

LA:RISE FUNDED IN MAYOR BASS' APPROVED BUDGET

In her State of the City address, Mayor Karen Bass shared her vision for a “New Los Angeles.” Funding for LA:RISE was included as part of an approved city budget. “To build a stronger, healthier, happier and safer New L.A., we must make life easier for every Angeleno – starting with our most vulnerable.” LA:RISE will receive funding for the City Regional LA:RISE program and the LA:RISE Youth Academy for unhoused participants to continue receiving high-quality employment, training, and supportive services. [Read the approved budget here.](#)



PARTNER VOICE

“The Downtown Women’s Center is proud to be a part of the LA:RISE community. This employment training program has provided a unique opportunity for women transitioning out of homelessness to move into careers and grow their futures. At MADE by DWC we provide a supportive trauma informed environment for every woman to succeed.”

—Joe Altepeter, Chief Social Enterprise Officer, Downtown Women’s Center



HILDA SOLIS CARE FIRST VILLAGE RESOURCES FAIR + JOB READINESS WORKSHOP

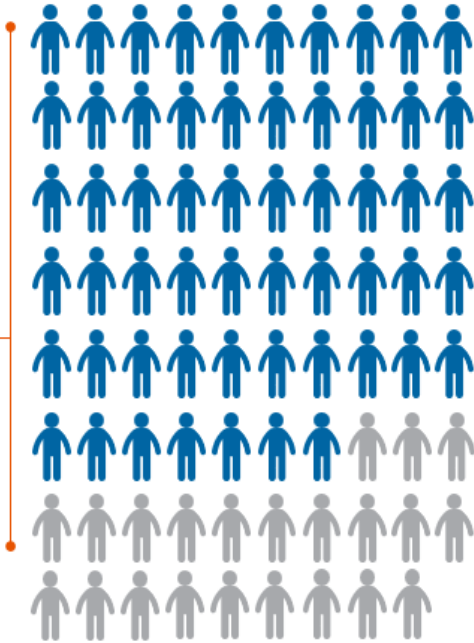
On May 24, in a collaborative effort between the City of Los Angeles’ Economic Workforce Development Department (EWDD) and the County of Los Angeles’ Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), Care First Village residents participated in a fair to receive information about available support and employment resources. LA:RISE partners attended the fair to showcase available opportunities and provide resources, including: Chrysalis, Goodwill Industries, First Step Staffing, Department of Aging, and Socrates Garay (EWDD Consultant, provided resume review and employment coaching). Additionally, Friends Outside in Los Angeles County provided a Working Mindset Job Readiness workshop at the Hilda Solis Care First Village on Wednesday, May 17.

QUARTER 4 ACADEMY MEETING: AN URGENT FOCUS ON HOUSING

The Quarter 4 Academy Meeting, held on May 11, gathered LA:RISE partners and program staff to focus and engage around the pressing theme of housing. At the center of the meeting was a robust housing panel with panelists from three organizations, including Haley Fuselier, Senior Director at People Assisting the Homeless (PATH); Serina Cannon, Ombudsperson at The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) Section 8 Program; and Takita Salisberry, Adult CES Manager at The Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority (LAHSA). Each panelist shared key programs and resources, as well as how to access them. A deep dive into The Coordinated Entry System (CES) showcased how countywide programs and resources are connecting people experiencing homelessness within a system aimed at effective, efficient, and fair access to housing. As a still-new and evolving system, LA:RISE partners were encouraged to stay updated on trainings, stories, and system changes via the LAHSA newsletter.

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

72%
PLACED INTO
COMPETITIVE
EMPLOYMENT
OR EDUCATION
PROGRAM

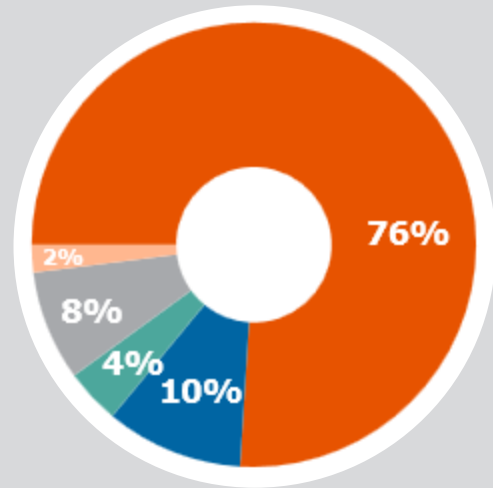


Key: = 100 people employed

7,910 individuals employed in transitional subsidized jobs
5,740 placed into competitive unsubsidized jobs or enrolled in education/training program

Source – CalJOBS data as of 7/6/2023

Housing Status at Program Enrollment



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

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

SILVERIO, CENTER FOR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Silverio was excited to enroll in LA:RISE because he saw the program as a chance to “work while learning a new way of living my life.” When Silverio was released for parole, he was 62 years old, temporarily living at a halfway house, and facing homelessness. He learned about LA:RISE after being referred by

Center for Employment Opportunities (CEO), and began working towards his goal of becoming self-sufficient and providing for his family. Silverio participated with Southeast LA (SELA) AJCC in Huntington Park and CEO in Los Angeles. His training provided him the opportunity to learn different skills, work with different groups, and ultimately helped him secure permanent employment with Metro transit. “I hope my story encourages others who have struggled in life never to feel hopeless because there are people who care about you.”

RYAN, CENTER FOR LIVING AND LEARNING



After experiencing homelessness and addiction, Ryan learned that he was eligible for LA:RISE and was eager to take advantage of the 300 hours of paid work experience. Ryan has explored and received training in various industries and received certifications, including financial literacy, care coordination and

service navigation, Statewide Direct Primary Election Vote Center Training, and abuse prevention. “Nearing the end of my paid training through LA:RISE, I was lucky enough to be offered a job at Center for Living and Learning (CLL) as a Community Health Worker. The honor of being offered a job lifted my confidence, it is something I’m tremendously proud of. What I am most proud of and continue to be most excited about during my time at CLL is simply being of service to others, especially those who experience the same barriers I had in the past.”

LA:RISE is managed by the City of Los Angeles Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD), Los Angeles County Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), and REDF (Roberts Enterprise Development Fund).



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