

LA:RISE YOUTH ACADEMY RECEIVES CALIFORNIANS FOR ALL GRANT

LA:RISE's Youth Academy is proud to be one of 14 recipients of the City of Los Angeles' #CaliforniansForAll Youth Workforce Development grant funding. Funds were awarded to programs providing young adults with on-the-job experience and the support they need to succeed. This funding will enable the LA:RISE Youth Academy to expand the program's age range from 18-24 to 18-30, providing transitional work and additional employment-based social services to 800 youth experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness. [Learn more about the grant program here.](#)

A SECOND CHANCE UNION APPRENTICESHIP BOOT CAMP

In partnership with LAUSD, The LA Federation of Labor, and the Miguel Contreras Foundation, the Anti-Recidivism Coalition (ARC) created the "Second Chance Apprenticeship Boot Camp" to provide job training for LA County workers who have been incarcerated or have experienced homelessness. The program establishes a pathway into guaranteed union apprenticeships, a sustainable high-wage career, and permanent housing. Over 12 weeks, participants complete professional and life skills training conducted by ARC staff and then enroll in a pre-apprenticeship training course delivered by LAUSD using the Multi-Craft Core Curriculum (MC3), designed to meet union standards. Participants will receive a weekly training stipend, and upon graduating, will receive continued wraparound support, including community referrals, flexible cash resources, legal aid, and mental health services. ARC will serve a cohort of 30 LA:RISE participants.

37 PARTNERS GATHERED FOR ACADEMY MEETING

37 City and County LA:RISE service providers attended the July LA:RISE Academy Meeting. This was the first in-person academy meeting since January 2020! This meeting helped kick off LA:RISE 8.0 and included an overview of the LA:RISE program model and a refresher of partner roles and responsibilities. The quarterly LA:RISE Academy meetings enable partners to collaborate more effectively, share available community resources, and discuss best practices.

WORKSOURCE CENTERS DEMONSTRATE BEST PRACTICES IN HOUSING & EMPLOYMENT

LA:RISE Worksource Center (WSC) partners continue to develop best practices and new strategies for assisting participants in obtaining permanent housing and employment. Two recent examples include:

- Vernon-Central/LATTC WSC created partnership-specific calendars for participants, allowing them to provide job development services and workshops specific to participant cohorts and their industry.
- Northeast Los Angeles WSC is providing job readiness workshops and wrap-around services to supplement the retail and janitorial certificated training and the life skills training sessions being offered by Goodwill of Southern California's Social Enterprise.

UPCOMING JOB READINESS WORKSHOPS

Friends Outside in Los Angeles County (FOLA) will offer job readiness workshops for LA:RISE 8.0. The workshops, starting in October 2022, supplement existing training for LA:RISE participants and will include: Getting Into a Work Mindset, Job Retention, Financial Literacy, and Computer and Internet Basics.



PARTNER VOICE

"LA:RISE supports the YWCA Greater Los Angeles Digital Learning Academy's goal of closing the workforce technologies skills gap in disadvantaged communities. Through this partnership, YWCA GLA and LA:RISE provide youth and young adults with job skills training, transitional employment, and mentorship."

—Sheila Wiley, Principal, Digital Learning Academy, Workforce Development, YWCA GLA



TOTAL CITY PARTICIPANTS EMPLOYED, PROGRAM YEARS 1.0 TO 8.0 (2015-2022)

61%
PLACED INTO
COMPETITIVE
EMPLOYMENT



Key: = 100 people employed
Source – CaJOBS data
as of 9/30/2022 &
SPR Evaluation Report

5,200 individuals employed in transitional
subsidized jobs
3,200 placed into competitive unsubsidized jobs

MICHAELA, GOODWILL OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



Michaela was recently promoted to Job Coach at Goodwill of Southern California—a testament to her success in the LA:RISE program and a stepping stone toward her goal of building a career in social work. Before enrolling in LA:RISE at Goodwill, Michaela was facing homelessness and looking for an opportunity to reenter the

workforce. At LA:RISE, for the first time, she felt the team saw her for her talents, was committed to her success, and would provide the necessary support to achieve her goals. Michaela dove in to LA:RISE programming, completing Goodwill’s Leadership Academy and the National Retail Federation’s Customer Service Training, and beginning a transitional job as a Retail Ambassador. Outside of work, she met with case managers and practiced resume writing and interview skills. And it all paid off with the recent promotion. In her new role, Michaela is excited to pay it forward and use her story to support future LA:RISE participants.

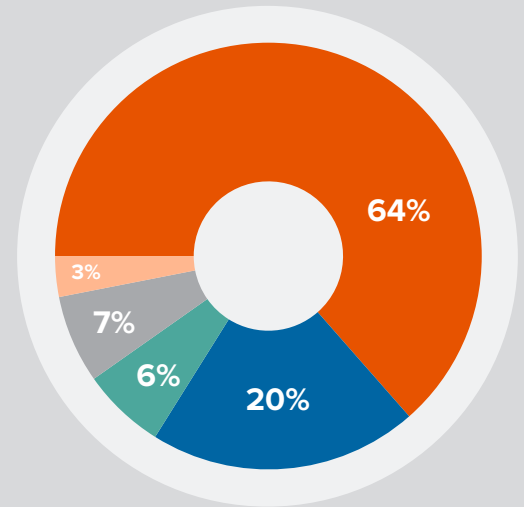
JOHN CARLO, CENTER FOR LIVING AND LEARNING



John Carlo’s advice for future LA:RISE participants is to “have an open mind and as much courage as you can muster.” Before enrolling at Center for Living and Learning (CLL), John Carlo had employment gaps after struggling with addiction, which presented significant barriers to finding employment and led

him to experience homelessness. John Carlo moved into an in-patient facility and learned about LA:RISE. Immediately, he says he found a community: “What I enjoy most about working at CLL is the sense of belonging I feel with the supportive, genuinely helpful team of individuals I’m lucky to work with—as well as the opportunity to be of service to others.” Of all the trainings offered by LA:RISE, John Carlo says it was the financial literacy class that made the biggest impact on his life—and now he’s assisting with the development and administration of these courses for others. With a support network, increased confidence, and new skills, John Carlo’s long-term goals now include returning to school to pursue engineering and computer science.

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.

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