



News for the week of November 7, 2016

FROM HOMELESSNESS TO JOB TRAINING TO FULL-TIME JOB WITH BENEFITS; SAUL GONZALEZ GETS BOOST AT YO WATTS

A reminder of how EWDD and its partner agencies help to lift our young people into better lives came to us from the Southeast YouthSource Center, also known as YO Watts. Saul Gonzalez, one of the center's participants, recently sent a thank you note to Malik Manani, his case manager, and other YO Watts staffers who helped him get through a rough patch in his young life. Gonzalez wrote of being homeless and falling into daily drug and alcohol use. One day walking through the streets of South Los Angeles, he saw a sign advertising jobs, posted by YO Watts. "I figured it couldn't hurt to try, even though I had given up on jobs because I never got hired," Gonzalez wrote. YO Watts provided a paid internship to give the young man workplace training. Manani then told Gonzalez he was ready for the open labor market. Gonzalez was hired by Target on a temporary basis but quickly secured a permanent slot with higher pay and full benefits—an important factor for the young father. Now he has the confidence that he lacked and can see a future for himself and his family, he said. "These have been the best months of my life," Gonzalez wrote. "I now get the chance to prove I CAN BE SOMEBODY." To learn more about job training services provided at 16 YouthSource Centers across the City of Los Angeles [click here](#).



YouthSource group tours UC San Diego: Our partners at the East Los Angeles YouthSource recently took 32 youth participants on a college visit to UC San Diego. The young men and women, along with some parents, toured the campus, learned about admission requirements and asked questions during breakout sessions. YouthSource alumni already enrolled at UC San Diego shared their stories and offered a helpful shoulder to the visiting students. The East Los Angeles YouthSource Center, operated by Para

Los Niños, also held a Cash for College event in October to help students apply for college funding. Thirty-nine students qualified for a combined total of \$226,200 in Pell grants.

BUSINESS SOURCE METRICS (Week of Oct. 24)

LABSC's Reporting: Harbor, North Valley, West Valley, South Los Angeles, Hollywood, Central West, and Mid-City, East Los Angeles, South Valley	
LABSC's Not Reporting: N/A	
Pre-Startups Enrolled	46
Pre-Startups Assisted	33
Start-ups/Operating Businesses Enrolled	37
Start-ups/Operating Businesses Assisted	33
Workshops: Number of Clients Attended	116

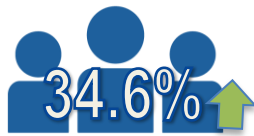
WORKFORCE METRICS:

(Arrows indicate weekly trend)

JobsLA (online and mobile)



Page Views
(Down 1.4%)



New Visitors
(Up 1.2%)



New Sessions
(Down 2.9%)



Registrations
(Down 5%)

WorkSource Centers



Enrollments
(Down 35%)

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