

80 PARTNERS GATHERED FOR THE QUARTER 2 ACADEMY MEETING

A total of 80 City and County service providers attended the November LA:RISE Academy Meeting. This meeting included an overview of the LA:RISE program model and a refresher of partner roles and responsibilities. Inspirational keynote speaker Tommie Baines discussed conducting motivational interviews, trauma-informed care, and compassion fatigue. Attendees also heard from REDF partner First Step Staffing whose mission is to support individuals moving out of homelessness and poverty into self-sufficiency through immediate employment and connection to critical support services. The quarterly LA:RISE Academy meeting enables partners to collaborate more effectively, share available community resources, and discuss best practices. Overall, attendees said that they felt inspired and recommitted to purposeful work.



GRID LA RELOCATES TO DOUBLE SIZE OF TRAINING COHORTS

LA:RISE employment social enterprise partner GRID Greater Los Angeles (GLA) is relocating to a larger location this year where they will have the capacity to serve twice as many trainees. The move comes as the demand for Solar Installation technicians is rapidly increasing – and will allow GRID GLA to increase its placements into this high-wage career.

PARTNER VOICE

“Antelope Valley Partners for Health (AVPH) is so grateful that we were able to continue the LA:RISE program in the Antelope Valley. The participants are welcomed as part of the AVPH family and learn many new skills, how to be part of a team, and about resources in the community. LA:RISE participants have expressed how grateful they are for the supportive services they have received and love being able to pay it forward to other people that come in to the AVPH facility for services. They know they are part of something bigger than themselves at AVPH.”

—Michelle Fluke, Executive Director, AVPH

INNERSIGHT TRAINING LAUNCHES FOR LA:RISE YOUTH ACADEMY

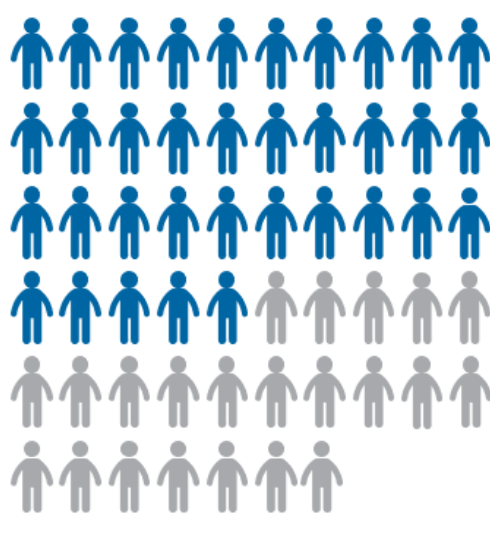
Partner staff recently attended the InnerSight Experience and Case Manager Training, which introduced them to a new inventory and assessment tool for LA:RISE Youth Academy participants. This training familiarizes participants with the idea of personal preferences and how they connect to the process of finding the best-fitting job, educational major, or career. The process grounds participants in an exploration of who they are, an essential first step in knowing which path they want to take. Partner staff completed the training that Youth Academy participants will experience, along with Case Manager Training, where they learned to use the Insight Guide Booklet to facilitate participants through meaningful conversations about exploring career and educational goals.

PARTNER LA LGBT PROMOTES INTERGENERATIONAL COMMUNITY

The Los Angeles LGBT Center’s LA:RISE program is promoting intergenerational community building efforts. LA:RISE participants continue to support meal preparation and distribution to senior homes during the pandemic and staff the Hello Club, making wellness calls to seniors while screening for food insecurity. This year, Thanksgiving also made a grand in-person return to the Los Angeles LGBT Center, with LGBTQ+ youth and seniors coming together to share a meal at the Anita May Rosenstein Campus for the first time since the pandemic. Guests ranged in age from 18 to 98 years old. All food for the celebration was prepared by the LGBT Center’s Culinary Arts Training Program. Students helped prepare more than 240 pounds of turkey, along with 15 gallons of gravy and 400 individual handmade pumpkin pies for dessert. The event helped unite the Center’s members during the holiday, and helped recruit LA:RISE students for their Culinary Training program.

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

61%
PLACED INTO
COMPETITIVE
EMPLOYMENT



Key: = 100 people employed

5,740 individuals employed in transitional subsidized jobs

3,540 placed into competitive unsubsidized jobs

Source – CaJOBS data as of 1/5/2023 & SPR Evaluation Report

ZACHARY, LA LGBT CENTER



Like thousands each year, Zachary moved to Los Angeles to pursue his goals and find new opportunities. The adjustment proved challenging, and the ongoing pandemic made finding steady employment especially difficult. When Zachary experienced homelessness, he sought out support at the Los Angeles LGBT Center (LALGBT), where he received housing assistance, and enrolled in the LA:RISE program. After connecting with the Youth Employment team at LALGBT, Zachary began working in the Center’s Culinary Arts Program. There, he learned vital commercial kitchen skills and gained on-the-job experience at the center’s Liberation Café. Outside of the kitchen, Zachary participated in workforce readiness trainings, which boosted his confidence and job skills. Upon graduating from LA:RISE, Zachary found employment in the retail sector and enrolled in school to complete his GED. With housing, income, and self-confidence gained through LA:RISE, Zachary is now seeking new challenges and opportunities to continue growing.

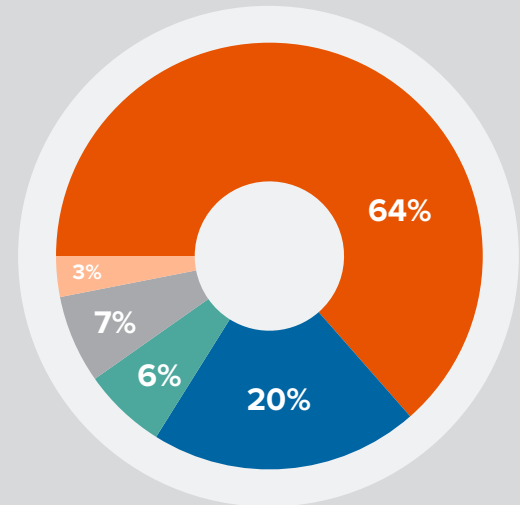
ERIC, SOUTHEAST LA AJCC & CEO



Eric was referred to the LA:RISE program by employment social enterprise partner Center for Employment Opportunities (CEO). At the time, he was living in a halfway home and looking for an opportunity to regain stable housing and employment after returning home from incarceration. At CEO, Eric gained experience as a driver and developed an interest in commercial driving. With the support of SELA AJCC and the CEO staff, Eric applied for opportunities to pursue a career as a Class C Driver. Soon, he was offered a role at Associated Ready Mix Concrete Inc.

He dove right into his work, which pays a living wage, provides him with benefits and has improved the quality of life for himself and his family.

Housing Status at Program Enrollment



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

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

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