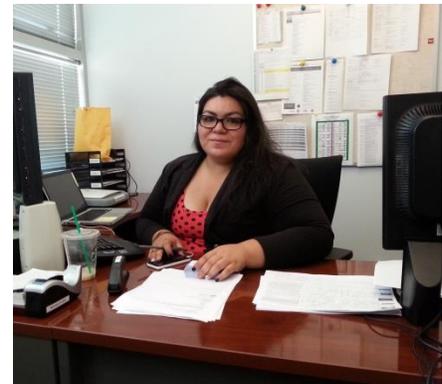




## News for the Week of Oct. 19, 2015

### Boyle Heights Tech YouthSource Center Invites Hiring Agency Onsite, Jobs Follow

Staff at Boyle Heights Technology YouthSource Center have taken the “Innovation” part of the new Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to heart. This summer, the EWDD contracting partner invited hiring agency Cingular Staffing to co-locate in an office at the Tech Center. Valerie Ramirez, hiring manager, interviews qualified candidates every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 – 5:00 p.m. To date Ramirez has interviewed over 100 applicants, half of whom have been offered employment—often on the same day. The jobs offered include warehouse, restaurant, manufacturing, driving and light industrial positions. Cingular agreed to waive its usual six-month work experience requirement as long as participants completed a Work Readiness Certificate (at nearby LA Trade Tech College) or a paid 120-hour internship. Boyle Heights case managers verify that participants are job ready. Boyle Heights staff has discovered another benefit to the public/private collaboration: once they have the out-of-school/out-of-work young adults on campus, case managers determine whether they would benefit from other educational, training or mentoring services. If so, job seekers are invited to attend an orientation session.



**Workplace challenges for Transgendered:** Vernon Central/LATTC WorkSource Center organized a special presentation about the challenges faced by the transgendered community when seeking employment. The Oct. 19 session was presented by Drian Juarez, Program Manager for the Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Center’s Transgender Economic Empowerment Project (TEEP). Juarez has presented before numerous audiences. For more information, click on Juarez’s video, “Transgenesis,” [here](#).



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The Workforce Development Board presented its 8<sup>th</sup> annual “Crossroads” summit on Oct. 14-15 with sessions examining the role of early childhood care and education, and the workforce that provides these vital services. Co-hosted by Los Angeles Universal Preschool, the summit was held at the Japanese American National Museum in Little Tokyo and brought together 150 leaders from the fields of workforce development, education, government, philanthropy and Early Care and Education (ECE). The summit covered themes such as how ECE can provide opportunities, workplace experiences and career pathways for the emerging workforce, and how to ensure that the ECE workforce is receiving adequate training to deliver high-quality services. Los Angeles Universal Preschool and the Workforce Development Board will develop a white paper based on the conference and present findings.

**FDIC/EWDD financial workshop:** Over 50 small business owners attended a no-cost “Know Your Financials-Building Access to Capital and Growth” forum held Oct. 15 at Friendship Auditorium near Griffith Park. The event was co-sponsored by the EWDD, Alliance for Economic Inclusion and the FDIC. Participants heard about the importance of building strong financial statements in order to qualify for loans to expand their business and other economic advice. The panel of financial experts included representatives from banks, small business organizations and a technology incubator. Business owners also had the opportunity to network with nonprofit agencies that provide free or low-cost services to small businesses, including several EWDD contracting partners.



**EWDD extends RFP submission deadline:** In an effort to ensure a robust competition and the greatest number of responsive proposals, EWDD has extended the submission deadline for the Los Angeles BusinessSource Center Request for Proposals from Nov. 2 to Nov. 9. The deadline for submitting technical assistance questions has been likewise extended from Oct. 26 to Nov. 2. EWDD will post responses to all questions about the proposed five-year contract by Nov. 6. For more information, please see: <http://ewddlacity.com/index.php/about-ewdd/bid-opportunities/155-los-angeles-businesssource-center-system-rfp>. Proposers are reminded to send all questions about the LABSC RFP to [EWDD.LABSC@lacity.org](mailto:EWDD.LABSC@lacity.org).

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