

BOYLE HEIGHTS TECHNOLOGY YOUTHSOURCE CENTER MONTHLY REPORT

November and December 2015



NUMBER OF SIGN-INS

- 1,664 guests signed in during the month of November and 1,548 during the month of December 2015.

GAPS, CHALLENGES, ISSUES

- **Issue:** Youth who utilize our center come with many barriers, one being the need for individual therapy/mental health services. A high percentage of our participants have experienced various types of trauma and need trained professionals to provide proper care and treatment. Unfortunately, due to lack of funds we were unable to fund El Centro De Ayuda through the first half of the program year to provide such services.



Pictured from left to right:
LaKeiya Patterson, Andraya Slyter & Ashley Garcia.

Solution: The RightWay Foundation has secured interns who are able to provide individual therapy to our participants. Under Rightway Foundation's Andraya Slyter's supervision, LaKeiya Patterson (MSW Intern) and Ashley Garcia (BSW Intern) are a leveraged resource for our program. Ms. Patterson provides individual therapy and Ms. Garcia provides case management and employment services. This has been an invaluable resource for our participants.

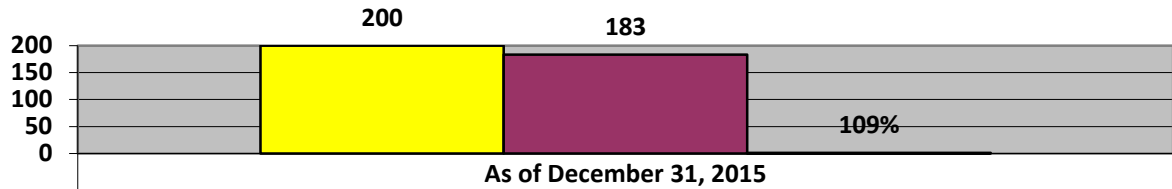
The RightWay Foundation became an onsite partner in 2015. RightWay Foundation's mission is to strive to help current and emancipated foster youth move from a point of pain and disappointment to a point of power, productivity, and self-sufficiency. Their vision is to revolutionize the delivery of mental health services and job readiness training to foster care youth and build a strong cycle of Foster Care Transitional Age Youth (TAY) who are self-sufficient and career/college bound. We have referred eligible youth to their program and vice versa. They have been a wonderful addition to the Tech Center's array of service providers.

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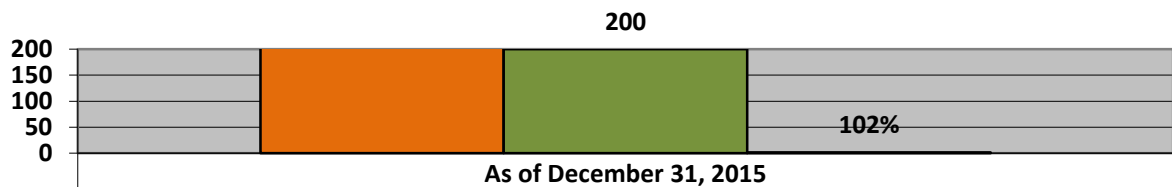
Grant Performance Updates

Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Enrollment Status



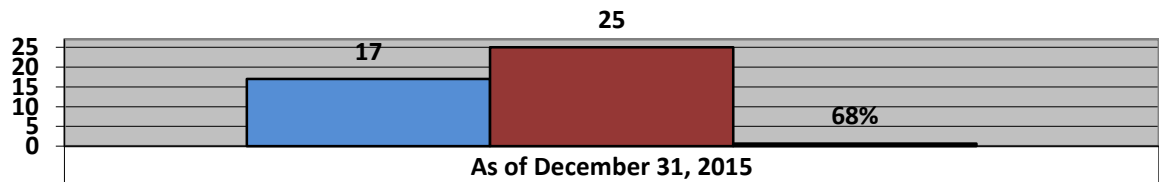
Status to Date	200
Enrollment Goal	183
Percent to Date	109%

LA Reconnections Career Academy (LARCA) Enrollment Status



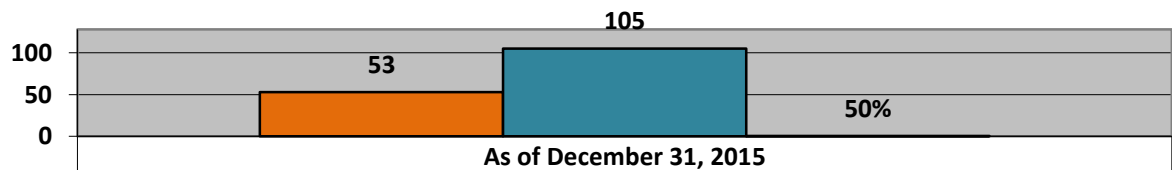
Status to Date	203
Enrollment Goal	200
Percent to Date	102%

