

# BOYLE HEIGHTS YOUTHSOURCE CENTER MONTHLY REPORT

**APRIL 2015**



## NUMBER OF SIGN-INS

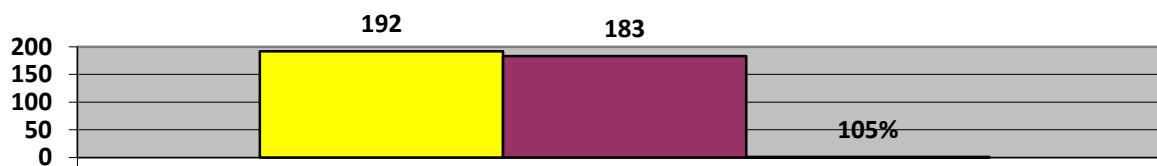
- 1,687 guest sign-ins in the month of April 2015.

## GAPS, CHALLENGES, ISSUES

- We have been experiencing MIS issues related to the JobsLA conversion. Our WIA team is working with the EWDD MIS staff to resolve through training and technical assistance. Our goal is to rectify the issues by May 8, 2015.

## Grant Performance Updates

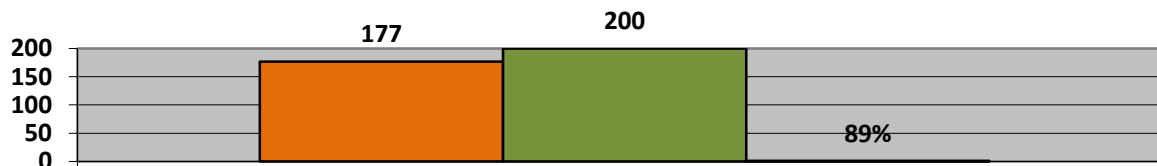
### Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Enrollment Status



