

# BOYLE HEIGHTS TECHNOLOGY YOUTHSOURCE CENTER MONTHLY REPORT

*January 2016*

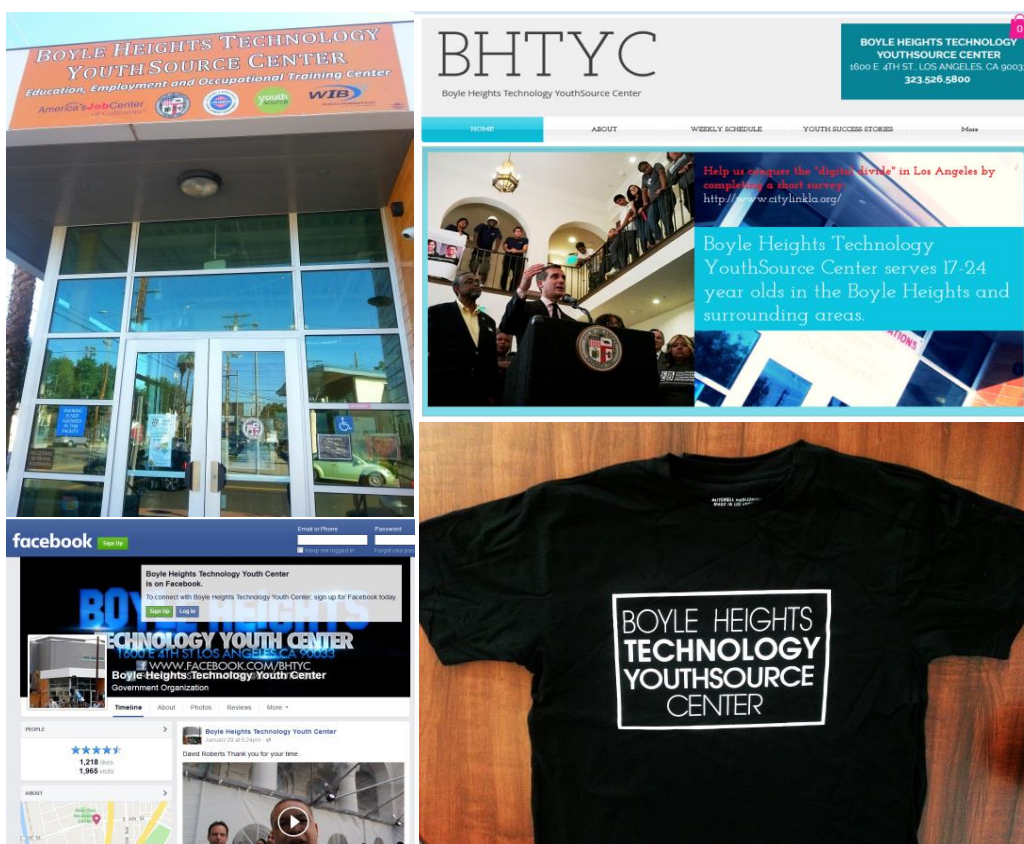


## NUMBER OF SIGN-INS

- 2,063 guests signed in during the month of January 2016.

## GAPS, CHALLENGES, ISSUES

- **Issue:** We've been in need of a graphic designer and marketing specialist to develop more tools for outreach as well as highlight all the great programs offered at the Tech Center. Unfortunately hiring a trained professional is not an option in the foreseeable future.  
**Solution:** Using our in-house staff (with no marketing background) we have been making the best of our resources and will continue to do so. We currently have a website, Facebook page, Prezi presentation, program flyers, banners, T-shirts as well as a report we produce and share each month. Some new items we're working on include a BHTYC promo video, marketing packets, more flyers, posters, signage, etc. Our goal is to create a recognizable brand in the community, also recognized by service providers, employers and funders.