High Risk High Need (HRHN) Enrollment Status



Status to Date	17
Enrollment Goal	25
Percent to Date	68%

General Fund (GF) Enrollment Status

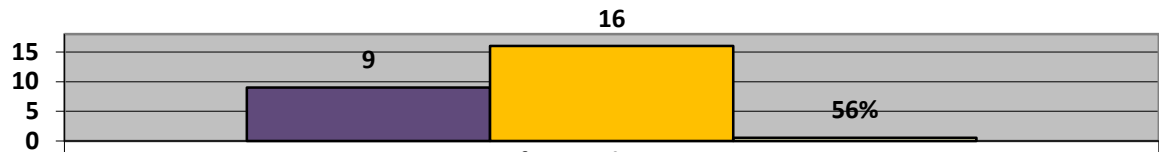


Status to Date	53
Enrollment Goal	105
Percent to Date	50%

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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 December 31, 2015

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

EDUCATION/OCCUPATIONAL SKILLS TRAINING



- The Boyle Heights Technology YouthSource Center partnered with Five Keys Charter School in August 2014 to offer an "in-house" alternative high school program for out-of-school youth. In recent months a new team of administrators and teachers have been added to their team (see photo above). Currently Five Keys offer a direct instruction and Independent Study program to approximately 150 students. Most of the students are co-enrolled in the BHTYC and receive employment training, college training/credits, internships and support services.

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Over the last year student enrollment has increased by 60%. What is more impressive is our graduates. Together, Five Keys and BHTYC have supported and cheered on 30 high school graduates. Currently, an additional 22 students are completing final units to graduate January 2016. Five Keys is proud to be part of the incredible work being done at Boyle Heights Technical YouthSource Center. Together, we are creating opportunities for our students!



- On December 5, 2016, an orientation was held at the Boyle Heights Technology YouthSource Center for those youth interested in becoming Certified Nursing Assistants. The orientation was conducted by New Regal Health Careers, and perspective participants were tested to determine eligibility. All those in attendance passed their test, those participants that were in attendance are part of the third quarter LARCA program. Classes are scheduled to begin December 8th 2016.



- Money Smarts training is led by representatives from Wells Fargo Bank where students learn the basics of handling their money and finances, including how to create positive relationships with financial institutions. The training includes engaging activities designed to teach the participants about "paying yourself first," "wants versus needs," and other important lessons. These lessons are valuable since most of the WIOA participants will be or have started their stipend internships.

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- On November 11, a CPR & 1st Aid Training was offered at the Tech Center. The training vendor, Medics on the Move, has successfully trained many of our participants in the past. Many of the youth actually enjoy their training because most of it is hands-on. All those who completed the full day training received their CPR/AED certificates.



- On November 16, we offered a Guard Card Training for our WIOA youth participants who expressed an interest in applying for security jobs. C.A.S. & Sons Protective Group, a new community based training partner, provided a free training for 25 of our participants.



- 12/4/15 InnerSight Experience trainings took place at the Tech Center to provide youth with a comprehensive career exploration opportunity. At this session, Innersight facilitators provided the participants a personal guide booklet with the results of their interest and preference inventory. Through this session, the youth are able to identify interests, how they prefer to work, learn, lead, take risks and work on teams. Most importantly, they are able to explore job and career opportunities that are the best fit for them.

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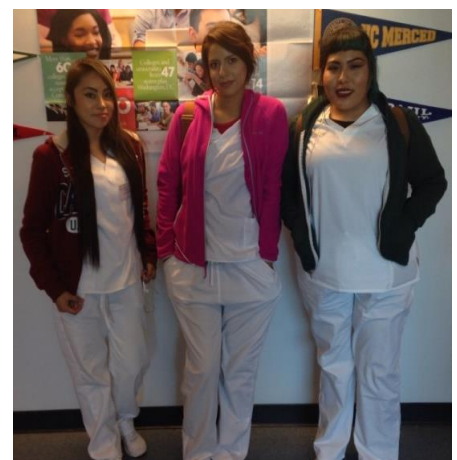
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- The Tech Center launched the 2nd cohort of the BankWork\$ program, an 8-week intense training facilitated by the Jewish Vocational Services (JVS) targeting those interested in careers in banking. Participants are required to arrive on time and professionally dressed every day as if they are working. Upon completion of the program all participants will attend a culmination event where employers line up ready to interview qualified applicants.