As of April 30, 2015

Status to Date	192
Enrollment Goal	183
Percent to Date	105%

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



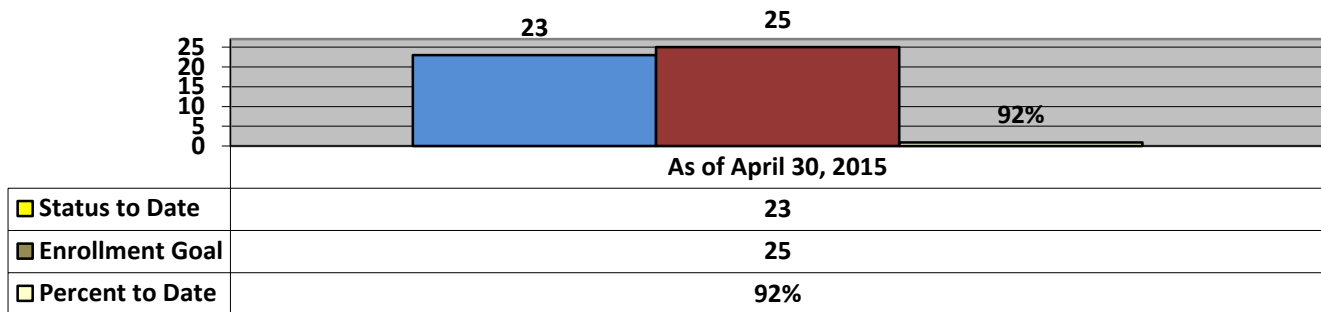
As of April 30, 2015

Status to Date	177
Enrollment Goal	200
Percent to Date	89%

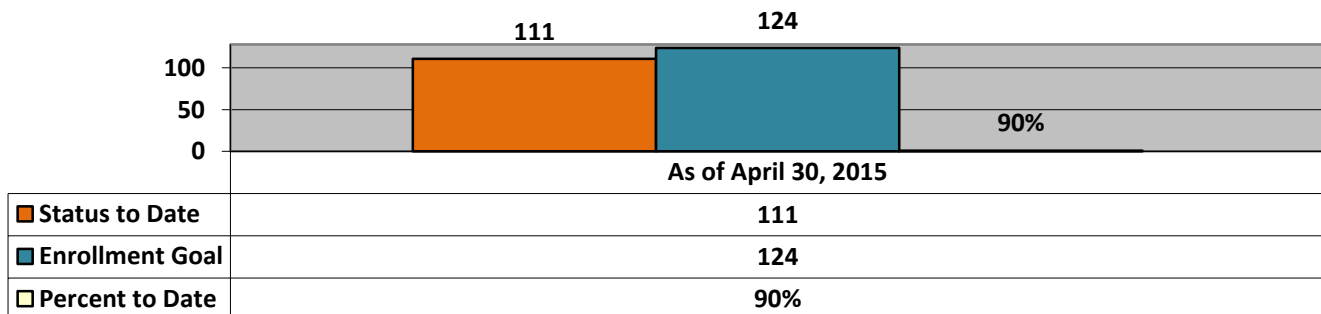
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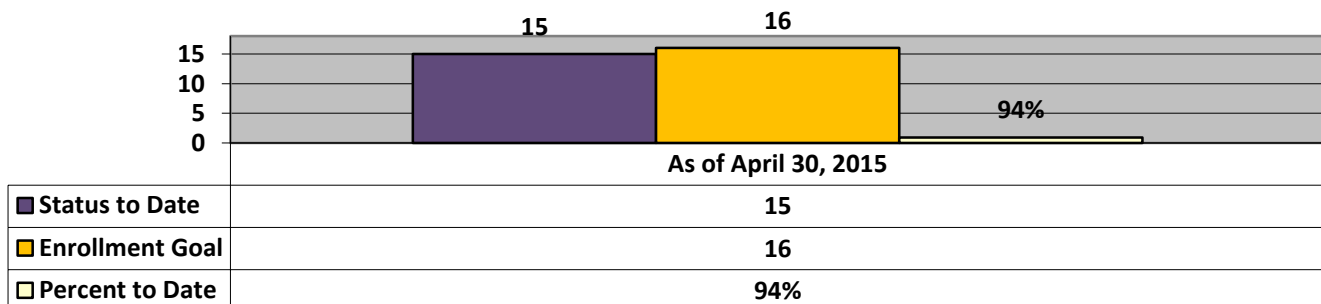
### High Risk High Need (HRHN) Enrollment Status



### General Fund (GF) Enrollment Status



### Youth Opportunity Intensive Transition (YOIT) Enrollment Status



### Labor2 (2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Grant)

*Awaiting grant implementation (outreach/recruitment to commence in May 2015).*

Grant description: Recruit, assess, enroll and train juveniles in the field of green automotive technology and green construction technologies prior to release. Provide intensive case management, mental health/substance abuse counseling and treatment and job readiness to enhance employability of youth ex-offenders ages 16-24 through career pathways in technology-based careers.

### LA Healthcare Competencies to Careers Consortium (LAH3C)

*Awaiting grant implementation/contract execution.*

Grant description: Assist the Los Angeles Healthcare Competencies to Careers Consortium (LA H3C) introducing youth to healthcare via competency based curriculum that prepares students for the rapidly changing health care career environment. Staff will outreach and enroll youth into LACCD's LA H3C, facilitate/coordinate staff

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trainings, promote LA H3C through the City's workforce system, conduct employer outreach for job placements, coordinate work readiness trainings and assist in developing and managing a score card.

## EDUCATION / OCCUPATIONAL SKILLS TRAINING



- In the month of April, 21 youth completed CPR/First Aid certification trainings by Medics on the Move. The 8-hour training covers topics such as responding to emergencies, how to treat wounds, and communicating with paramedics. With this certification youth can obtain entry level jobs such as a life guard, security officer, construction worker, child care provider, and much more.



- This month the SCE Federal Credit Union conducted a Financial Literacy Workshop for our youth. They taught the importance of money management, budgets, checking/savings accounts, credit, dangers of fraud/predatory lending, etc. The purpose is to equip our youth to be fiscally responsible as they prepare to enter the workforce.



- On April 30, our onsite Charter School (Five Keys) held its awards ceremony to honor two of their new high school graduates, Alfonso Gallardo and Jonathan Mendoza. Congratulations to both for all their hard work and perseverance! Other student achievements were also celebrated in front of family and friends.

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- Our onsite college, the Bridge Program at Antioch University Los Angeles (AULA), has been doing something simply revolutionary: providing college classes 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—while studying the cultures, landscapes, and histories of Los Angeles neighborhoods. Classes at the Boyle Heights Tech Center take place Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30-9:00 p.m.



- The students from our High Risk High Need (HRHN) Program at Franklin High School proudly display their newly created shirts. They just commenced their internships at the William C. Velasquez Institute Program (WCVP), whose focus is on combatting environmental issues impacting the Northeast Los Angeles Area. The student interns will be working on community beautification projects along the Los Angeles River and promoting the first ever Urban Camp-Out at Marsh Park.

