

# Our Law Enforcement Protocol



## Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center

- ELARC's Law Enforcement Protocol addresses communication between the Regional Center and law enforcement. A detailed description of this procedure can be found on our website. When ELARC is notified or has knowledge that a consumer has been arrested and/or some type of forensic involvement has occurred, in best practice the protocol will be implemented.

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Los Angeles County**

### **Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center**

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Consumers Involved in a Crime

# Arrest

- When a consumer is arrested, there are some accommodations that can be made that are in accordance with the law. Care providers, family members, and/or vendor staff should inform the arresting officer that the individual is a consumer of ELARC, and give the name and number of the individual's Service Coordinator. Alert the arresting officer of all medical conditions (e.g., seizure disorder, Epilepsy, etc.) and if the consumer is taking any medications (e.g., anticonvulsants, psychotropic medications, etc.). Request from the arresting officer that the consumer be separated from the general population for safety purposes.
- Obtain the arresting officer's name, badge number, phone number of the arresting agency, arresting agency's name (Sheriff or City Police), and the arrest report number. Ask the arresting officer where the consumer will be taken to be booked.
- Call or go to the police department and ask when the consumer will be arraigned.
- Call ELARC immediately and speak with your assigned Service Coordinator. If he or she is not available, ask to speak with the Officer of the Day. If you are calling outside of business hours, ask to speak with the On-Duty Supervisor. Provide the Service Coordinator, Officer of the Day, or On-Duty Supervisor with all information regarding the arrest.

# Victim of a Crime

- When a consumer is a victim of a crime, his or her IMMEDIATE Health & Safety must be assured and secured. This may entail the report being taken by a police officer at a hospital or safe location.
- Family members, care providers, vendor staff, or Service Coordinators must report the crime to the local police. When reporting the crime to the police, inform the police/investigating officer that the individual has a disability and is an ELARC consumer.
- Be sure to obtain the officer's name, badge number, phone number, police agency name, and report number.
- The Consumer/Victim may be eligible for the California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP). The application and instructions for CalVCP can be found on our website.
- If the crime is gang-related, the victim may be eligible for a Criminal Protective Order, relocation assistance, or court escort.

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