- Through a partnership with Una Familia Sin Fronteras Foundation, an initiative of Liberty Tax Service, a free Certified Tax Preparer class was offered at the Tech Center. Students participated in a 10-week class where they received assistance in preparing for the state certification exam. Upon completion, students attained a certificate of completion, state certification, an internship and job placement assistance at a Liberty Tax Service location for the upcoming tax season.
- On December 12, three students from the LARCA 3rd cohort began their classes to become Certified Nursing Assistants. They are scheduled to complete their courses and take the State Exam in the second week of January. After completion of the program, each of these students will have an opportunity to be placed at a job. These students have chosen this career path as a foundation towards becoming a Registered Nurse. All three of these students will also be graduating from Five Keys Charter School this January and each will be receiving their high school diploma.



From left to right: Julissa Gomez, Melissa Chavez and Susan Flores

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WORK READINESS/SUBSIDIZED & UNSUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT



- After completing Work Readiness Training and attending Internship Preparation meetings, WIOA participants are placed in paid internships to gain valuable work experience and exposure to a career field. The collage above are some of our youth at “work.”

The success of our internship program is the work experience our interns gain. This will assist them later in their perspective job interviews, resume preparation and preparing them for the world of work. Also, we cannot describe how the investment of stipends have positively impacted our participants and their families.

The following is a list of worksites our interns are currently placed at:

- Aztec Rising
- Boys & Girls Club
- BHTYC Street Team
- CALO Youth Building
- City Attorney
- Euclid Elementary School
- Good Samaritan Hospital
- Hollenbeck Palms

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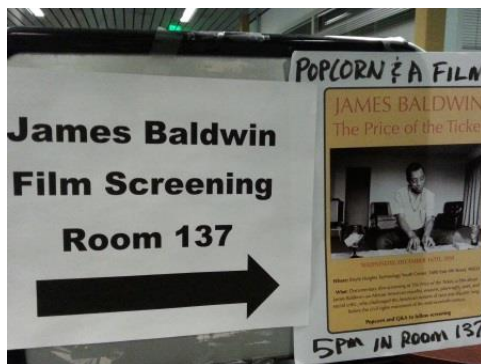
- House of Trophies
- J & K Services
- LAPD – Hollenbeck Station
- Lincoln Park Recreation & Parks
- Payless Shoe Stores
- Printing Services
- Roosevelt High School
- Proyecto Pastoral – IMPACTO
- Roybal FamilySource Center
- Salesian Family Center
- Variety Boys & Girls Club
- VELA
- Walgreens
- Warehouse Shoe Sale

*Interns earn \$1,080 for working 120 hours



- A Work Readiness Certification training was provided by the Los Angeles Trade Technical College. Our center is committed to help prepare youth to get, keep and excel at a new job. In the training, participants learn about basic employability skills which include effective communication, problem solving, resume building, and interviewing. Through this training and participation in the stipend internship program, participants develop good work habits that facilitate their ongoing success.

SPECIAL EVENTS/ACTIVITIES/INITIATIVES



- In collaboration with Antioch University Bridge Program, the Tech Center hosted a movie screening on December 16th. The documentary "The Price of the Ticket," is about James Baldwin, an African American novelist, essayist, playwright, poet and social critic, who challenged the American notions of race and equality long before the civil rights movement of the mid-twentieth century. Patrons enjoyed popcorn and a Q & A session followed the screening. Antioch University will be offering special events to bring cultural awareness on a quarterly basis at the Tech Center.

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- On November 7th, our center hosted the Mayor's "Not Your Typical" Job Fair. This event was sponsored by Mayor Garcetti's Office of Economic Development to raise awareness of the opportunities in the shared economy industry. Job seekers were able to meet with representatives from over 15 companies for jobs that offered flexibility and the opportunity to be one's own boss. We had over 200 people in attendance who enjoyed learning about this new emerging industry, meeting with company representatives, connecting with community based organizations and enjoying lunch offered by local food trucks.

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ANNUAL BOYLE HEIGHTS TECHNOLOGY YOUTH CENTER HOLIDAY DINNER



- On December 14, 2015, the Tech Center hosted its annual Holiday Dinner for our youth and their families. There was lots of delicious food provided by El Mercado Restaurant, clothes and houseware goods provided by TJ Maxx, and plenty of toys for all the kids presented by our very own Santa (Joe Diaz). Our onsite Charter School, 5 Keys, presented youth with achievement awards and everyone enjoyed the holiday music, decorations and festive atmosphere.