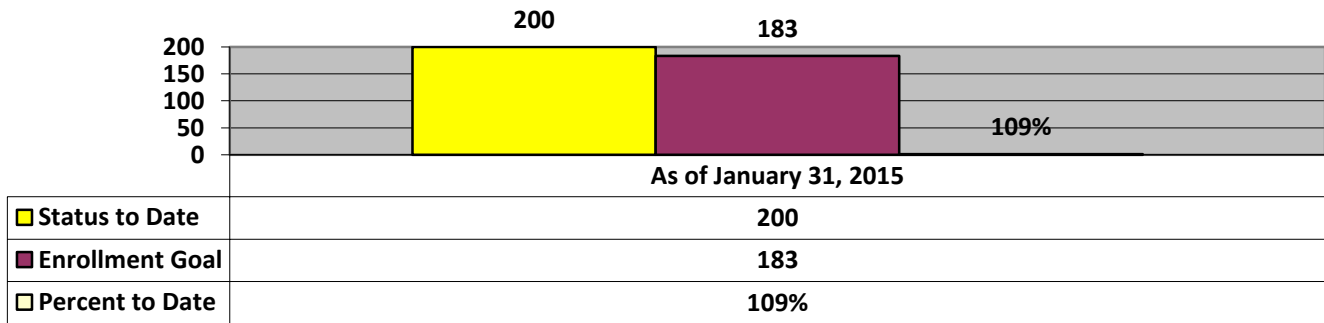


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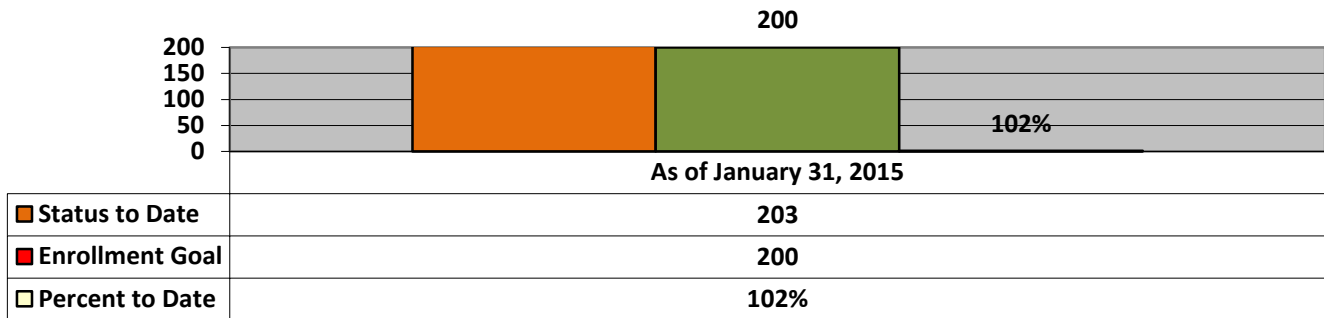
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## Grant Performance Updates

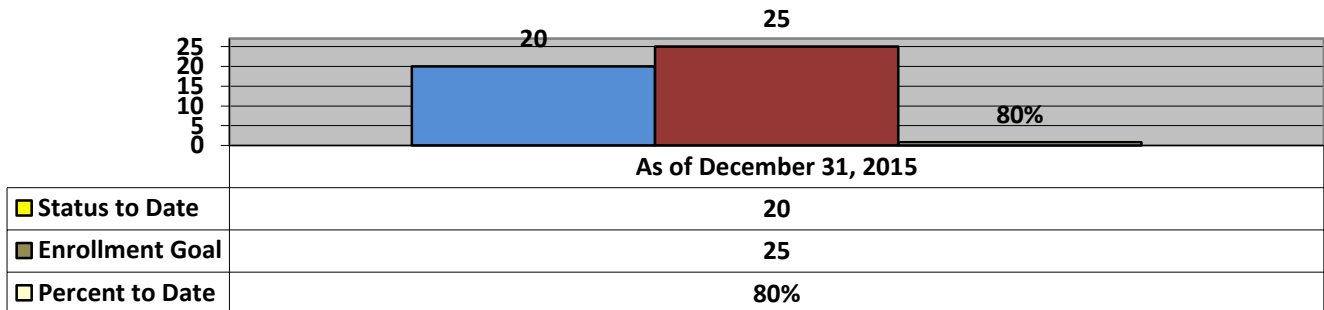
### Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) Enrollment Status



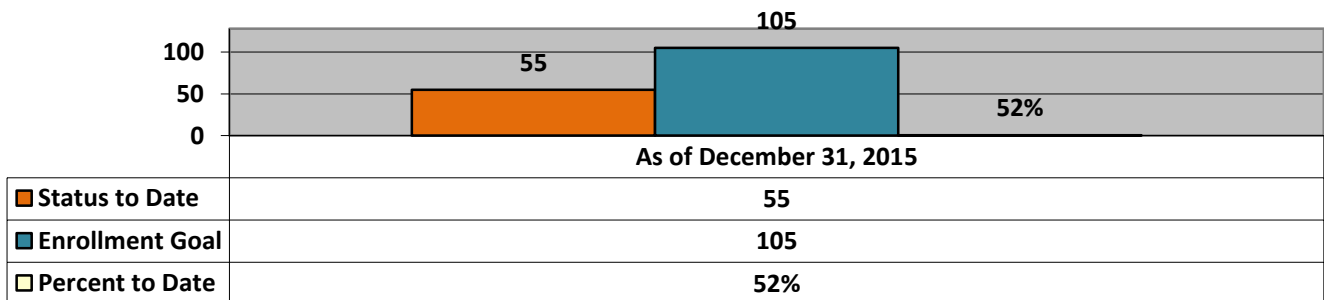
### LA Reconnections Career Academy (LARCA) Enrollment Status