## WORK READINESS/SUBSIDIZED & UNSUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT



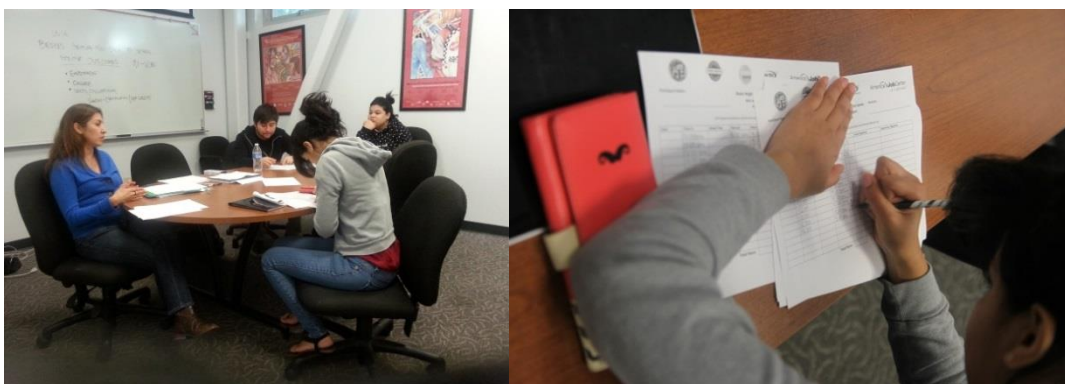
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- The Transitional Subsidized Employment (TSE) is an 8-month internship offered to CALWORKS recipients. We currently host eight tremendous workers at the Tech Center. The TSE interns assist in every facet of our program. Two interns serve as classroom aides for our onsite LA County of Education High School, one assists with janitorial maintenance and keeps our facility spotless, and others support our reception area and staff with making phone calls, greeting customers, organizing events, preparing rooms for meetings, conducting outreach and many other tasks.
- Currently we have 222 youth stationed at various worksites throughout the City gaining invaluable work experience. A total of 467 youth will complete their internship by June 30, 2015). All youth must complete the Work Readiness training prior to being placed to ensure that they have been properly trained and screened. Beneath is a status of each grant to date:

Contract Name	Staff Lead	Goal	Current Status
General Funds	Joe Diaz	120	111
Goldman Sachs	Victor Gutierrez	50	42
LARCA	Antonio Aguilar	200	31
TANF	Marie Landeros	16	7
WIA	Karina Henriquez	81	31
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>467</b>	<b>222</b>



- Internship orientations take place weekly to provide an overview and expectations of the paid work experience. The youth learn about workplace attire, punctuality, performance, how to complete and submit time sheets, etc. Youth are also matched with one of our 35+ worksites throughout LA City, including the Boys & Girls Clubs, Hollenbeck Retirement Home, Good Samaritan Hospital and City Hall.

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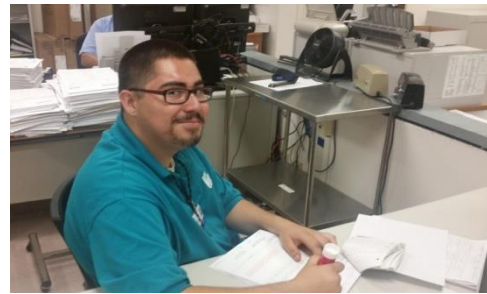
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## Internship Highlight (a sampling of six out of our 222 youth interns in action):



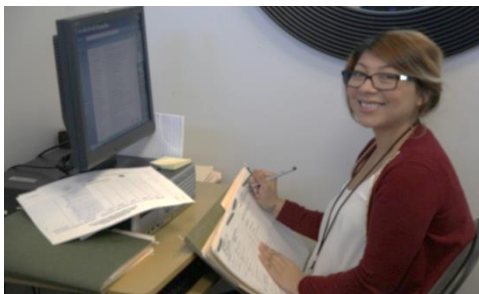
**Genesis Bercerril**

19 year old high school graduate, Genesis completed 150 hours at Hollenbeck Palms Retirement Center, where she assisted in planning senior activities and administrative duties for the operations staff.



**Alex Saavedra**

As a Medical Billing Assistant, Alex is gaining clinical and administrative experience with the 250 hours assigned to him. He is currently attending ELAC, studying Health Information Technology.



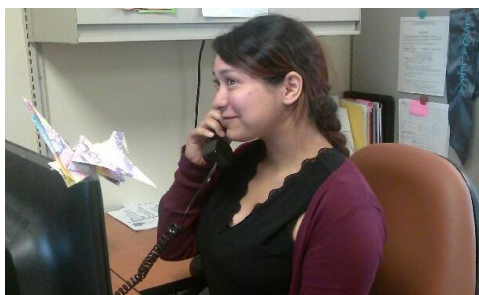
**Ana Galindo**

Ana is assigned with assisting the internship coordinators at Boyle Heights YouthSource Center with clerical duties and aiding them with filing, memos and other important tasks associated with the work experience programs.



