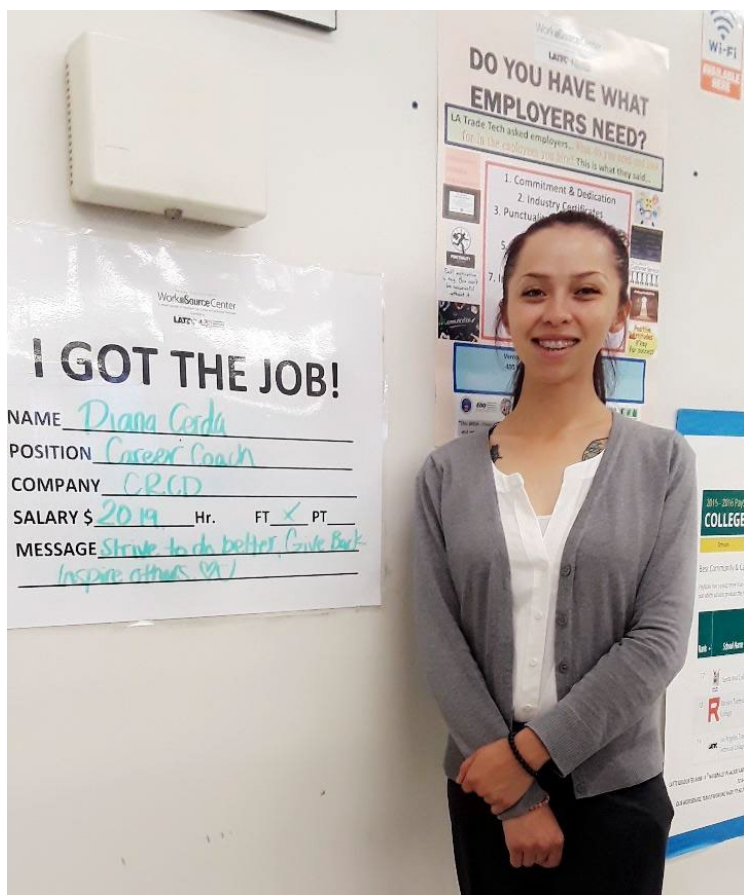




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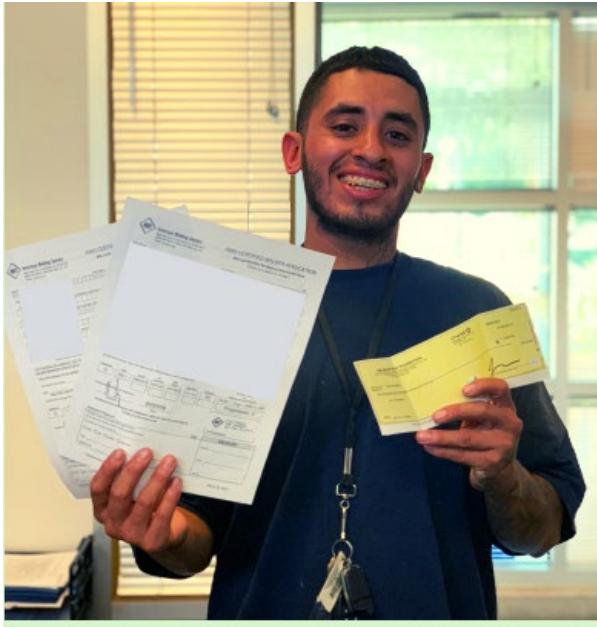
FORMERLY HOMELESS SINGLE MOM FINDS JOB AT VERNON-CENTRAL/LATTC WSC



The Vernon-Central/Los Angeles Technical Trade College (LATTC) WorkSource Center recently hired participant Diana to work as a career coach, a role that will allow her to help other people facing barriers similar to the ones she had experienced. After her father passed away, Diana was 17-years old when she faced the choice of continuing her education or going to work. She chose to enter the workforce and along the way, managed to earn her high school diploma. She said she reached the lowest point in her life when she found herself homeless with a three-week-old son. Through various social service agencies, Diana was able to find housing and was placed as an administrative assistant at the Vernon-Central/LATTC WorkSource Center. She recently applied and was hired to work as a career coach. “No matter what happens in life, don’t give up,” she said. “No matter how hard life may seem, there will always be someone looking up to you. For me it was my son. For you, it can be anyone. It can be your child, your little brother or your little sister. So, be the best you that you can be.”

COMPASS ROSE COLLABORATIVE CELEBRATES PARTICIPANT ACHIEVEMENTS

The City of Los Angeles was one of three cities awarded a grant in 2018 from the US Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration (DOL-ETA) for the Compass Rose Collaborative (CRC) young adult re-entry program. The CRC program, offered at the Boyle Heights Technology YouthSource Center, provides six weeks of training. Participants earn a Labor Ready Apprentice Certificate along with certificates in MultiCraft Core (MC3), OSHA10, CPR, Forklift, Hazardous Waste Operations, and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER). Below are two of the latest CRC participant success stories.



JUAN (above) - CRC participant Juan recently visited the program's offices to show his welding certificates. Juan completed a 16-week welding certification program from the American Welding Society. CRC also surprised Juan with a check that he earned from a 120-hour paid internship at Reignite Hope, a training program that provides job skills to re-entry and formerly homeless individuals

CRC WOOLSEY FIRE CLEAN-UP CREW
Participants Adrian, Alejandro, Angel, Bryce and Marlo were hired in July 2019 as a clean-up crew for the Woolsey Fire, a destructive wildfire that scorched more than 98,000 acres in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. The CRC crew is assigned to restoration efforts in Malibu. Their employer said that "This CRC crew has been one of the strongest crews out in Malibu." Approximately 10 participants are working with EWDD partner Managed Career Solutions (MCS) on restoration efforts for the Woolsey and Creek Fires. Clean-up efforts are funded by the National Dislocated Worker Grant (NDWG) to provide eligible workers to assist with clean-up and recovery efforts in areas impacted by the 2018 megafire disasters.

EAST LA BSC HELPS ENTREPRENEUR LAUNCH DTLA RESTAURANT, PLANS TO EXPAND



The East Los Angeles BusinessSource Center (BSC) has provided ongoing business consulting to entrepreneur Ramon Sanchez, from helping him launch his Mexican Grill restaurant, to current efforts to obtain an entertainment and alcohol license. The East LA BSC began working with Ramon in 2017 by providing extensive business coaching. Additional services included financial planning, business plan development, business acquisition advisory services, lease negotiation services, and obtaining necessary licenses and permits with the City of Los Angeles and Health Department. These efforts resulted in the 2017 opening of Mexican Grill in Downtown LA. The East LA BSC is currently in the process of assisting Ramon with applications for an entertainment and alcohol license. Ramon's restaurant currently has 12

full time employees, with plans to hire additional staff once it expands to include the entertainment and alcohol portion of the business.

BUSINESS METRICS:

LABSCs Reporting:	North Valley, West Valley, South Valley, South LA, East LA, Mid City, Central West, Hollywood and Harbor
Microenterprise enrolled	10
Microenterprise assisted	68
Small businesses enrolled	0
Small businesses assisted	11
Number of BSC clients who attended workshops	30

WORKFORCE METRICS:

(arrows indicate weekly trend)

CalJobs *(online and mobile)*



821
Registrations
21%

WorkSource Centers



1,401
Enrollments
2%

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