### High Risk High Need (HRHN) Enrollment Status



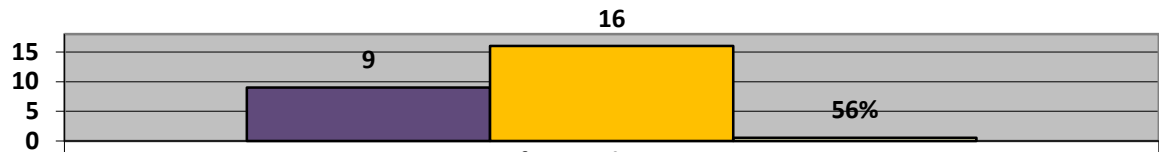
### General Fund (GF) Enrollment Status



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## Youth Opportunity Intensive Transition (YOIT) Enrollment Status



As of December 31, 2015

Status to Date	9
Enrollment Goal	16
Percent to Date	56%

## Second Chance Grant



As of January 31, 2015

Status to Date	35
Enrollment Goal	35
Percent to Date	100%

## EDUCATION/OCCUPATIONAL SKILLS TRAINING



- The Boyle Heights Technology YouthSource Center is very proud of the sixteen young men and women who recently participated in the Five Keys Charter School Winter graduation ceremony. It took place on January 14th and was held at the East Los Angeles College Weingart Auditorium. A total of 101 students from various Five Keys Charter sites graduated on this special day. Five Keys Charter is the alternative high school that is onsite at the Tech center. A week before the graduation ceremony, students and parents were invited to participate in a celebration event at the Tech Center. Graduating students received certificates of achievement and their parents were also honored. Everybody at the Boyle Heights Technology Center is extremely proud of all of the graduates.

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- On January 25<sup>th</sup>, Security Guard Card Training was offered to our WIOA youth participants. C.A.S. & Sons Protective Group provided a free training for 20 of our participants. For those seriously interested in pursuing security positions, the WIOA team is currently working on securing funds to pay for the Department of Justice background check and Live Scan. Our team is also working on hosting a security, law enforcement, military and protective services job fair in the coming weeks to take place at the Tech Center.

## WORK READINESS/SUBSIDIZED & UNSUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT

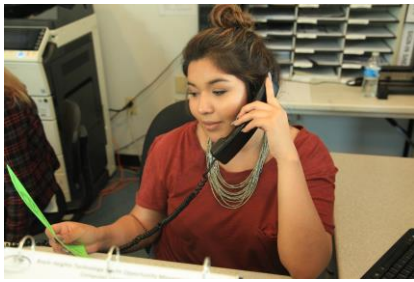


- WIOA participants are eligible for a internship upon successful completion of the Work Readiness Training, attending Internship Preparation meetings, maintaining school enrollment (based on Individual Strategic Plan (ISP)) and completion of a certification inline with their ISP. Through the internship program, youth obtain the following:
  - Obtain Career-Related Experience
  - Develop Employability Skills
  - Develop Transferable Skills
  - Explore Professional Interests
  - Enhance Personal Development
  - Generate Employment Opportunities
  - Make Valuable Contacts and References
  - Develop a Professional Portfolio

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Our interns are currently placed at:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Aztec Rising</li> <li>▪ Boys &amp; Girls Club</li> <li>▪ BHTYC Street Team</li> <li>▪ CALO Youth Building</li> <li>▪ City Attorney</li> <li>▪ Euclid Elementary School</li> <li>▪ Good Samaritan Hospital</li> <li>▪ Hollenbeck Palms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ House of Trophies</li> <li>▪ J &amp; K Services</li> <li>▪ LAPD – Hollenbeck Station</li> <li>▪ Lincoln Park Recreation &amp; Parks</li> <li>▪ Payless Shoe Stores</li> <li>▪ Printing Services</li> <li>▪ Roosevelt High School</li> <li>▪ Proyecto Pastoral</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ IMPACTO</li> <li>▪ Roybal FamilySource Center</li> <li>▪ Salesian Family Center</li> <li>▪ Variety Boys &amp; Girls Club</li> <li>▪ VELA</li> <li>▪ Walgreens</li> <li>▪ Warehouse Shoe Sale</li> </ul>
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*\*Interns earn \$1,200 for working 120 hours*