**Rachel De Paz**

Rachel is placed at the Department of City Planning. In the picture above, she is processing the Department of City Planning's large plans for scanning and indexing. She is gaining great insight and training in the government planning.



**Geneva Contreras**

Geneva is currently placed at the AltaMed worksite, helping with clerical duties, such as answering phones, scanning/copying/filing documents and assisting with other administrative tasks.



**Oscar Rico**

Oscar is placed at the Benjamin Franklin Public Library. He assists the Librarians by monitoring the open computer lab, checks in and organizes returned books and assists with sorting and filing duties.

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- On April 10, our staff along with 5 Keys Charter School faculty and students participated in a home building project through the Habitat for Humanity program. During the trip, the students and the chaperones took part in the building efforts of the organization. This was an opportunity for the youth to provide community service but it turned out to be so much more of a meaningful experience.

## YOUTH LEADERSHIP



- At the Boyle Heights YouthSource Center's Youth Council meets every third Tuesday of the month. During their meetings, they discuss upcoming events, community organizing, field trips, etc. Within the next month they plan to elect a new cabinet.

## SPECIAL EVENTS/ACTIVITIES/INITIATIVES



- On Tuesday, April 21, the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Oversight Committee and Public Hearing took place in the Boyle Heights Technology YouthSource Center Recreation Room. A tour of the facility and an overview of the program was provided to all WIB members in attendance.

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- During April 18 and 19, our High Risk High Need (HRHN) participants, were given the opportunity to participate in the Marsh Park Urban Camp-Out and Community event. The participants assisted with the set-up and logistics of the event.



- Every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:30-6:00 pm, the Boyle Heights YouthSource Center provides an outlet for community youth to practice and showcase their skills in breakdancing. Not only does it keep them in shape, it serves as a healthy outlet to use their down time positively.

## MISCELLANEOUS



- On Sat., April 11, the Boyle Heights Technology YouthSource Center hosted a VITA Free Tax Preparation event for the Boyle Heights community. This event was sponsored by Assemblymember Santiago's office in partnership with the State Board of Equalization. Eight volunteer tax preparers served over 40 community members with personalized tax preparation services.

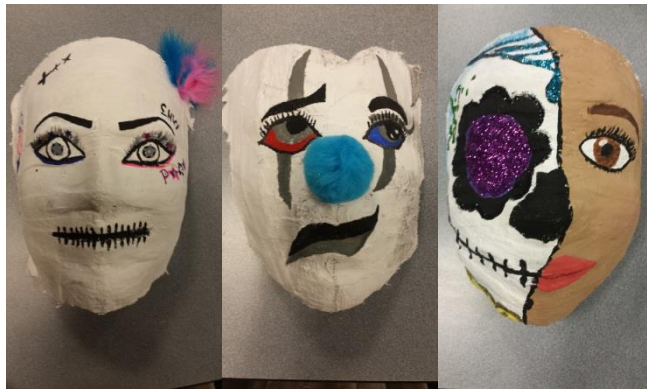
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- On Thursday, April 23, 2015 the Boyle Heights Technology Youth Source hosted a visit from our LARCA East Counties counterparts from Riverside and the Imperial Valley. They met with representatives from the Los Angeles agencies contracted under the LARCA grant to discuss best practices and implementation. The site visit entailed topics and forum style discussion on working with older and disconnected youth, the challenges each WIF grantee faced in serving this population and what best practices and innovative approaches that has made a difference. Our East County counterparts also listened to a successful youth engaged in the LARCA program at Boyle Heights and during their visit they were also able to tour the Technology Center.



- Our onsite Five Keys Charter School students participated in a mask making project. This project, which was proctored by Assistant director, Karla Galindo, showcases our student`s artistic and creative skills. The assignment allowed students to express how society views them versus how they view themselves and the "mask" they feel they must wear in order to fit in. The masks will be displayed for the upcoming Five Keys art show, "The Stories we Were Told", on June 10th at the LA library.

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## SUCCESS STORY OF THE MONTH



**Alfonso Gallardo Ramirez**

Alfonso migrated to the United States at the age of three. He recalls struggling with English and overall assimilation into a new environment. Things began to change for Alfonso by the time he entered high school. His grades improved and he began to thrive. His world, however, was turned upside down when his father became unemployed and his family was forced to abandon their apartment. They moved back to Mexico, where Alfonso took up a job to help make ends meet, while sacrificing his education.






