News for the Week of OCTOBER 7, 2019

MORE THAN 160 PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES ATTEND HOLLYWOOD WSC JOB FAIR

More than 160 job seekers attended the Hollywood WorkSource Center’s 4th Annual Job and Resource Fair for National Disability Employment Awareness month on Thursday, October 3, 2019. The job fair’s goal is to increase community awareness about employers who welcome hiring individuals with disabilities to their workforce and to showcase resources available to the disabled community to help them overcome barriers to employment. The job fair also presents an opportunity for the Hollywood WorkSource Center, overseen by EWDD partner Managed Career Solutions, to connect their vetted and trained job seeker talent pool with employers. Thirty tables of disability-friendly employers and resource providers were present. Resource providers included the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), the California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) and Disability
Rights California The center also provided a rack of free donated blazers for job seekers to wear to job interviews. Employers included Auticon, a social enterprise that hires adults on the autism spectrum for IT positions; the 2020 US Census; Pride Industries; Maxim Healthcare Services; Marshall’s; and a variety of staffing agencies. Job seekers said that they were able to obtain valuable job leads from the event in their career fields of interest.

**LA:RISE PARTICIPANT IN RECOVERY GAINS SUPPORT AND JOB SKILLS**

With the support and encouragement of his sister and niece, Jose enrolled in the LA:RISE program to develop job skills and build a better future. When Jose arrived at Goodwill, he lacked transportation to get to appointments and was at-risk of homelessness, which he feared would set back his recovery from drug addiction. From the moment he arrived at Goodwill, Jose knew that the staff was committed to supporting his success, and soon they began to feel like family. Through his social enterprise employment and on-the-job training, Jose was exposed to every aspect of Goodwill’s business – from working with cash registers to pricing and tagging clothes. He enjoyed building these job skills and the responsibility that came with employment. Now he has confidence that he will succeed – in his future career and in his recovery – and is eager to continue working towards his goals.

**SOUTH LA BSC HELPS ENTREPRENEURS OBTAIN $250K LOAN TO OPEN CAFÉ**

The South Los Angeles BusinessSource Centers helped entrepreneurs Joe and Celia Ward-Wallace obtain a $250,000 loan, an infusion of capital that will allow them to launch the South LA Café. Joe and Celia’s vision for the South LA Café is to create a gathering place and cultural hub that could provide affordable healthy food options, along with gourmet coffee. They also wanted to build a place with rentable space for community events, along with regular weekend and evening entertainment. They turned to the South LA BSC for guidance, overseen by EWDD partner Vermont-Slauson Economic Development Corporation (VSEDC). At the center, they received technical assistance and guidance to prepare their loan application. The South LA Café, located at 3991 S. Western Avenue, is scheduled to open soon.
EWDD’s Financial Management Division (FMD) conducted an intensive two-day Financial Grants Management Training for EWDD subrecipients September 25 to 26, 2019 at the Goodwill of Southern California Community Room. The training room was set up for 150 attendees and was at near capacity both days. EWDD Interim General Manager John L. Reamer, Jr. and Assistant General Manager of Workforce Development Robert Sainz welcomed attendees and reminded them of the critical roles fiscal officers and staff play in administering EWDD’s various grant programs. A key message conveyed at the training was that financial and programmatic and performance data must go hand-in-hand. Training topics included: financial management system standards, internal controls and procedures, budget preparation, financial reporting and auditing requirements. Attendees were administered a final exam to help reinforce the technical topics addressed during the training. "I was very pleased with how well the FMD team was able to pull this off with the time that we had," said EWDD FMD Director Catherine Bondoc. “Based on attendees' feedback, they felt empowered by everything that they learned during the two-day conference. For me, that spells success!”
BUSINESS METRICS:

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WORKFORCE METRICS*

CalJobs *(online and mobile)*

- N/A Registrations

WorkSource Centers

- N/A Enrollments

*EWDD is in the process of making changes to how workforce metrics are reported. Please stand by for updates.

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