## SPECIAL EVENTS/ACTIVITIES/INITIATIVES



- A couple of years ago, a few of the students from the Tech Center had reached out to Councilmember Jose Huizar's office with recommendations on how to make 4th Street and the surrounding area of the Tech Center safer. This month, a new traffic light was

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installed to mitigate traffic concerns at that intersection in anticipation of the 6th St. Bridge closure in February. A ceremony to celebrate the new traffic light on 4th and Pecan Streets was held on January 14th. Councilmember Huizar and his staff, City Planners and Bureau of Engineering staff, Five Keys Charter School students, LAPD, Tech Center Staff and community members were all present to mark the occasion.



- On January 16th, the Tech Center filmed scenes to highlight the center's programs and activities. These scenes will be put together for a promotional video to be used for outreach and marketing purposes. Staff and youth participated by serving as actors, extras and offering assistance during the filming.

The finished product will be added to our website, social media outlets and shared with visitors that tour our facility.

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- Five Keys Charter School hosted their Open House on January 21<sup>st</sup>. The Tech Center The youth programs of Five Keys LA hosted two nights of Open House for parents and students of Boyle Heights Youth Technology Center and Para Los Ninos. Attendance hit record highs, with over 70 parents and students in attendance. Five Keys staff provided classroom tours, presentations on our first community college co-enrollment program for construction engineering, youth policies unique to our sites, and upcoming training, events and field trips.

The highlight of the evening was parents having an open forum with teachers and staff while students earned Five Keys elective credits participating in an education plan workshop. Each parent left understanding services available to their students. Each student left with a detailed education plan which they created and a projected graduation date!



- On January 22<sup>nd</sup>, EWDD Youth Development Staff Kendra Madrid, Frank Meir and Shatana Bacon provided a performance and evaluation training to the WIOA Case Managers from Boyle Heights Technology YouthSource Center and the Watts YouthSource Center. Both sites offered support and encouragement to one another in an effort to meet and exceed the program goals set for this year. Special thanks to the EWDD staff for their time and technical assistance provided to both teams.

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- Therapists from El Centro de Ayuda provided 19 WIOA participants assessments to determine if additional services and support would be needed. The assessments took place on January 23rd at BHTYC. Recommendations from the assessments have been shared with their respective Case Managers. Starting in February, El Centro de Ayuda will be offering an Emotional Wellness support group weekly at our center. The group will give WIOA participants the opportunity and space to let their voice be heard without judgement. Topics include but are not limited to: Communication skills, developing healthy relationships and safe sex, substance education, bullying, LGBT awareness and self-esteem and body image awareness.



- On Thursday, January 21st, five teachers and 25 students from Para Los Ninos and Boyle Heights Technology Youth Center met at the Museum of Tolerance for a guided tour focusing on the Holocaust. The three hour tour started with a guest speaker of the museum who had survived the Holocaust and over the course of the visit students were able to watch videos, reenactments, and participate in activities that helped them understand the importance of this historical event. It was a great experience for all that attended and the students were so thrilled to have had the chance to go on this trip. Thank you to everyone that made it possible!

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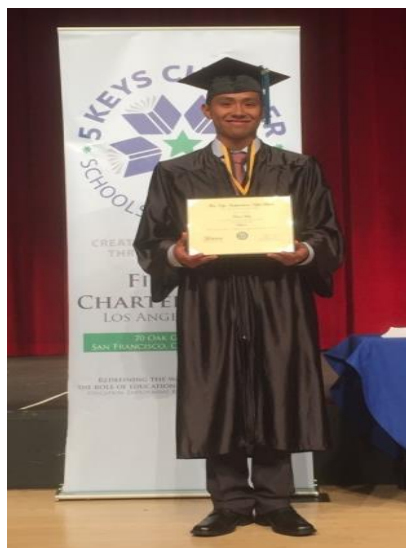


## MISCELLANEOUS



- Five Keys Charter School initiated their first ever Student Council. The council will be electing officers, raising money to host prom by selling Valentine's grams and planning a prom for Five Keys students in May or June. The Council is advised by Samantha Maynard who is also the English Teacher. The group has decided on the following focus/goals:  
1) Strengthen student involvement in activities and opportunities offered by both 5Keys and BHYTC; 2) "Get the word out" about the school, and the programs the center offers; 3) Act as Peer Mentors for other students; 4) Create opportunities for programs students are interested in being part of (i.e., breakdancing); 5) Developing a more cohesive/ community-based student body; and 6) Promote school pride and the Boyle Heights Tech Center. Positivity is contagious!

