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THE RESULTS ARE IN - LA:RISE INTERIM REPORT SHOWS PROGRAM IS WORKING



Last week, EWDD GM Jan Perry addressed a packed crowd at an LA:RISE event sponsored by partner REDF. More than 200 people packed the Edward R. Roybal Room at City Hall Thursday October 4, 2018 to hear the results from an interim evaluation of the Los Angeles Regional Initiative for Social Enterprise (LA:RISE) program. Initial results confirmed that the program is working, according to “Bringing Together Social Enterprise and Workforce Development System Agencies to Deliver Transitional Employment,” funded by the City of Los Angeles Economic

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and Workforce Development Department (EWDD) and prepared by consultant Social Policy Research Associates (SPR). EWDD is a leadership team partner of the program and is responsible for making sure the City's WorkSource Centers prioritize LA:RISE priority populations, including individuals recently released from prison, the unsheltered or those at risk of homelessness and youth ages 18-24 who are neither in school or working. The event was held by LA:RISE leadership team partner REDF, a non-profit organization dedicated to investing in social enterprise businesses. EWDD General Manager Jan Perry thanked partners REDF, the Los Angeles County Department of Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services, along with multiple social enterprises whose involvement contributed to the initial success of the program. "This partnership has spurred and stimulated growth and allowed us to take our City Workforce Development System to better serve people who really need to be met where they are, people who are vulnerable, to give them the services that they need and give them confidence so that they can move forward with their lives," she said. Jan also acknowledged EWDD partners Coalition for Responsible Community Development (CRCD), Goodwill Southern California, the Archdiocesan Youth Employment Services of Catholic Charities of Los Angeles (AYE) and UCLA for enrolling participants in the LA:RISE program through the Northeast LA and Vernon-Central/Los Angeles Technical Trade College WorkSource Centers and South and West Region YouthSource Centers. One example of the program's success is Anthony Jackson, who first learned about the LA:RISE program while enrolled in the South Region YouthSource Center program, run by CRCD. With the help of LA:RISE Anthony turned away from gang activity and is now a supervisor at CRCD Enterprises, its construction social enterprise. "Without organizations like REDF and CRCD, honestly, I don't know where I'd be," he said. "Because of programs like LA:RISE and the Vernon-Central network that connect young individuals back into employment, education and endless services, we are able to dream again."

PLN CENTRAL AND NORTHEAST LA YSCs SHOW STRONG START TO SCHOOL YEAR



Approximately 35 youth from Para Los Niño's Northeast LA YouthSource Center are preparing for college

The Northeast and Central Los Angeles YouthSource Centers (YSC) run by EWDD partner Para Los Niños, kicked off the school year with a strong start, with each center providing strong guidance toward high school graduation, along with college campus visits to prepare youth participants for university life. At the Northeast YSC, approximately 35 high school seniors are undergoing the college application process and career readiness curriculum. The curriculum teaches each student about financial aid resources, strategic planning, work readiness certification, well-being workshops and college field trips. Students will be meeting as a cohort at least once a week for sessions and mentoring opportunities. Similar training is also taking place

at the Central YSC, where students will attend weekly meetings and participate in college field trips. They will also be provided internship and mentoring opportunities. PLN will also host monthly workshops for parents to educate them on how to support their college-bound children in their journey to higher education. PLN students who are behind in high school credits have met with Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Pupil Service and Attendance Counselors (PSAs) to be linked to credit recovery courses so that they can graduate in time. Through the PLN Alumni Network, PLN students will also continue to receive support during their freshman year in college to ensure that they have a successful transition to campus life.

PLN LAUNCHES “MUJERES EN ESCALERA” LATINA EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM



Approximately 40 young women from PLN have joined the recently launched “Mujeres en Escalera” Latina empowerment program

Para Los Niños Central YouthSource Center recently launched “Mujeres en Escalera,” a Latina empowerment program comprised of 40 young women. The program offers gender specific programming for young Latina women. The weekly sessions focus on social and emotional development designed to provide the women personal and academic support as they explore career paths, prepare for college and develop leadership and technology skills. Participants will meet at least once a week during their junior and senior years of high school and their first year of college.

BUSINESS METRICS:

LABSCs Reporting:	North Valley, West Valley, South Valley, South LA, East LA, Mid City, Central West, Hollywood and Harbor	
Microenterprise enrolled		17
Microenterprise assisted		47
Small businesses enrolled		10
Small businesses assisted		15
Number of BSC clients who attended workshops		62

WORKFORCE METRICS:

(arrows indicate weekly trend)

CalJobs *(online and mobile)*



715 Registrations
16% 

WorkSource Centers



1,931 Enrollments
2% 

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