



## News for the Week of February 11, 2019

### VERNON-CENTRAL/LATTC WSC HELPS EX-LIFER FIND FULL-TIME JOB IN TWO WEEKS



*With help from the Vernon-Central/LATTC WorkSource Center and Career Coach Jessica Fuentes (right), David Oliva (left) found a full-time job within two weeks after being release from prison.*

The Vernon-Central/Los Angeles Technical Trade College WorkSource Center provided re-entry worker David Oliva with job search assistance, helping him find a full-time job within two weeks as a tow truck driver. David is an ex-lifer who was incarcerated for more than 20 years. When he came to the WorkSource Center, he was afraid that due to his lack of skills and background it would be nearly impossible for him to gain employment. Vernon-Central/LATTC WSC Career Coach Jessica Fuentes helped David create a resume and practiced responses in anticipation of difficult interview questions. David was diligent

and passionate every step of the way and listened to everything his career coach recommended. All his hard work paid off as in just two weeks, he was offered full time employment as a tow truck driver. The WorkSource Center also offered David additional



assistance providing him with work boots and gloves. David is very excited for the new opportunities he has been presented with and said, “Never give up. Stay motivated.”

## WORKSOURCE & LAUSD HELP JOB SEEKER BECOME PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

In partnership with the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Division of Adult and Career Education (DACE) the Downtown/Pico Union WorkSource Center provided funding for student and job seeker Julie Gutierrez’s training to become a Pharmacy Technician. Julie called the WorkSource Center in April 2018 seeking assistance and was connected with Eleanor Comegys, a DACE Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) Navigator. Eleanor told Julie about the Pharmacy Technician program at Evans Community Adult School (CAS). After enrolling at the WorkSource Center, Julie received funding for her training in August and started the program at Evans. Julie said she appreciated the support she received to excel in the program to balance studying while caring for her three children, including the support she received from Marcella Wong, the WorkSource Center’s Senior Workforce Development Specialist. Julie stated she could not have done the training without the funding she received from the WorkSource Center. Julie completed the program at Evans in January 2019, and she recently passed the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board Exam and has completed her Pharmacy Tech License application. She will soon start a new position as a Pharmacy Technician at CVS.



*The Downtown/Pico Union WorkSource Center provided funding for Julie Gutierrez (center) to receive training to become a Pharmacy Technician. EWDD’s WSC partners with the LAUSD DACE to help job seekers receive training for better paying jobs. Julie poses with WSC Senior Workforce Development Specialist Marcella Wong (left) and DACE WIOA Navigator Eleanor Comegys (right).*

## NEARLY 100 JOB SEEKERS ATTEND RECENT BI-WEEKLY CRCD RECRUITMENT EVENT



*Nearly 92 job seekers attended a late January 2019 “Opportunity Thursday” recruitment event held at the Vernon-Central/LATTC WSC, overseen by EWDD partner CRCD.*

Approximately 92 job seekers recently attended the bi-weekly Opportunity Thursday recruitment event held at the Vernon-Central/Los Angeles Trade Technical College WorkSource Center, overseen by EWDD partner Coalition for Responsible Community Development (CRCD). Eight employers from various industries were represented, including the Broad Museum and SP+ Parking, who was hiring parking attendants and cashiers for Dodger Stadium. CRCD hosts the event every other Thursday from 12 pm to 3 pm at the WSC and participation is available to all employers with job openings.

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**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	23
Microenterprise assisted	61
Small businesses enrolled	7
Small businesses assisted	26
Number of BSC clients who attended workshops	150

**WORKFORCE METRICS:**

*(arrows indicate weekly trend)*

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



729 Registrations  
15% ↓

**WorkSource Centers**



1,613 Enrollments  
8% ↓

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