



LA:RISE YOUTH ACADEMY RECEIVES CALIFORNIANS FOR ALL GRANT

LA:RISE's Youth Academy is proud to be one of 14 recipients of the City of Los Angeles' #CaliforniansForAll Youth Workforce Development grant funding. Grants were awarded to programs providing youth and young adults with on-the-job experience and the support they need to succeed. This additional funding will enable the LA:RISE Youth Academy to expand the program's age range from 18-24 to 18-30, providing transitional work and additional employment-based social services to 800 youth experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness.

PARTNER VOICE

"LA:RISE Youth Academy is a very important program for our agency. It enables our team to serve more youth facing obstacles and challenges to employment and education due to their housing insecurity. This program has added value by giving participants more internship hours, which helps them gain a more intensive internship experience. This offers LA:RISE Youth Academy participants the chance to acquire more skills than youth in our other programs who complete fewer hours. The worksites, in turn, have more time to train LA:RISE Youth Academy participants; this opens up the potential for the worksite to hire them permanently."

AMANDA GONZALEZ,
UCLA YOUTHSOURCE CENTER



NEW INNERSIGHT TRAINING LAUNCHES FOR LA:RISE YOUTH ACADEMY PARTNER STAFF

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 connects 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.

80 PARTNERS GATHERED FOR THE QUARTER 2 ACADEMY MEETING

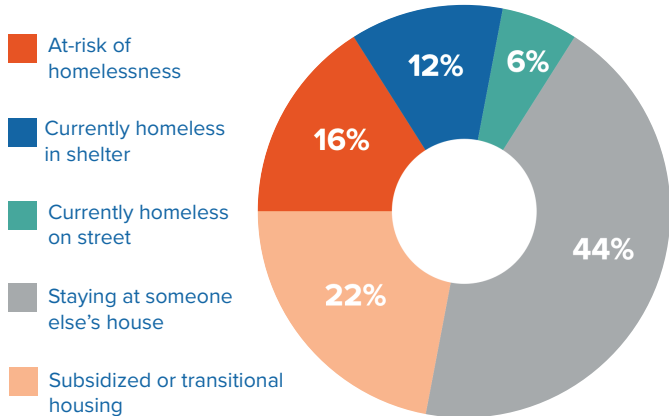
A total of 80 City and County LA:RISE service providers attended the November LA:RISE Academy Meeting. This meeting included an overview of the LA:RISE program model and a refresher of partner roles and responsibilities. Inspirational keynote speaker Tommie Baines discussed conducting motivational interviews, 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.

PARTNER LA LGBT CENTER PROMOTES INTERGENERATIONAL COMMUNITY

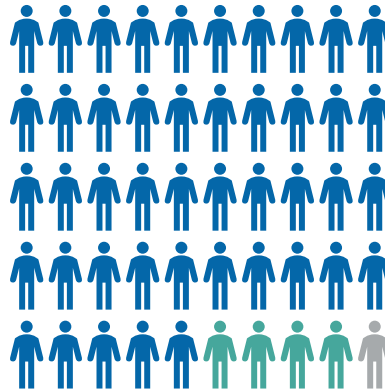
The Los Angeles LGBT Center's LA:RISE program is promoting intergenerational community building efforts. LA:RISE participants continue to support meal preparation and distribution to senior homes during the pandemic and staff the Hello Club, making wellness calls to seniors while screening for food insecurity. 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.

CA4All Program Impact To Date

CA4All Participant housing status at enrollment



CA4All Participants Employed (July 2022 - Dec 2022)



50
enrollments

In the first 6 months of the grant period:

1

placed into competitive employment

4

enrolled in or completed GED or in credit recovery or basic skills remediation program or certified education program

HHAP Program Impact To Date

HHAP Participants Employed (June 2021 - Dec 2022)

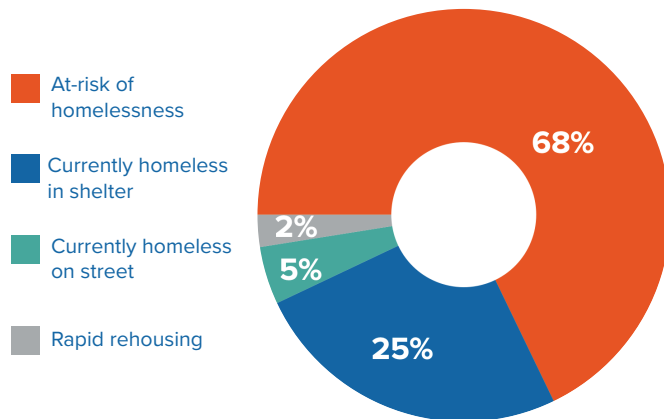


34
placed into competitive employment

24
enrolled in a certified education or vocational skills training program

20
enrolled in GED or in credit recovery or skills remediation program

HHAP Participant housing status at enrollment



*Source: CalJOBS data as of 1/5/2023

CESAR PUENTE, UCLA YOUTHSOURCE CENTER



When Cesar was asked what he was most proud of during his time with the UCLA YouthSource Center, he answered that he had “been given an opportunity to work in healthcare and play an important role in patients’ recovery.” Prior to joining the LA:RISE Youth Academy program, Cesar was a student experiencing unstable housing. This created obstacles in gaining work experience at a hospital that would allow him to progress towards his career goal of joining the healthcare field. Through the LA:RISE Youth Academy and the support from the UCLA YouthSource Center, Cesar is gaining work experience that will take him closer to his goal. “It has given me the first step in working in healthcare. I get to see the way a hospital is operated in multiple departments and multiple buildings. I see how the hospital manages their patients and communicates within to move them around while being organized as possible.” The highlights of his experience include: access and exposure to different hospital staff, learning about their roles in patient care and being able to assist them while also learning to use medical equipment. “That will be great to talk about when I am ready to apply to medical school.”

Cesar works at the UCLA Medical Center in patient transport, and as a research assistant in nuclear medicine for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. His advice to future LA:RISE Youth Academy participants? “Learn to network and find those who may be able to find opportunities for you.” His goal is to become a pediatric thoracic surgeon.

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