



**LOS ANGELES RECONNECTIONS CAREER ACADEMY (LARCA) 2.0
JOBS AND EDUCATION PROGRAM
FOR THE CLASS MEMBERS OF THE RODRIGUEZ SETTLEMENT
“Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)”**



1. What is the LARCA 2.0 program?

- a. The City of Los Angeles LARCA 2.0 “Jobs and Education Program” is the job training and readiness program available **exclusively** to Settlement Class Members in the case of “Rodriguez vs. City of Los Angeles,” **Case No. CV 11-01135 DMG (JEMx)**.
- b. All eligible participants will be pre-approved through a court-designated Claims Administrator.

2. What are the qualifying dates for this program?

- a. The Settlement is for four years (2017-2021). Claims forms must be mailed to the Claims Administrator and postmarked on or before August 14, 2020. Funding is limited, on a first-come, first-served basis.

3. What if I think I am eligible for the program but I did not receive a claim form?

- a. Please visit www.gangcase.com to obtain a copy of the claim form. You must submit the claim form to the Claims Administrator, who will review the claim and determine eligibility.
- b. If you have any questions about the settlement benefits or the claim form, please call (310) 997-0380 to speak with attorneys for the class members. You can also visit www.gangcase.com for more information.

4. How do I enroll in the program?

- a. Once you receive your Claim Approval Letter and claim number, you must enroll with one of the participating job assistance centers to access services. The list of LARCA 2.0 service providers is mailed to claimants along with the Claim Approval letter.
- b. For enrollment purposes, participants must have the following:
 - **A Claim Approval/Acceptance Letter with a claim number**
 - **Show a photo ID or other identification to verify their identity**
- c. All personal information provided shall be used solely for the purpose of providing program services and benefits and shall not be shared with any other local, state, or federal law enforcement agencies or personnel or used for any other purpose.

5. What if I lost my Claim Approval Letter?

- a. Please contact the **Claims Administrator** at **(800) 556-4071** to request that another approval letter be sent to you. Alternatively, you may call **(310) 997-0380** to speak with the **attorneys for the class members**.

6. What types of services am I able to receive?

- a. Eligible participants may receive career counseling and case management, support services, vocational training and education, education stipends, subsidized employment, and employment services.
- b. Career coaches will also assist participants with the development of an **Individual Education and Employment Plan (IEEP)**. The IEEP will outline the steps you need to take to achieve your education objectives and employment goals.
- c. In addition, claimants may receive tattoo removal services from **Homeboy Industries** on a first-come, first-served basis or petition for removal from their gang injunction.

7. What happens during my initial visit with the job assistance center?

- a. During your initial visit, a career coach will welcome you to the job center and will conduct a program orientation to inform you about all program services and benefits available to you.
- b. You will complete a basic needs and skills assessment to assess your job skills, education, interests, and aptitudes and to identify and address any barriers that may exist to obtaining education or employment.
- c. You will work with your career coach to formulate your individual education and employment plan, a step-by-step plan of action to reach your education and employment goals.
- d. Once the IEEP is completed, you will have the option to meet with your career coach on a regular basis as part of your career coaching and case management sessions. Your IEEP shall be the main topic of all discussions between you and your assigned career coach or counselor.
- e. If you are unsure of your career goals or are unsure of what type of employment you could qualify for, your career coach will help you with career exploration.



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8. What types of education and vocational training are available?

- a. The program can pay for various training such as basic skills remediation, ESL, career and technical education, college tuition, apprenticeships, on-the-job training, skill upgrading, industry certifications leading to employment or career advancement.
- b. A partial list of available training courses and resource can be found on the California’s Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL). (Visit the CalJobs website at: www.caljobs.ca.gov).

9. How will the program pay for my education or training?

- a. The program funds are paid directly to the selected training vendor or school. A training contract is executed between the service provider and the vendor. Service providers may also be able to provide additional support services such as payment for books, tools, uniforms, etc.

10. How much can I receive for education or for training?

- a. You will need to work with your career coach to develop your Individual Education and Employment Plan. The IEEP will be used to determine the financial assistance needed to achieve your education goals.
- b. All participants are eligible for education stipends up to \$1,000 pursuant to the completion of their education and training milestones. You will work with your career coach to identify your target date for education and training milestone completion.

11. What is the deadline for training completion?

- a. The program is for four years (**2017-2021**). Funding is limited, on a first come, first served basis. Participants are strongly encouraged to enroll in training as soon as possible to ensure availability of funds.

12. Can participants access the education and job training program services regardless of their citizenship status?

- a. Any Settlement class member, regardless of his or her citizenship, is eligible to participate in the jobs and education program, but federal right-to-work requirements will apply to any transitional or paid work experience and/or competitive employment opportunity arising from the program.

13. What types of support services are available?

- a. Program participants may be eligible for support services which may include, but are not limited to, transportation, job-related apparel, tools for a job, child- care and dependent care, and/or other needs-related payments necessary to enable program participation.
- b. Participants may receive up to \$1,000 in support services.

14. What type of job placement assistance is available?

- a. Participants will be trained and placed in competitive employment with the City and the private sector. Industry sectors shall include, but are not limited to, healthcare, advanced/clean manufacturing, construction, financial services, hospitality and entertainment, utilities, green technology, transportation/logistics, information technology (IT) and related services, and other high-demand industry sectors identified locally. Employment services include on-the-job training, paid work experience opportunities for those that have no or limited work experience, and direct job placement.

15. Can participants who are already working receive education benefits and support services?

- a. Already-employed participants may receive educational benefits and up to \$1,000 in job-related support services to assist them in job retention or for career advancement.

16. Will I receive additional career counseling and support after I have secured a job?

- a. Yes, upon successful job placement, your career coach will provide follow-up services to support job stability and to determine if there is a need for additional support services or employment services.

17. Who do I contact if I have a concern or complaint about the program?

- a. You may contact Ricardo Renteria by phone at **(213) 744-9008** or via email at: LARCA2.0Advocacy@lacity.org.