



**Economic & Workforce
Development Department (EWDD) Weekly Updates**
NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

Success Stories

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JESSICA

LA:RISE PARTICIPANT



LA:RISE HELPS PARTICIPANT GAIN EXPERIENCE AS TEACHER'S AIDE

LA:RISE participant Jessica was referred to the YWCA Digital Learning Academy, an LA:RISE partner, to increase her knowledge about graphic design and gain customer service skills. Through the program, Jessica engaged in mock interview practice, revised her resume and learned soft skills on how to be professional in a workplace. During her time in the program, she was assigned to be a Teacher's Assistant. As Jessica was wrapping up her subsidized employment training through LA:RISE, she was hired for a job outside the program. "I am now working at a place that is in my field, and can't wait to see what the future holds." 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 in permanent jobs within the private or the public sector.



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EWDD WorkSource Centers

CULINARY TRAINED JOB SEEKER FEEDS SENIORS DURING COVID-19

After Jason Piggue was furloughed from his job during COVID-19, the Southeast Los Angeles WorkSource Center (WSC) connected him with a temporary job with Meals on Wheels, where he applied his culinary experience to feed hundreds of seniors during the pandemic. Funding for Jason's job was provided by the COVID-19 National Dislocated Workers Grant (NDWG). The California Employment Development Department (EDD) awarded the City of Los Angeles NDWG funding to provide transitional employment to Angelenos who lost their jobs during the pandemic. This project is 100 percent federally funded in the amount of \$1.8M.

The Southeast LA WSC, managed by EWDD contractor Watts Labor Community Action Committee (WLCAC), was one of several WorkSource Centers contracted under the COVID-19 NDWG program to provide eligible dislocated workers with transitional jobs related to COVID-19 relief efforts, including sanitizing public spaces; supporting community-based organizations in the provision of social and/or emergency services to individuals impacted by COVID-19, and distribution of food and other emergency services.

Through the grant, the Southeast LA WSC received funding to provide subsidized employment to 10 individuals. Ultimately, the center enrolled 27 individuals and placed 19 into temporary employment, exceeding their goal by

90 percent. Seven participants have established permanent employment in the private sector utilizing the training and skills gained during temporary work.

Jason was one of their stand-out participants, according to staff. Jason, now 42, is a long-term WLCAC client. Sixteen years ago, he was enrolled in the Southeast LA Watts YouthSource Center program, also overseen by WLCAC. Since then, Jason completed culinary school and was thriving in the hospitality industry. Prior to COVID-19, he was on track to become a supervisor of the housekeeping staff at a premier luxury hotel in Long Beach. The hospitality industry was one of the hardest hit by the pandemic's devastating economic impacts and Jason was furloughed.

Jason was one of the hundreds of people that rushed to EWDD's WorkSource Centers for EDD unemployment insurance assistance. Excited to learn about the opportunities afforded by the NDWG program, Jason was the first of WLCAC's participants to complete a 40-hour OSHA 10 training, an eligibility requirement to begin temporary employment.

He was placed in the WLCAC Meals on Wheels program, where he became a distinguished member of a team charged with providing services to more than 800 local seniors, which increased to 1,100 during the pandemic. As an essential service provider, Jason took the position very seriously, showing up on time and staying late if needed. The 500 hours of temporary employment provided by the program allowed Jason to support himself during the pandemic. He has since returned to work at his hotel job and is also being considered for a managerial position with the WLCAC Meals on Wheels program. Jason personally thanked Southeast LA WSC Director Elton Blake and the WLCAC staff for providing him with a job opportunity during the pandemic that helped him keep food on the table and pay his rent on time.

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

EWDD Metrics

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

WORKSOURCE CENTER CONTACT PERFORMANCE (COVID-19) September 13, 2021 to September 17, 2021	
Number of walk-ins	1,302
Number of walk-ins by appointment	622
Number of call/emails	2,551
Number of calls regarding Unemployment Insurance (UI)	411

YOUTH WORKFORCE DATA FY 20-21 (HIRE LA'S YOUTH) Week ending September 17, 2021	
Number of applications	4,634
Number of youth in lottery pool	1,042
Number of youth enrolled	1,435
YouthSource Center (YSC) enrollments	326
YSC enrollment goal	2,100
Percent complete	15.5%

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

LOS ANGELES BUSINESSSOURCE CENTERS (LABSCs) METRICS September 13, 2021 to September 17, 2021	
LABSCs Reporting:	North Valley, West Valley, South Valley, South LA, East LA, Mid City, Central West, Hollywood and Harbor
Microenterprise assisted	118
Microenterprise enrolled	21
Small businesses assisted	27
Small businesses enrolled	3
Number of BSC Clients who attended virtual workshops	67
Sidewalk vendors assisted	43
Sidewalk vendors enrolled	2



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