County jail is the largest jail system in the United States. It is held



A pioneering effort

Mental Health Assistants at LA County Jail

Inmates in the Los Angeles Jail system have developed an innovative program of care and support for their peers with mental illness.

Learn More About The Program

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New Life Creating Community - A vision



Learn more about Craigen and Adrian's transformative vision for the MHA program

Executive Summary



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Radical Hospitality Initiative

We see you.

We hear you.

You are safe here.

Your voice
matters.

Radical Hospitality

Benefits to the Institution

Redemption offered to violent offenders

Collaboration between clinicians, deputies and mental health assistants

Culture change – positively impacting deputies and inmates

Offers a sense of what's possible; hope

Reduction in violence; use of force

Benefits to the inmates/patients

Peers who will listen to their story

Learning about their mental illness – for the first time

Freedom to move; socialization

Reduction of trauma

Better chance to transition