

# EWDD UPDATES



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## News for the Week of October 15, 2018

### CENTRAL WEST BSC HELPS RESTAURANTEUR RECEIVE \$25K SMALL BUSINESS LOAN



The Central West BusinessSource Center helped restaurateur Jin Huang attain a \$25,000 U.S. Small Business Administration microloan that allowed him to make tenant improvements to the second location of his growing restaurant chain, Asian Kings. Jin emigrated to the U.S. from China and has approximately 30 years of experience as a Chinese cuisine and sushi chef. He launched his first restaurant in 2014 near the La Brea area of Los Angeles. In early 2018, the owner of a 20-year-old Chinese restaurant in the Mid-Wilshire area announced his retirement. Jin decided to purchase the restaurant to preserve the Chinese cuisine in the area and

*The Central West BusinessSource Center helped Restaurateur Jin Huang receive a \$25K to make improvements to his new Asian Kings restaurant.*

expand his restaurant portfolio. Earlier this year, Jin experienced cash flow issues that required him to seek additional capital. In August 2018, he met with Wai-Ling Chin, a business counselor at the Central West BusinessSource Center, to apply for a small business loan. Wai-Ling analyzed his financials and offered business counseling guidance. Jin's loan was approved and he was able to complete the tenant improvement of the new location. The new Asian Kings restaurant location held its grand opening in early October 2018 and has since hired three new full-time employees.

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## EWDD & LAUSD PARTNERSHIP LEADS TO INCREASED SERVICES FOR CLIENTS



EWDD Workforce Development Division Director Gerardo Ruvalcaba recently participated in a panel with representatives from the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Division of Adult and Career Education (DACE) to share how the partnership between the two agencies has increased educational opportunities for WorkSource Center participants. The presentation, “Strategic

*ESL students take classes at Evans Community Adult School through a partnership with EWDD, LAUSD and LAHTA.*

Deployment of ‘Navigators’ that leads to Sustainable Wage Careers,” delivered at the California Workforce Association Meeting of the Minds Conference in Monterey, CA, highlighted the success and dynamics of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA) Navigator program as well as the continuing evolution and deepening of the partnership between the two agencies. The strengthening of the partnership between EWDD and LAUSD has led to increased enrollment in job training and LAUSD educational programs, said Laura Chardiet, DACE Coordinator. “Students had access to free training, reduced cost training,” she said. “The WorkSource Center clients had better knowledge what programs were available to them at LAUSD and it broke down a lot of barriers between the two systems.” Launched in March 2017, the partnership has led to Integrated Education Training (IET) English as a Second Language (ESL) class specifically created for participants who are also receiving job training at the Los Angeles Hospitality Training Academy (LAHTA). Approximately 16 students currently enrolled in the ESL class started the class to improve their English skills while balancing hospitality jobs at LAX, according to LAHTA, which is also an EWDD workforce training partner.

## \$25K GREEN FOUNDATION DONATION PAVES WAY FOR 10 HIRELA’S YOUTH SLOTS

The Pasadena-based Green Foundation recently donated \$25,000 in funding to support HIRELA's Youth, paving the way for 10 slots for young Angelenos ages 14-24 to receive paid work experience opportunities in the community. HIRELA’S Youth participants are offered a continuum of work-based learning opportunities tied to job preparation, financial literacy, work-readiness certification, pre-employment training and on-the job experience. This is the fourth year that the Green Foundation has supported the HIRELA's Youth program.

### **EWDD YouthSource Centers**

EWDD has a network of 14 YouthSource Centers strategically located in underserved neighborhoods in the City of Los Angeles. The centers provide support and guidance for young Angelenos age 16-24 to help them pursue higher education and good paying jobs. This week's EWDD Updates includes several stories from EWDD partner Para Los Niños, which oversees the City's Central and NorthEast Region YouthSource Centers. These stories represent the critical work all the City's YouthSource Centers provide to help young Angelenos succeed.

### **NORTHEAST YSC STUDENTS VISIT BROAD BEFORE COLLEGE APPLICATIONS DUE**



Students from the Para Los Niños NorthEast Region YouthSource Center recently enjoyed an evening at the Broad Museum. Although many of the YSC students have been raised in Los Angeles nearly all were visiting the Broad for the first time. The youth participants were very happy to attend a relaxing activity as college application deadlines approach. All

PLN students have begun their college applications and will be submitting them by the end of this month.

### **EAST REGION YSC HELPS HOMELESS YOUTH GET BACK TO SCHOOL AND FIND JOB**

Christopher was homeless and unsure about his next steps when he was referred to Para Los Niños YouthSource Center by a former program participant. He came to the center in search of guidance and motivation to return to school. He was enrolled in YouthSource program immediately and into a course at the East Los Angeles Skills Center, where he is now working towards his high school diploma. He received intensive case management, supportive services and assistance in finding employment so that he could secure housing. Christopher recently reunited with his mother and both now have a place to stay. PLN continues to work with Christopher to ensure that he has all the support he needs to be successful in school, work and that he has stable housing.

### CENTRAL LA REGION YOUTHSOURCE PARTICIPATES IN WELLNESS SESSIONS

Participants from the Central Region YouthSource Center, run by EWDD partner Para Los Niños, recently held a discussion on healthy food where they shared their current food choices and were asked to think of healthy alternatives. Facilitators offered the participants tips on healthy eating habits and stress management. Youth were also introduced to meditation practices to decrease stress and were asked to prepare healthy snack alternatives.

#### 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	14
Microenterprise assisted	41
Small businesses enrolled	5
Small businesses assisted	20
Number of BSC clients who attended workshops	53

#### WORKFORCE METRICS:

*(arrows indicate weekly trend)*

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



665 Registrations

7%

##### WorkSource Centers



1,789 Enrollments

7%

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