



News for the week of October 17, 2016



DAY LABORERS BUILD ON THEIR CONSTRUCTION SKILLS IN TRAININGS HELD AT LA TRADE TECH

Day laborers in Los Angeles are learning basic framing techniques and how to read blueprints thanks to trainings held at Los Angeles Trade Tech College. Sixteen workers from Cypress Park, Downtown, Harbor City and Pasadena enrolled in the free construction training organized by EWDD community partners National Day Laborer Organizing Network, Institute of Popular Education of

Southern California and Central American Resource Center. Over nine weeks, the students learned the basics of reading blueprints and how to properly use a hammer and frame a structure. After passing a final test the group received certificates and celebrated their accomplishment with families at a Sept. 29 ceremony. By enhancing their skills, the trainings are expected to bring better job opportunities for the participants and allow them to charge for different kinds of construction jobs.

Rapid Response: EWDD Rapid Response staff made contact with Citigroup human resources representatives after receiving word that the company is expected to lay off 71 employees. The Rapid Response team is in the process of coordinating how it will distribute information on transitional services available for affected workers.

EWDD staff at 'Taste of Soul:' EWDD staff talked to festival goers and distributed informational flyers at this year's "Taste of Soul," a premiere cultural event that drew more than 350,000 people to Crenshaw Boulevard in South Los Angeles. Staff answered questions about workforce and small business services available at neighborhood centers across the City of Los Angeles. The 11th annual festival, held Oct. 15, featured music, food, entertainment and an appearance by Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti.



Chinatown eatery expands with BusinessSource help: Daniel Widjaja and a business partner took over Salathai #1, a Thai-style restaurant located in Chinatown in December 2005. In May 2016, Widjaja came to the North Valley BusinessSource Center and applied for a loan to double the size of his 750-square-foot restaurant. Widjaja and his partner were recently approved for a \$190,000 business loan that helped them carry out their plans and create three new part-time jobs.

BUSINESS METRICS:

LABSC’s Reporting: Harbor, North Valley, West Valley, South Los Angeles, Hollywood, Central West, and Mid-City, East Los Angeles, South Valley	
LABSC’s Not Reporting:	
Pre-Startups Enrolled	45
Pre-Startups Assisted	26
Start-ups/Operating Businesses Enrolled	16
Start-ups/Operating Businesses Assisted	12
Workshops: Number of Clients Attended	117

WORKFORCE METRICS:

(Arrows indicate weekly trend)

JobsLA (online and mobile)



Page Views
(Up 17.25%)



New Visitors
(Down 1.8%)



New Sessions
(Up 6.4%)



Registrations
(Down 20%)

WorkSource Centers



Enrollments
(Down 12%)

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