



NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 25, 2020

As COVID-19 restrictions lessen somewhat, EWDD's BusinessSource, WorkSource and YouthSource Centers are continuing to provide services to the City's small businesses, job seekers and youth as Angelenos transition to the new normal. In April 2020, approximately **401,300 Angelenos were unemployed in the City of Los Angeles**, reflecting a **20.7 percent unemployment rate**, according to figures recently released by the California Employment Development Department (CA EDD). The pandemic's economic impact has affected every major industry sector in LA County, reducing employment in the region by 685,000 jobs, a figure reflecting the "largest month-over employment downturn in contemporary record-keeping," according to CA EDD. In comparison, the previous largest month-over employment decline was 127,900 jobs in January 2009, during the Great Recession.

Since mid-March, EWDD's Rapid Response Team has provided **1,873 virtual training sessions** in English and Spanish to help Angelenos navigate the process of filing Unemployment Insurance (UI), and connect with other resources. The team has received reports that **560 businesses**, some with multiple locations, have closed in the City of LA during this health crisis, impacting roughly **98,000 employees**. EWDD's WorkSource Centers are also working tirelessly to assist Angelenos whose livelihoods were impacted by COVID-19.

EWDD's Economic Development Division continues to work non-stop to process applications to the City's Small Business Emergency Microloan Program, and within the last week application requirements have been eased to allow greater access to the program. "The wire transfer for our emergency loan has been deposited into our business account, and will help us tremendously. Thank you very much for all your help," said a gallery owner who recently received a Microloan.

[LINKS to COVID-19 RESOURCES](#) [JOB RESOURCES](#)

Virtual Orientations: bit.ly/LAjoblosshelp

[BUSINESS RESOURCES](#)

Small Business Emergency Microloan: LAMayor.org/loan

Microloan Application: bit.ly/EWDDC-19BusinessLoan

LA CARES CORPS: coronavirus.lacity.org/CARESCorps

Small Business Resilience Toolkit: bit.ly/LABusinessToolkit

BUSINESSSOURCE CENTERS: bit.ly/LABusinessSource

WORKSOURCE CENTERS: bit.ly/EWDDWorkSource

YOUTHSOURCE CENTERS: bit.ly/EWDDYouthSource

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ASSISTING JOB SEEKERS DURING THE CORONAVIRUS**VERNON-CENTRAL/LATTC WSC HELPS CLIENT ENTER CONSTRUCTION TRADE**

The Vernon-Central/Los Angeles Trade Technical College WorkSource Center, operated by EWDD partner Coalition for Responsible Community Development (CRCD), provided financial guidance and job training to Eduardo, helping him become a Carpenter's Union apprentice and find work during the COVID-19 pandemic. Eduardo (left) first learned about the CRCD-run WorkSource Center (WSC) and Financial Opportunity Center (FOC) at a job fair. After a run-in with the law, Eduardo enrolled in the center's programs in an effort to transform his life by getting his finances in order and pursuing a career. Eduardo credited the WSC for providing him a support system and encouraging him to take OSHA training, which led to a career in the construction trades. "I was lost until someone decided to take a chance on me and ask me questions about what I wanted to do and not what I should do," he said. "I like that there are so many programs to assist you. I never knew things like this existed. I thought I was truly alone. They helped point me in the right direction." Eduardo started a job earlier this

month, where he wears a mask on-site. He said he is excited about working as a carpenter in a growing field and is happy about having a trade. He also praised the WSC team for providing assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic. "I appreciated that the FOC was always in contact with me during the coronavirus," he said. "They told me about resources that were available and told me about saving my money for an emergency. I was able to get into the carpenters union and get a job."

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

RAPID RESPONSE LAYOFF ASSISTANCE (COVID-19) From March 16, 2020 to-date	
Number of WARN notices received	560
Number of employees impacted in City of Los Angeles (cumulative)	98,163
Number of Virtual Rapid Response Orientations held to-date	1,873

WORKSOURCE CENTER CONTACT PERFORMANCE (COVID-19) May 18, 2020 to May 22, 2020	
Number of walk-ins	1,145
Number of walk-ins by appointment	684
Number of call/emails	4,110
Number of calls regarding UI	2,156

YOUTHSOURCE CENTER CONTACT PERFORMANCE (COVID-19) May 18, 2020 to May 22, 2020	
Number of walk-ins	244
Number of appointments	441
Number of calls received	1,153
Number of clients contacted	3,176

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

LOS ANGELES BUSINESSSOURCE CENTERS (LABSCs) METRICS	
LABSCs Reporting: North Valley, West Valley, South Valley, South LA, East LA, Mid City, Central West, Hollywood and Harbor	
Microenterprise assisted	156
Microenterprise enrolled	20
Small businesses assisted*	55
Small businesses enrolled	6
Number of BSC Clients who attended virtual workshops	32

**Compared to a pre COVID-19 weekly average number of 23*

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