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MISCELLANEOUS



- On December 12, the Tech Center hosted the local region EDD team for their staff development day. Our team presented about the Tech Center and our array of services. The plan is to collaborate more with EDD in 2016 and includes co-locating an EDD staff at the Tech Center within the first quarter.



- On November 17, the Tech Center staff and onsite partner agencies enjoyed a Thanksgiving Potluck to celebrate the Holidays. There was lots of great food, fun and fellowship. A couple youth participants also shared their testimonies, which reinforced how important our service is to countless lives we impact each year.



- We received 50 tickets to the Justin Bieber CD release party held at the Staples Center compliments of LA Live/AEG. Our participants thoroughly enjoyed themselves along with thousands of screaming fans!

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- Our annual Staff Holiday party took place at the Dragon Restaurant in Los Angeles. It was a wonderful time to celebrate and reflect on the past year's accomplishments. Staff had a blast as they sang to the Beach Boys as a team as well as with fellow decade-born teammates in a singing competition. We even had an impromptu performance by an LAPD officer that rocked the house. All who participated wore a Flannel shirt, exchanged gifts and played a variety of games. We even raffled off a Christmas tree laced with money (congrats to Lisa Salazar!). The laughter that filled the room was a clear sign that all were Merry and Bright!

SUCCESS STORY OF THE MONTH: Pablo Gomez & Maria Gomez



- Pablo Gomez joined our program after he received a letter from Ms. Sara Puma, our onsite LAUSD PSA Counselor, offering him services at our office. Pablo was a 2015 high school dropout from John Marshall High School. Pablo was indeed a very intelligent young man that could certainly benefit from some guidance. Pablo enrolled into the WIOA program and decided to attend SIATech High School. In just a matter of months Pablo completed work readiness training, became certified in CPR and First Aid, and earned a stipend through the internship program. Pablo's biggest accomplishment was earning his high school diploma! Way to Go Pablo!



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- During the course of a week, little holiday trees were seen popping up in staff offices. Maria Gomez, a WIOA participant, is the creator and seller of the trees. We asked her what inspired her to create them. Her response was, "My family started making trees when my mom lost her job. She didn't have money to pay her bills. She is a single mother of 6 and by making the trees it got us by. She is even able to buy us gifts and save some for our times of need. We keep on doing it so that we can have a little more money in our pockets for the holiday season. Merry Christmas and thanks for supporting me!"

For our staff holiday party, we purchased a tree from Maria for a prize. It was one of the most coveted prizes to win at the party.





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

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		obtaining a high school diploma.
Cingular Staffing  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
CD 14	Mondays & Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.	Zumba	Boyle Heights Technology YouthSource	Marie Landeros
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	11/5/2015	LAUSD Resource Fair	LAUSD Campus	Ms. Puma
CD 14	11/5/2015	LA Job Corps Site Visit/Mtg	Boyle Heights Technology YouthSource	Joe Diaz
CD 14	11/13/2015	Money Smarts Training	Boyle Heights Technology YouthSource	Victor Gutierrez

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CD 14	11/14/2015	HazMat Training	Boyle Heights Technology YouthSource	Elisa Lam
CD 14	11/16/2015	Guard Card Training	Boyle Heights Technology YouthSource	Tanisha Wilson
CD 14	11/17/2015	BHTYC Partners Potluck	Boyle Heights Technology YouthSource	Marie Landeros
CD 14	11/20/2015	CPR/First Aid Training	Boyle Heights Technology YouthSource	Marie Landeros
CD 14	11/21/2015	Work Readiness Training by LATTC	Boyle Heights Technology YouthSource	Tanisha Wilson
CD 14	12/3/2015	CAN Orientation	Boyle Heights Technology YouthSource	Antonio Aguilar
CD 14	12/4/2015	Innersight Inventory Session	Boyle Heights Technology YouthSource	Antonio Aguilar
CD 14	12/7/2015	Tax Prep Class Graduation	Boyle Heights Technology YouthSource	Maribel Mora
CD 14	12/10/2015	EWDD Professional Development Day	Pasadena Church	EWDD
CD 14	12/11/2015	Siatech Graduation Ceremony	Belasco Theater	Marie Landeros
CD 14	12/16/2015	Antioch University Movie Screening	Boyle Heights Technology YouthSource	Marie Landeros
CD 14	12/14/2015	Annual BHTYC Youth Holiday Dinner	Boyle Heights Technology YouthSource	Joe Diaz

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