

CRCO SEE SUCCESS WITH COMPREHENSIVE TRAININGS

Employment social enterprise partner Coalition for Responsible Community Development (CRCO) provides employment opportunities to hundreds of youth and adults overcoming the highest barriers to employment, including those who are unhoused, food insecure, and returning to our community from incarceration. Their participation in LA:RISE has enabled them to deepen their services and offer job readiness training and opportunities for future success. CRCO offers distinctive training opportunities including: graffiti removal, mental toughness, morning motivation, and job engagement training. These trainings prepare graduates with on-the-job skills that can be used in a variety of trades, along with the confidence and mental tools to succeed at work and beyond.



PARTNER VOICE

“LA:RISE continues to be an incredible support for our organization, the Anti-Recidivism Coalition (ARC) and the community we serve. As ARC transitions from retention provider to part of the core LA:RISE program, ARC’s Second Chance Pre Apprenticeship Program will allow us to continue to increase the number of formerly incarcerated people we are placing in living wage careers in the Los Angeles and Orange County Building Trades.”

—Sam Lewis, Executive Director, ARC



GOODWILL OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LAUNCHES NEW LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATION TRAINING

In partnership with T Moore Motivation, employment social enterprise partner Goodwill of Southern California has begun offering a new Leadership Development Certification Training program that exposes participants to the variety of options and choices to be made while on their employment journey. Over five days, participants are encouraged to view their past experiences as a stepping stone toward their future success. Graduates of the program shared that the training made a tremendous difference in both their work life and personal life.

DOWNTOWN WOMEN’S CENTER COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS PLAY VITAL ROLE

Since July 2022, Downtown Women’s Center’s (DWC) Community Health Worker (CHW) Program has employed 14 women to provide community outreach and education to help connect people experiencing homelessness to healthcare options and harm reduction services. The CHWs have assisted in connecting individuals with resources such as vaccination clinics, eye care, foot care, and medical benefits. This program has been successful because workers:

- Are trusted messengers in the Skid Row Community
- Have received the COVID-19 vaccine and are open to sharing their experience navigating the health care system
- Are willing to learn about the COVID-19 vaccine, healthcare options, and harm reduction strategies
- Have lived experience of homelessness
- Enjoy working with diverse groups and have an open and friendly attitude

TOTAL CITY AND COUNTY PARTICIPANTS EMPLOYED, PROGRAM YEARS 1.0 TO 8.0 (2015-2023)

71%
PLACED INTO
COMPETITIVE
EMPLOYMENT
OR EDUCATION
PROGRAM



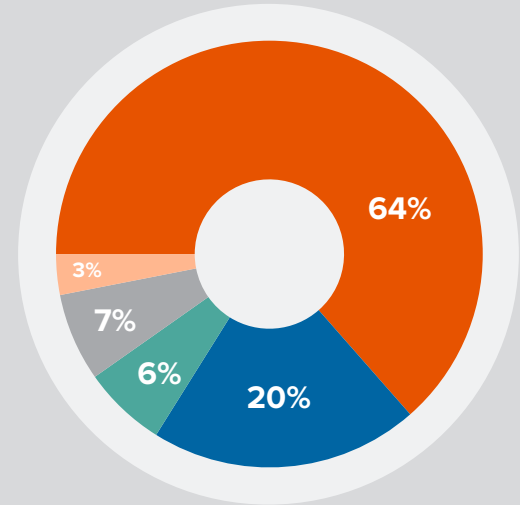
Key: = 100 people employed

Source – CaJOBS data as of 4/10/2023

7,800 individuals employed in transitional subsidized jobs

5,500 placed into competitive unsubsidized jobs or enrolled in an education/training program

Housing Status at Program Enrollment



- At-risk of homelessness
- Currently homeless in shelter
- Currently homeless on street
- Formerly homeless
- Rapid Re-housing

Source: CaJOBS self-reported data from 7.0 program year participants.

UNIQUE, GRID ALTERNATIVES



Solar is a fast-growing and well-paying industry, and LA:RISE graduate Unique is positioned to take full advantage of a new career as a solar installer. She enrolled in the LA:RISE program at employment social enterprise GRID Alternatives of Greater Los Angeles. Unique was looking for a change, eager to learn

new skills, and maintain her housing. In her transitional role, Unique gained hands-on skills while installing solar panels. She also developed customer service skills while working with GRID clients. With support from GRID, Unique is now completing a Junior Commercial Installer Extension Training Track to further build her solar career.

JOSE, CEO



When Jose was referred to LA:RISE by CEO, he was facing homelessness, living in a halfway home, and out on parole. Jose had previous experience in construction and his goal was to gain permanent employment with Caltrans. A case manager at the Southeast LA AJCC assisted him in applying to

various employment opportunities, including a sheet metal apprenticeship with Caltrans. He interviewed for the position and was successfully hired in 2022. He has moved on to traffic construction maintenance and is now earning a livable wage. He moved out of the halfway home and is now living in his own apartment.

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