After a year in Mexico, Alfonso's family decided to return to restart their lives. They settled in the community of Boyle Heights. His father struggled to find employment and a place to live. Thus, Alfonso lived out of his father's truck, eating whatever warm meals his aunt and their family could afford. During his struggles, Alfonso enrolled in our LA Reconnections Career Academy (LARCA) program with the goal of receiving his high school diploma and entering a career in health care.

Despite all of his challenges, Alfonso graduated from our onsite Five Keys Charter School and received his High School Diploma. While pursuing his diploma, he concurrently enrolled at East Los Angeles Community College in the Health Information Technology Cohort (HIT) to pursue a career as a Medical Coder. To date he boasts a 3.8 GPA and is part of the honors society at ELAC for his academic achievements. Alfonso now plans on becoming a doctor one day and, in his words, "When I become successful I am going to give back to the Tech Center for changing my life."

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## ONSITE PARTNERS

Partner Name	Dates/Time	Description of Services
 <p>Antioch University</p>	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.
 <p>El Centro De Ayuda</p>	By appointment	Offers comprehensive array of counseling and psychotherapy services to youth ages 16-24.
 <p>Los Angeles County Office of Education</p>	Monday - Friday: 8:00 am - 2:15 pm	High school classroom instruction to students aged 14-18 years old.
 <p>LA Unified School District</p>	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.
 <p>5 Keys Charter School</p>	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.

## ONSITE MONTHLY ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

Council District	Date & Time	Event/Activity	Location	Lead Contact
CD 14	4/1/15 10:00 a.m.	HACLA/BHYC College Trip	New York Film Academy	Tanisha Wilson
CD 14	4/1/15 3:00 p.m.	GED Prep Orientation	1600 E. Fourth Street, LA, CA 90033	Teresa Brizuela
CD 14	4/1/15 1:00 p.m.	Work Readiness Certificate (new cohort)	1600 E. Fourth Street, LA, CA 90033	MaryD Miller

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CD 14	4/2/2015 11:00 a.m.	Security Guard Interviews	1600 E. Fourth Street, LA, CA 90033	Joe Diaz
CD 14	4/3/15 10:00 a.m.	In Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Training	1600 E. Fourth Street, LA, CA 90033	Teresa Wainwright
CD 14	4/3/15 12:00 p.m.	CPR/First Aid Training	1600 E. Fourth Street, LA, CA 90033	Marie Landeros
CD 14	4/3/15 11:00 a.m.	WIA Internship Orientation	1600 E. Fourth Street, LA, CA 90033	Karina Henriquez
CD 14	4/10/15 9:45 a.m.	Innersight	1600 E. Fourth Street, LA, CA 90033	Karina Henriquez
CD 14	4/10/15	5 Keys – Habitat for Humanity Trip	Chestnut Homes Project 806 E. Chestnut St. Glendale, CA 91205	Joe Diaz MaryD Miller
CD 14	4/11/15 9:00 a.m.	VITA Free Tax Prep	1600 E. Fourth Street, LA, CA 90033	Joe Diaz
CD 14	4/13/15	GED Exam	1600 E. Fourth Street, LA, CA 90033	Alfredo Lopez
CD 14	4/13/15 - 4/14/15	5 Keys WASC Accreditation	1600 E. Fourth Street, LA, CA 90033	Leslie Guardado
CD 14	4/15/15 11:00 a.m.	Work Readiness Certificate (new cohort)	1600 E. Fourth Street, LA, CA 90033	MaryD Miller
CD 14	4/16/15 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.	WIOA Training	California State University Los Angeles	Andrea Angulo
CD 14	4/21/15 5:30 p.m.	WIB Meeting	1600 E. Fourth Street, LA, CA 90033	Joe Diaz
CD 14	4/22/15	WIA Internship Orientation	1600 E. Fourth Street, LA, CA 90033	Karina Henriquez
CD 14	4/25/15	Mi Dinero Mi Futuro Financial Literacy Training	200 N. Spring Street, LA, CA 90012	Juan Romero
CD 14	4/28/15	Youth Council	1600 E. Fourth Street, LA, CA 90033	Joe Diaz
CD 14	4/29/15	Interview/Resume Workshop	1600 E. Fourth Street, LA, CA 90033	MaryD Miller
CD 14	4/30/15	5 Keys Graduation Assembly	1600 E. Fourth Street, LA, CA 90033	Leslie Guardado

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