## SUCCESS STORY OF THE MONTH: Kevin Velez









- Kevin Velez was one of the honored graduates who recently participated in the Five Keys Charter School Winter graduation ceremony. In 2015, he came to the Tech center as an LAUSD non-grad. He received a letter from PSA Counselor, Sara Puma informing him of the opportunities that the Tech Center was offering. This included help with earning his high school diploma as well as to prepare him for the workforce. Kevin enrolled in the WIA program and was often encouraged and guided by his Career Coach, Marie Rodriguez to reach his goals. There were many obstacles that often got in the way of Kevin's school attendance throughout his journey, but Kevin's perseverance paid off. He is now looking forward to working in a paid internship and eventually plans to enroll in community college.

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## ONSITE PARTNERS

Partner Name	Dates/Time	Description of Services
Antioch University 	Monday & Wednesdays: 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Free college courses offered to low-income adults in Los Angeles, at no cost to students. Bridge students earn up to fifteen units of college credit while studying philosophy, literature, art history, and writing over a nine-month period.
El Centro De Ayuda 	By appointment	Offers comprehensive array of counseling and psychotherapy services to youth ages 16-24 and FamilySource referrals and services.
The RightWay Foundation 	Tuesdays & Thursdays 11:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Foster youth wrap-around services including counseling, training, support services and employment.
LA Unified School District 	Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 12:00 pm	Continuation high school for ages 16-24, providing assistance in recovering high school credits and preparing for GED, HiSET and CAHSEE. Pupil Service Attendance Counselors conduct student intakes, assessments and determine appropriate interventions.
5 Keys Charter School 	Monday - Friday: 10:30 am - 5:00 pm	Public charter high school for ages 17-24. Offers direct instruction to assist students in obtaining a high school diploma.
Cingular Staffing 	Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00 – 5:30 p.m.	Onsite interviews and employment offers for ages 18+ in the following industries: food production, general labor, distribution, manufacturing, restaurants and the garment industry.

## ONSITE MONTHLY ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

Council District	Date & Time	Event/Activity	Location	Lead Contact
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CD 14	Mon & Thurs 2:00 p.m.	RightWay WRC	Boyle Heights Technology YouthSource	Franco Vega
CD 14	Tues – Thurs 3:00 p.m.	Music Production Class	Boyle Heights Technology YouthSource	Joe Diaz
CD 14	Tuesdays & Thursdays	Breakdancing Sessions	Boyle Heights Technology YouthSource	Joe Diaz
CD 14	Every Friday	ACES Class by ELAC	Boyle Heights Technology YouthSource	Joe Diaz
CD 14	1/8/2016	5 Keys Culmination	BHTYC	Noel Scott
CD 14	1/11/2016	Dress For Success Event	Dress For Success HQ	MaryD Miller
CD 14	1/14/2016	4 <sup>th</sup> St/Pecan St Press Event	4 <sup>th</sup> & Pecan, Boyle Heights	Joe Diaz
CD 14	1/16/2016	BHTYC Promo Video Shoot	Boyle Heights Technology YouthSource	David Veran
CD 14	1/21/2016	Museum of Tolerance Field Trip	Museum of Tolerance	Noel Scott
CD 14	1/21/2016	5 Keys Open House Event	Boyle Heights Technology YouthSource	Noel Scott
CD 14	1/21/2016	WIOA Internship Orientation	Boyle Heights Technology YouthSource	Victor Gutierrez
CD 14	1/22/2016	Innersight Experience	Boyle Heights Technology YouthSource	Antonio Aguilar
CD 14	1/22/2016	WIOA Team Planning/ Training	Boyle Heights Technology YouthSource	Andrea Angulo

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CD 14	1/23/2016	El Centro De Ayuda Assessments	Boyle Heights Technology YouthSource	Marie Landeros
CD 14	1/25/2016	Guard Card Training	Boyle Heights Technology YouthSource	Tanisha Wilson
CD 14	1/25/2016	Siatech College Tour of ELAC	ELAC	Marie Landeros
CD 14	1/26/2016	WIOA Internship Orientation	Boyle Heights Technology YouthSource	Victor Gutierrez
CD 14	1/27/2016	WIOA Internship Orientation	Boyle Heights Technology YouthSource	Victor Gutierrez

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