



News for the Week of JULY 15, 2019

**BOYLE HEIGHTS TECHNOLOGY YSC WELCOMES 80 HIRE LA'S YOUTH INTERNS**



The Boyle Heights Technology YouthSource Center launched its HIRE LA'S Youth summer internship program this week with more than 80 participants. On Monday July 15, 2019, participants were required to attend a mandatory internship prep session that taught students about workplace expectations, performance evaluations, goal setting, complaint procedures, safety, time sheet instructions and grounds for termination.

All participants will be placed at a worksite intended to provide a meaningful work experience. Internship locations include non-profits organizations, businesses in the private sector and faith-based establishments. Each intern will work 120 hours over the next six to eight weeks and earn \$14.25 per hour. The interns will report to the Boyle Heights Technology YSC, referred to as "The Tech," every Friday for personal enrichment training. Boyle Heights Technology YSC staff will monitor the progress of each intern, follow up with employers,

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conduct evaluations, and process stipend checks. A culmination event, coupled with a Job/Resource Fair is scheduled for the end of August 2019. HIRE LA's Youth is a year-round youth employment program designed to give young Angelenos ages 14-24 their first work experience and place them on a career path as lifetime earners.

## VERNON-CENTRAL/LATTC WSC HELPS RE-ENTRY JOB SEEKER LAND UNION JOB

The Vernon-Central/Los Angeles Technical Trade College WorkSource Center recently helped re-entry job seeker Armando Martin join the Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local #4 union and obtain a job with a contractor that is helping build the new \$4 billion LA Rams Stadium. “No one who achieves success does so without the help of others. Today I have the privilege of expressing my gratitude to those that have been catalyst for me in achieving that success from day one of orientation to my employment today. I’ve learned how to manage my money, build my credit, and received plenty of support from all the faithful stewards at LATTC WorkSource/Coalition for Responsible Community Development,” Armando said. “Thank you!” Before Armando enrolled at the Vernon-Central/LATTC WSC, funded by EWDD and overseen by partner Coalition for Responsible Community Development (CRCDC), he engaged in narcotic criminal activities that eventually led to his incarceration. After Armando was released from prison, he enrolled at the Vernon-Central/LATTC WSC. The center then connected him with apprenticeship training opportunities at LATTC through the Center’s partnerships with the Anti-Recidivism Coalition (ARC) and the Local Initiatives Support Coalition (LISC) Bridges to Career Opportunities (BCO) program. Through these programs, Armando received financial literacy training, job training and a pathway to an apprenticeship in the trades. Armando recently joined the Local #4, which is the brick layer and allied craftsman union. Then he joined a company that is the largest specialty flooring company in the US and is a contractor for the LA Rams project. Armando aspires to eventually own his own construction company.



*The Vernon-Central/LATTC WorkSource Center provided training to re-entry job seeker Armando (above), who now has a union job helping to build the new LA Rams stadium.*

## MID-CITY BSC HELPS ENTREPRENEUR OBTAIN \$125K LOAN TO EXPAND STUDIO

The MidCity Region BusinessSource Center recently helped longtime client Sam Rypinski obtain a \$125,000 Small Business Administration (SBA) Community Advantage loan to expand Riverside Studios, LLC. The studio has been providing services to the needs of artists, film, and photo professionals since 2014. Sam previously worked with the MidCity BSC for assistance with a start-up loan to launch Everybody LLC, a fitness center that primarily serves the LGBT community by providing them a safe place to strengthen and heal. Sam had previously worked with MidCity BSC loan counselor Phuong Le and was familiar and pleased with the BSC services. In March 2019, Sam met with Phong, who guided Sam through the entire small business loan process, including a review of his business and analysis of his the business' financials. More importantly, Phuong helped present Sam's loan application to the loan committee for approval. The loan was approved in May and Sam picked up the loan check on June 26, 2019. With this infusion of capital, Sam will be able to create two full-time jobs and expand his business by buying out a tenant's space. His long-term plan is to purchase the entire commercial building so he can better serve the creative community as well as the LGBT community.



*MidCity Region BusinessSource loan counselor Phong Le (left) helped entrepreneur Sam Rypinski (right) obtain a \$125,000 SBA loan to expand Riverside Studios, LLC.*

## EWDD PREMIERES SOCIAL MEDIA VIDEO TOUR OF SOUTH LA YSC



*Parent La'Kima James (left) looks on as her daughter Reniyjah Clark fills out an application for the HIRE LA's Youth program.*

EWDD unveiled another social media video Monday July 15, 2019 across its @LAEWDD Instagram, Twitter and Facebook account. This week's video provides a tour of the South LA YouthSource Center located at Southwest College, the first YSC site to be co-located with an America's Job Center of California at a Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) campus. Operated by EWDD partner Archdiocesan Youth Employment (AYE), the center represents a partnership between EWDD, the Los Angeles County Department of Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services (WDACS) and the LACCD as part of a larger effort to create a centralized location for youth and job seekers to find services and provide easier access to higher education. Featured in the video is HIRE LA's youth participant Reniyjah Clark. "I will be putting most of the money into buying new clothes and books for high school. Also, paying for my bus transportation because it's very far and expensive," she said. Reniyjah plans to attend Palisades High School this fall. Her mother La'Kima James said the South LA YSC provides local youth resources that help them rise above the challenges they face in their daily lives. "In this area, they need it," she said. "There's a lot of you know, things that we wake up to. It could be a challenge to get up and to operate during the day. These opportunities are golden."

**BUSINESS METRICS:**

<b>LABSCs Reporting:</b>	North Valley, West Valley, South Valley, South LA, East LA, Mid City, Central West, Hollywood and Harbor
Microenterprise enrolled	13
Microenterprise assisted	56
Small businesses enrolled	3
Small businesses assisted	14
Number of BSC clients who attended workshops	52

**WORKFORCE METRICS:**

*(arrows indicate weekly trend)*

**CalJobs** *(online and mobile)*



762  
Registrations  
12%

**WorkSource Centers**



1,351\*  
Enrollments  
42%

\*Please note, due to a spreadsheet error, last week's figure (2.136) for WSC enrollments was incorrect. The number has been corrected for this week.

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