



Los Angeles County
Sheriff's Department

A MESSAGE FROM THE SHERIFF

As the Sheriff of Los Angeles County, I am charged with running the nation's largest jail system in a fair and impartial way. We know, from the documented high rates of recidivism across the nation, that traditional incarceration with punishment at the core, does not work. In Los Angeles County we have adopted a philosophy within the jails called **Education-Based Incarceration**. This system works well within the boundaries of our Departmental Mission statement and Core Values, by providing dignity in the jails.

Creating a system that supports reducing the risks and needs of its offenders through education and rehabilitation has shown success. These successes can be seen in reduced rates of recidivism, increased employability, and family reunification, which, in totality, are reinvestments in the communities within Los Angeles County.

People agree that education is a better option than incarceration. Unfortunately, some people make choices in their lives that land them in jail. The values needed to succeed in jail are often in direct conflict with societal norms. **Education-Based Incarceration** creates a safe and empowering environment, conducive to learning and self-retrospection; it, allows the offenders to reprioritize their lives and opt for success!

It is a great honor to present this publication highlighting the successes of Education-Based Incarceration through the Offender Services Bureau, Correctional Services Division, of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leroy D. Baca".

Leroy D. Baca
Sheriff

