



LOS ANGELES LGBT CENTER

The newest employment social enterprise to join the City program is The Los Angeles LGBT Center, which operates an intergenerational culinary training program, a coffee shop, and a catering business. At the core of this program is a commercial teaching kitchen that produces fresh and nutritious meals for youth, senior residents, and members, while providing training for students completing a 300-hour culinary training program. Graduating up to 100 students a year, the program provides the foundation of required culinary skills for students to secure jobs and pursue meaningful careers in the hospitality industry.

COVERAGE IN FORBES

In late August, LA:RISE was named as a promising jobs strategy for people experiencing homelessness in a workforce column in Forbes Magazine: “Workforce officials in Los Angeles consider LA:RISE among the best-performing training projects. John L. Reamer, Jr., Interim General Manager for the City Economic and Workforce Development Department, noted, ‘We have been creating a model that brings together social enterprises, traditional workforce development programs and homeless services agencies.’”
Read the article: <https://bit.ly/2k8AEEI>

A BRIDGE HOME PARTNERSHIP

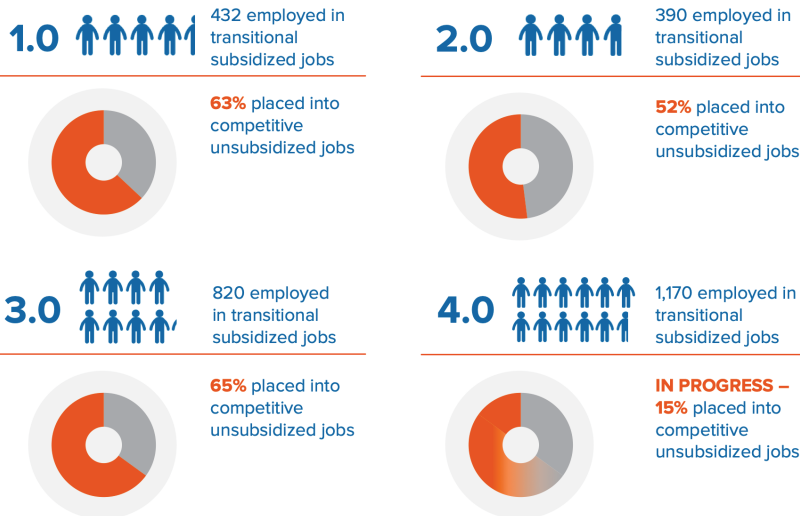
We are excited to announce our new partnership between LA:RISE and A Bridge Home (ABH). Mayor Garcetti launched A Bridge Home in 2018 to give homeless Angelenos in every neighborhood a refuge in the community they already know and love, until they can be connected with a permanent home. Each resident will have a case manager, as well as mental health, housing, and substance abuse support—in addition to three meals a day, storage, a place for pets, and 24/7 security.

As part of this effort, EWDD has provided funding and program slots to LA:RISE partners to provide a pathway to employment for 150 ABH residents and pilot a partnership and referral process between social enterprises and ABH operators. In addition to placing people into jobs, we’ll be creating best practices for effective partnerships between employment and housing providers.

LA:RISE EXPANSION

Now in its fifth program year, PY19-20 consists of 11 social enterprises (SE), five WorkSource Centers (WSC), three YouthSource Centers (YSC), ten America’s Job Centers of California (AJCC), two retention providers and one legal provider. LA:RISE works with partners that span across eight LA city council districts and five LA county supervisorial districts. We thank all of our partners for funding this program (see partner logos on page 2).

Total Participants Served, Years 1.0 to 4.0 (2015-2019)



Key: = 100 people
Data comes from CalJOBS as of 8/19/2019

HIRED AND HOPEFUL LA

On February 13, 2019, Mayor Eric Garcetti and Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas announced a goal of helping 16,000 people who are currently or formerly homeless get jobs in the private sector over the next three years. LA:RISE is part of the collaborative effort to achieve this goal, called Hired and Hopeful LA – Alleviating Homelessness One Job at a Time. Goodwill SoCal is the lead Administrator.

HOUSING PANEL

On June 25, 2019, LA:RISE held a housing-focused academy meeting with speakers from the Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative, Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, Safe Parking LA, LA FAMILY HOUSING, SHARE!, United Way of Greater L.A. and PATH. LA:RISE partners learned about resources for participants and brainstormed immediate, short-term, and long-term housing strategies to implement while helping participants secure employment.

PARTNER VOICE

“We work with a variety of partners across the state and there is nothing quite like LA:RISE anywhere else. The commitment and buy in from all partners is unprecedented. The impact each partner has independently is meaningful. The collective impact we create in working together feels transformational. CEO is proud and grateful to be a part of the amazing community created by LA:RISE and we are able to serve more folks coming home because of the support provided by the program.”

—Sarah Glenn-Leistikow, Deputy Executive Director, Center for Employment Opportunities

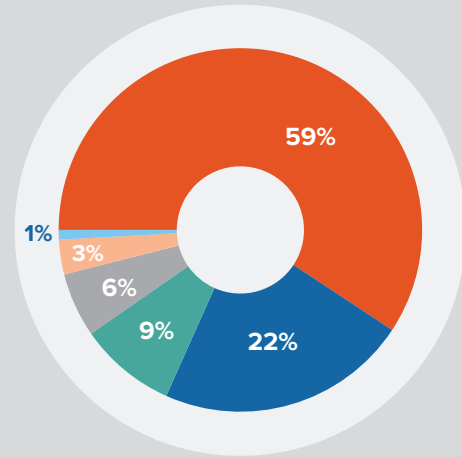
MEET DONNA



Donna is a proud Volunteer Lead at MADE by Downtown Women’s Center (DWC), where she introduces Angelenos to the power of social enterprise while she completes on-the-job training. Before enrolling in the LA:RISE program, Donna was experiencing homelessness

and struggled to secure a steady job. At DWC, she has learned to make candles and soap, ship inventory, and supervise volunteers. Throughout, Donna gained experience working in diverse teams, communicating with coworkers, and implementing supervisor feedback. Now, Donna has enrolled in vocational training at the Vernon-Central/ Los Angeles Technical Trade College (LATTTC) WorkSource Center while she works as a Production Inventory Associate at MADE by DWC. She is proud of her success at DWC and excited about achieving her housing and employment goals.

Housing status at program enrollment



- At-risk of homelessness
- Currently homeless in shelter
- Not provided
- Currently homeless on street
- Formerly homeless
- Rapid Re-housing

In FY 2019, over one fourth of participants were experiencing homelessness.

MEET DANIEL



When Daniel enrolled in the LA:RISE program, he faced high barriers to employment—he was experiencing homelessness and lacked both a driver’s license and a car. After learning about Homeboy Industries, he was eager to begin working and taking

advantage of the paying job, training, and support that a social enterprise provides. In addition to gaining on-the-job training while working as a site monitor with Project 180, Daniel completed substance abuse class and worked with Homeboy staff to obtain housing, a driver’s license, and a car. Equipped with work skills, experience from his first job, and confidence, Daniel is now working towards his goal of becoming a case manager to help other young people build a better future.

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