



## News for the week of August 8, 2016

### DAY LABORERS BENEFIT FROM WELDING TRAINING PROVIDED IN HARBOR CITY

Five day laborers completed an intensive welding training program and received certificates that will help them find good-paying jobs. The free training was provided by Wheels of Hope, a community partner of Instituto de Educacion Popular del Sur de California (IDEPSCA.) IDEPSCA is contracted by



EWDD to provide services at four Day Labor centers across the City of Los Angeles. The centers provide a humane way for low-income immigrant workers to look for work. They offer literacy and English classes, and information about health, labor and immigration laws. These centers also function as a public safety alternative to soliciting employment on the street corners. Participants in the welding classes, held in Harbor City, passed a test administered by a state certified welding instructor. “They will get more job opportunities with better wages because of this training,” said Guadalupe Garcia, an IDEPSCA program manager. The July 23 culmination event took place in Palos Verdes. Another training is being planned for the fall. For more information on IDEPSCA’s programs, go to their [website](#).

**Hire LA’s Youth gets grant pledge:** EWDD learned late this week that Cathay Bank has pledged to give \$20,000 to this year’s Hire LA’s Youth summer jobs program, one of Mayor Eric Garcetti’s top initiatives. Mayor Garcetti has set a goal of connecting 15,000 youth to jobs this year. Details on the pledge will be in an upcoming report.

**Rapid Response:** EWDD staff reached out to Macy’s to offer Rapid Response services to an estimated 176 employees who are losing their jobs due to the closure of its Laurel Plaza store in North Hollywood. Formerly a May Company, Macy’s was the flagship of a shopping mall that served residents of the northeast San Fernando Valley for 61 years. Employees were informed of the closure on July 25. Rapid Response staff has offered to set up a meeting with affected employees to inform them of new job opportunities and benefit programs that will help them transition to other employment.



**Girls Who Code training concludes:** The Boyle Heights Technology YouthSource Center this summer hosted its second Girls Who Code workshop. The intensive seven-week program teaches computer coding to high-school-aged girls interested in science and math careers. Sixteen young women completed this year’s program, funded in part through a partnership with IBM. During the classes, students learned various coding languages such as HTML, CSS, Java Script and Python. Through the workshop the girls learned leadership skills, were matched one-on-one with successful women in technology fields, and took field trips to colleges and technology companies to get a feel for the industry. At their June 27 graduation, the girls showcased websites they built as part of their final project. EWDD General Manager Jan Perry was on hand to congratulate this year’s participants and to hand out certificates.

**Hollywood restaurateur secures SBL financing:** Sergio Corbia, co-partner of Fabiolus Cucina, has been working with the Central West BusinessSource Center for over a year to access capital needed for restaurant upgrades. Fabiolus Cucina is located at 6270 Sunset Boulevard in Hollywood, close to the busy ArLight and Pantages theaters. Sergio and his brother, Mauro, are not new to the restaurant industry; Mauro Corbia co-founded Mauro’s Café, a celeb-heavy eatery located in the Fred Segal boutique on Melrose. Fabiolus Cucina specializes in Northern Italian cuisine, including pizzas and housemade pastas. The Corbia brothers submitted an application for a small business loan to renovate their restaurant’s bar and purchase inventory. The Central West BusinessSource Center approved a loan of \$45,000 for the Corbias and Fabiolus Cucina on April 13, 2016.



**Business Source metrics:**

<b>LABSC’s Reporting:</b> Central West, Harbor, North Valley, West Valley, & Mid-City, South Los Angeles, South Valley and Hollywood	
<b>LABSC’s Not Reporting:</b> East Los Angeles	
<b>Pre-Startups Enrolled</b>	26
<b>Pre-Startups Assisted</b>	28
<b>Start-ups/Operating Businesses Enrolled</b>	12
<b>Start-ups/Operating Businesses Assisted</b>	14
<b>Workshops: Number of Clients Attended</b>	44

**Workforce metrics:**

(Arrows indicate weekly trend)

JobsLA (online and mobile)

Page Views  
(Down 13%)



New Visitors  
(Same)



New Sessions  
(Down 3%)



Registrations  
(Up 12%)

WorkSource Centers

Enrollments  
(Up 41%)

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