News for the week of October 31, 2016

BOYLE HEIGHTS TECHNOLOGY YOUTH SOURCE CENTER CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY; RECEIVES FUNDING FOR NEW DIGITAL TRAINING ACADEMY

Boyle Heights Technology YouthSource Center recently celebrated a landmark anniversary, marking 10 years of providing services to Los Angeles youth on the Eastside. Nearly 250 guests attended the Oct. 12 event, including representatives from Mayor Eric Garcetti and Councilmember Jose Huizar’s office, current and former participants, staff and directors from previous years, partner agencies, celebrity hosts and performers. BHTYC staff presented 10th Year Honoree Awards to students and officials who have proved significant to the center’s success, including EWDD’s Assistant General Manager Robert Sainz. Best Buy of Compton and Assembly Member Miguel Santiago presented an $8,000 check that will be used to establish the Boyle Heights Technology Digital Academy where students will learn about video and music production. The 10th year bash was a true delight, painting a beautiful picture of what the Boyle Heights Technology YouthSource Center means to its participants, community and staff. The night’s slogan was “Rockin’ 10 Years of Excellence!” To learn more about BHTYC, go to the center’s website.

Layoff Aversion Training: EWDD’S Rapid Response team this week participated in two days of layoff aversion training coordinated in conjunction with Concerned Capital, Inc. In attendance were BusinessSource and WorkSource representatives, LA Economic Development Corporation’s layoff aversion team and other partners. Training focused on how to support a business owner who is planning to shut down or to find ways to keep the business open, saving jobs.

Google Fiber “pausing” LA expansion: The Rapid Response team is looking into media reports that Google Fiber has “paused” plans to install super-fast fiber-optics networks in the City of Los Angeles. Google acknowledged that it is halting expansion plans for LA and seven other cities for now and that
some layoffs may occur as a result. It is unclear if any Los Angeles-based Google employees will lose their jobs. Rapid Response staff is reaching out to the company’s local representatives and will offer transition services if needed.

**WORKFORCE METRICS:**
*(Arrows indicate weekly trend)*

**JobsLA (online and mobile)**

![Page Views](101,266) **(Up 1.6%)**

![New Visitors](33.4%) **(Down 2.7%)**

![New Sessions](4,456) **(Down 1.8%)**

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