



Economic & Workforce Development Department (EWDD) Weekly Updates

NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 12, 2020

At 9 AM Thursday, October 15, 2020, applications opened for the City of Los Angeles Child Care Provider Grant Program, which will offer approximately \$10,000 for family child care homes, \$25,000 for small child care centers offering up to 60 slots, and \$40,000 for large child care centers that serve more than 61 clients. EWDD's BusinessSource Centers are on stand-by to assist licensed child care providers with their questions until the application period closes at noon Thursday October 22, 2020. The grant will be administered through a partnership with Low Income Investment Fund (LIIF). More information and applications are available at laecfund.org.

In other news, testimonials continue to arrive from Angelenos who received the City's Small Business Emergency Microloan. Funds from the program were exhausted in September 2020. "I want to thank you for your help with this lifeline. It will help with keeping us afloat during this unprecedented time. Thank you for helping small businesses! We appreciate all your efforts. Los Angeles and California is stronger when we help each other out and keep our small businesses running," said Cam Do, DDS.

LINKS to COVID-19 RESOURCES

JOB RESOURCES

LA JOBS PORTAL: jobs.lajobsportal.org

VIRTUAL ORIENTATIONS: bit.ly/LAjoblosshelp

BUSINESS RESOURCES

LA REGIONAL COVID FUND: lacovidfund.org

SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM: ewddlacity.com/index.php/small-business-loans

LA CARES Corps: coronavirus.lacity.org/CARESCorps

BusinessSource Centers: bit.ly/LABusinessSource

WorkSource Centers: bit.ly/EWDDWorkSource

YouthSource Centers: bit.ly/EWDDYouthSource

Success Stories

LA:RISE, HELPING JOB SEEKERS DURING COVID-19

EWDD is a leadership team partner of the Los Angeles Regional Initiative for Social Enterprise (LA:RISE), an innovative, collaborative partnership that unites the City and County of Los Angeles' Workforce Development System (WDS) with non-profit social enterprises and for profit employers to help individuals with high barriers to employment get good jobs and stay employed. After working in a transitional job at a social enterprise and leveraging training and services from the WorkSource Centers, LA:RISE participants are placed at jobs. Below are stories featuring two recent participants and how the program had a positive impact on their lives.



LA: RISE HELPS LGBT YOUTH RECEIVE TRAINING AND FIND FULL-TIME WORK

The LA:RISE program helped participant Elana (above) develop job skills, which led to full-time work at the Liberation Café at the Los Angeles LGBT Center. When Elana arrived at the LA LGBT Center, she immediately felt welcome and comfortable, as the staff and other participants also identified as LGBT. Elana enrolled in the LA:RISE program, which through its partnership with the LA LGBT Center offers a culinary social enterprise, that provides job training with the goal that participants will obtain full-time employment and housing stability. During her training, Elana developed communication and time management skills. She also learned transferrable kitchen skills, including knife skills and how to use a variety of spices. The experience helped Elana build her confidence and it taught her a valuable lesson – it is okay to make mistakes, as those moments are learning opportunities. Today, Elana is working at LALGBT’s new Liberation Café while she returns to school. She said she is proud of her personal and professional growth and is excited to pursue a career that she loves.



LA:RISE HELPS JOB SEEKER FIND WORK & GIVE BACK TO COMMUNITY

Before enrolling in LA:RISE, Enrique (above) faced long-term unemployment and unstable housing. Through the program, Enrique began working at LA:RISE partner Homeboy Industries, where the staff said that from day-one, he was focused on his future. The LA:RISE program also gave Enrique access to supportive services that connected him to life skills classes and therapy. Following completion of his transitional employment, Enrique applied and was chosen for a paid internship at Project 180, an organization serving the re-entry population and individuals experiencing homelessness. After completing the

LA:RISE program, Enrique received four full-time employment offers. Ultimately he selected a Site Manager position with First-To-Serve, an organization that provides transitional housing and supportive services to families experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles. It is a job that provides economic stability, builds on the skills he developed during his transitional employment and allows Enrique to give back to the community, he said. LA:RISE gave him the tools that allowed him to do the hard work to turn pain and trauma into triumph. “I love being of service to the same community that raised me,” Enrique said. “I’ve accomplished some of my own goals, and my heart is fulfilled day-by-day pushing others to achieve their own goals.”

EWDD Metrics

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

WORKSOURCE CENTER CONTACT PERFORMANCE (COVID-19) October 5, 2020 to October 9, 2020	
Number of walk-ins	994
Number of walk-ins by appointment	706
Number of call/emails	2,926
Number of calls regarding Unemployment Insurance (UI)	840

YOUTH WORKFORCE DATA FY 20-21 (HIRE LA'S YOUTH) Week ending October 9, 2020	
Number of applications	7,140
Number of youth in lottery pool	1,152
Number of youth enrolled	1,525
YouthSource Center (YSC) enrollments	417
YSC enrollment goal	2,100
Percent complete	19.86%

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

LOS ANGELES BUSINESSSOURCE CENTERS (LABSCs) METRICS October 5, 2020 to October 9, 2020

LABSCs Reporting: North Valley, West Valley, South Valley, South LA, East LA, Mid City, Central West, Hollywood and Harbor

Microenterprise assisted	171
Microenterprise enrolled	8
Small businesses assisted*	32
Small businesses enrolled	2
Number of BSC Clients who attended virtual workshops	149
Sidewalk vendors assisted	20
Sidewalk vendors enrolled	3

*Compared to a pre COVID-19 weekly average number of 23



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