

THE Q2 LA:RISE ACADEMY MEETING BOOSTS PARTNER CAPACITY

On November 9, LA:RISE Academy held its second quarter meeting. This session was focused on career planning, training, and creating meaningful connections for current clients, designed to build on the Q1 focus of co-case management. One highlight of the meeting was a panel discussion, which included representatives from partner organizations such as East San Gabriel Valley Comprehensive AJCC, Vernon-Central/LATTC WorkSource Center, Homeboy Industries, and Chrysalis. Representatives shared their expertise with LA:RISE program staff, to help boost partner capacity.



PARTNER VOICE

“I have been involved with LA:RISE since its first cohort. In that time, I have seen the program grow to meet participants’ needs, like with the development of the LA:RISE Youth Academy initiative in recent years. This has been a vital addition for our participants, enabling our staff to better support participants through additional services. Working with a young, vulnerable population is challenging, but it has also been rewarding to support these emerging adults in building their work experience through paid hours and supportive services.”

—Ana Peña,
UCLA Youthsource Center



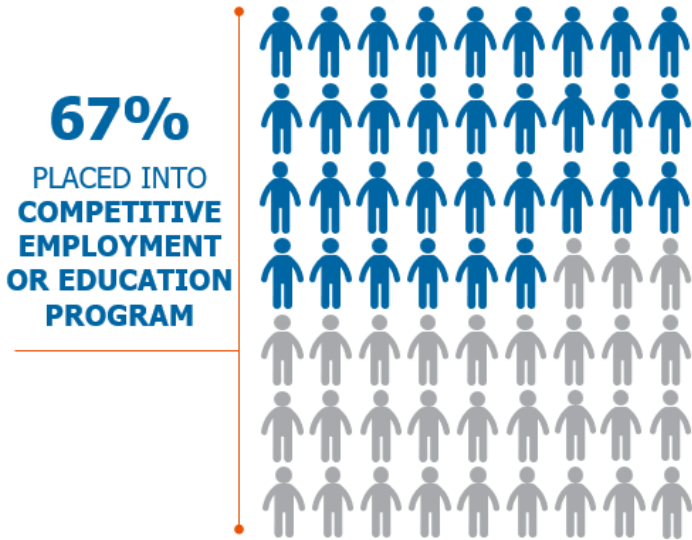
CLL IMPLEMENTS LA:RISE FINANCIAL EDUCATION + COACHING PROGRAM

The Center for Living and Learning (CLL) partnered with the Department of Financial Protection & Innovation (DFPI) through CalMoneySmart to embed financial education and coaching services into their LA:RISE programming. As part of the program orientation, participants attend workshops on topics including values & goal setting, predatory lending, credit, benefits “cliff effect,” budgeting, banking, debt management, and auto purchasing. The LA:RISE training/program manager and financial education & coaching frontline staff have carefully crafted this curriculum to provide vital knowledge in financial literacy, especially to those affected by the challenges of homelessness, incarceration, and substance use and abuse.

PROGRAM FEATURE: ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM OFFERS PIPELINE TO UNION JOBS

The Anti-Recidivism Coalition’s (ARC) Los Angeles Second Chance Apprenticeship Readiness Program is a popular vocational training initiative, and “a second chance at life” for LA:RISE participants. This 11-week cross-sector training program supports participants with livable wages during skilled occupational credentialing programs, such as those in renewable energy and multi-craft construction. LA:RISE graduates are then placed directly into union jobs. In the words of one ARC graduate, “Through this program, we are offered a career, not just a job.... This is a way to set yourself up for your entire life.”

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



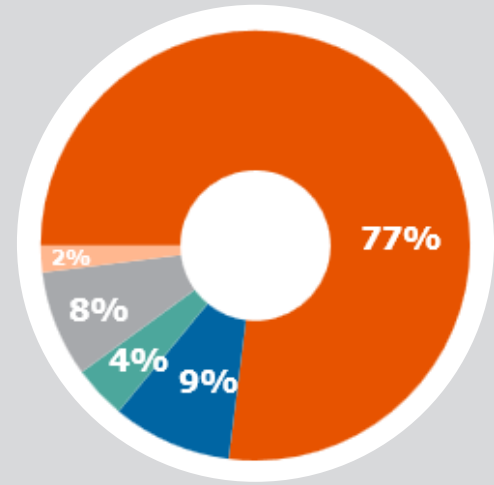
Key: = 100 people employed

Source – CalJOBS data as of 7/6/2023 & SPR Evaluation Report

6,320 individuals employed in transitional subsidized jobs

4,240 placed into competitive unsubsidized jobs or enrolled in education/training program

Housing Status at Program Enrollment



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

Source: CalJOBS self-reported data from 8.0 program year participants.

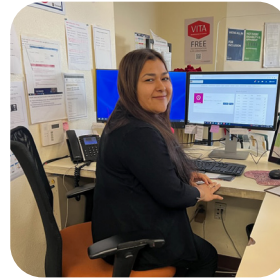
DIANA, GOODWILL SE (LA:RISE YOUTH ACADEMY)



As a recent immigrant who moved from Russia to California alone, Diana had to chart a new path for herself — and with some support from Goodwill of Southern California and LA:RISE, she’s now building towards a bright future.

Diana has been a participant in the LA:RISE Youth Academy, a transitional job training program for young people overcoming barriers to employment. In the program, she received training in retail and customer service, and language assistance to advance her English skills. She worked hard to leverage the support she received in the program, and now aspires to become a music teacher. “This has been a huge experience for me,” she shares.

MARIA, EL PROYECTO DEL BARRIO - SUN VALLEY



Maria is a devoted single mother of four. She struggled to make ends meet after losing her job during the COVID-19 pandemic.

After dealing with homelessness, Maria was referred to El Proyecto del Barrio – Sun Valley WorkSource Center, where she enrolled in LA:RISE. Now, as a full-time employee at EPWS, she’s helping others overcome the same barriers she once faced.

“I am thankful to have been a part of LA:RISE,” she says. “After my paid work experience, I was hired full-time and found a permanent home for my family.”

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