

CO-CASE MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS SUPPORT LA:RISE PARTNERSHIPS

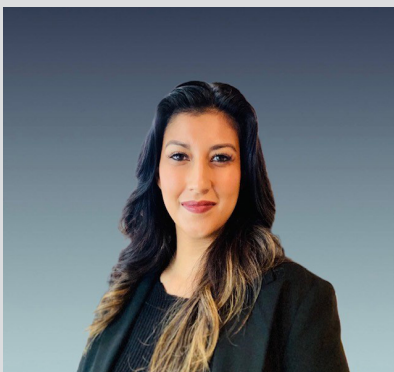
LA:RISE kicked off the 2023-2024 program year with Co-Case Management workshops that connected employment social enterprises (ESEs) with their WorkSource Center (WSC) and America's Job Centers of California (AJCC) counterparts to build on best practices in supporting LA:RISE participants to reach their job placement and retention goals. REDF staff facilitated workshops throughout July and August, sharing tools to best support workflows and ongoing enhancements to services delivered for LA:RISE participants.



PARTNER VOICE

“LA:RISE is an invaluable program that has created opportunities for our hardest to serve populations. The program makes it possible to engage in an Earn & Learn model of paid work experience, with much needed supports such as transportation, uniforms, tools, needs-related payments, and much more. The partnerships this program has created have had a huge impact in allowing us to get money into the pockets of those who need it the most in these most unprecedented times.”

—**Claudia Aceves, Regional Director of Workforce & Career Development, Goodwill Southern California**



CEO HOSTS INAUGURAL ‘HOUSING READY’ WORKSHOP

In September, LA:RISE employment social enterprise partner Center for Employment Opportunities (CEO) brought together community partners for the first-ever ‘Housing Ready’ Workshop, a series that offers open discussions to connect and support people who identify as justice system-involved.

The inaugural Housing Ready Workshop, titled “Let’s Talk about Housing,” served as a venue for community members to share their experiences, explore potential solutions, programs, and resources, and establish meaningful connections. CEO continues to focus on nourishing existing partnerships and cultivating new relationships for placements, programs, and housing opportunities available to the reentry community.

AJCC MODERNIZATIONS TO PRIORITIZE EQUITABLE OUTCOMES

This year, the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) is seeking to increase the effectiveness of workforce services and prioritize equitable outcomes for the businesses and communities served.

In pursuit of this goal, DEO met with stakeholders, community partners, and county leadership throughout the summer and fall to inform the design for the Los Angeles County America’s Job Centers of California (AJCC) Modernization Request for Proposals (AJCC Modernization RFP). As a result of this engagement, DEO has now established formal AJCC modernization strategies.

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

72%
PLACED INTO
COMPETITIVE
EMPLOYMENT
OR EDUCATION
PROGRAM

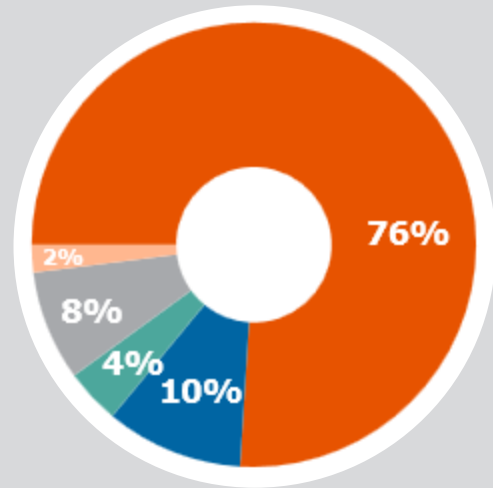


Key: = 100 people employed

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 7.0 program year participants.

RUBEN, ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION



After hearing about the Anti-Recidivism Coalition’s (ARC) 2nd Chance Pre-Apprenticeship Program from a former graduate, Ruben applied and was accepted to the union training program in 2023. He calls his time in the LA:RISE and ARC programs “a second chance at life” — he went through life skills

and customer service training, learned about construction industry unions, and received one-on-one case management. Ruben is now in the SMART Local 105 and is working on his apprenticeship. “ARC staff go above and beyond to make sure participants have what we need and know what resources are available to us,” he shares. “It is awesome to have such a strong and capable support group to lean on.”

LETICIA, CENTER FOR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



After losing her job during the COVID-19 pandemic, Leticia, a single mother with five children, was experiencing homelessness when she was referred to LA:RISE by Family Promise of Santa Clarita. She became a LA:RISE participant through employment social enterprise Goodwill of Southern California and enrolled in

Title I through America’s Job Center of California (AJCC) in Santa Clarita. She received assistance in securing transitional housing and job training, and as a result successfully completed her transitional job placement and landed permanent employment with Goodwill Retail Services. She also completed training in radio digital production and secured an additional part-time role to supplement her full-time job. As a LA:RISE participant, Leticia received assistance with work clothes and transportation to support her during her transitional employment.

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).



LA:RISE is a project funded by the City of Los Angeles and the County of Los Angeles Measure H Funds.