

BOYLE HEIGHTS TECHNOLOGY YOUTHSOURCE CENTER MONTHLY REPORT

May 2016



NUMBER OF SIGN-INS

- 2,017 guests signed in during the month of May 2016.

GAPS, CHALLENGES, ISSUES

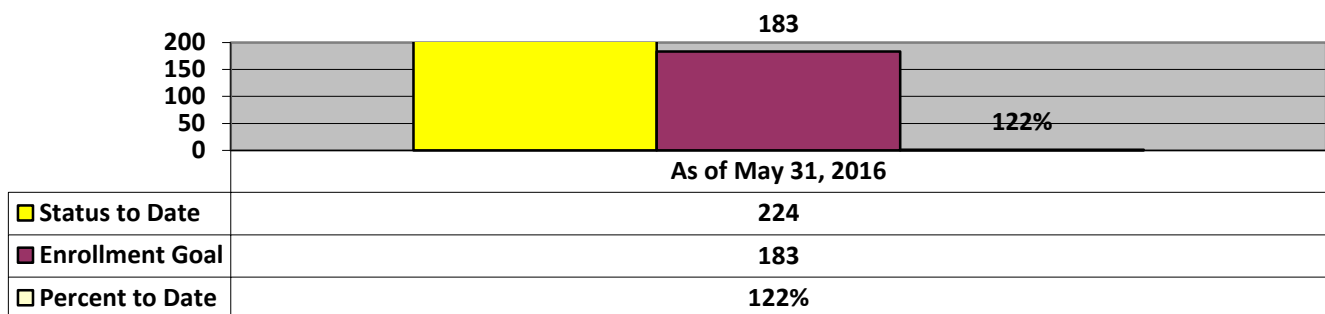


Issue: It's not even summer yet and all of our rooms are filling up! This is actually a good problem to have as we are fully utilizing every square inch of the Tech Center's great space. It can, however, be challenging as we have to determine which programs and activities should take priority.

Solution: Thanks to our newest TSE staff, Aurora Zepeda, we have someone at the helm to oversee all the room reservations and to ensure that all staff and partner agencies follow proper procedures when checking out a room. With proper planning and communication, there should be no issues this busy summer with double/triple booking any of the rooms.

Grant Performance Updates

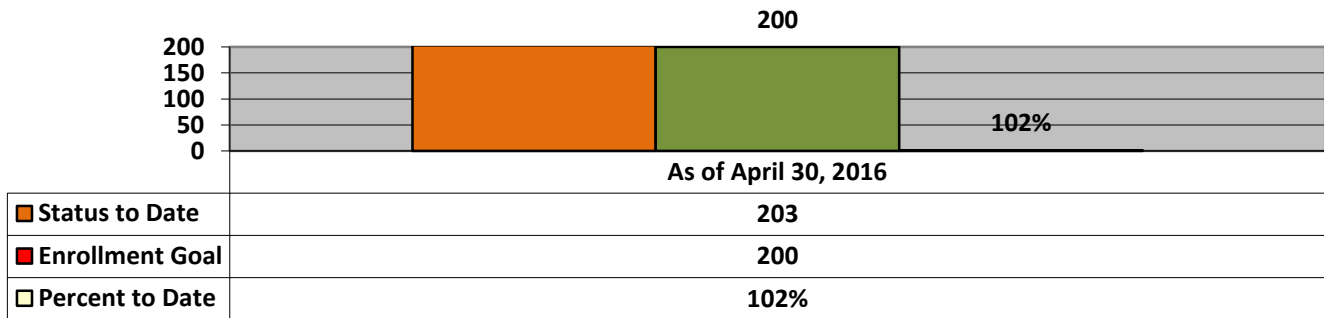
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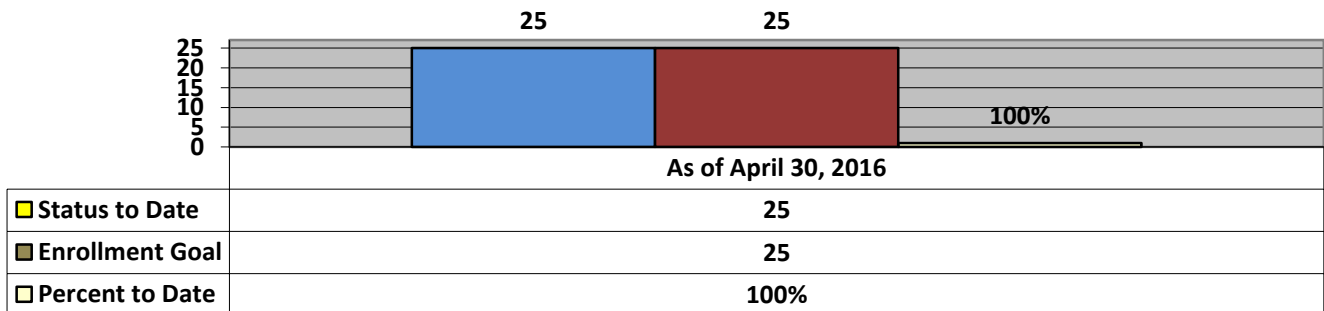
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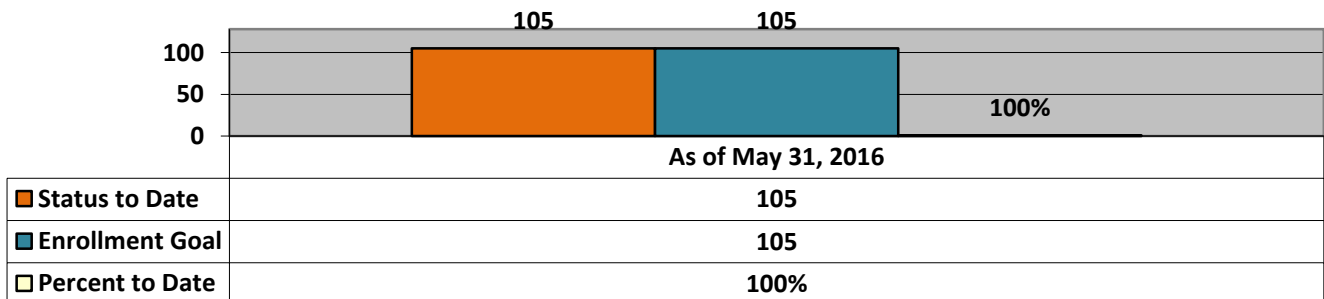
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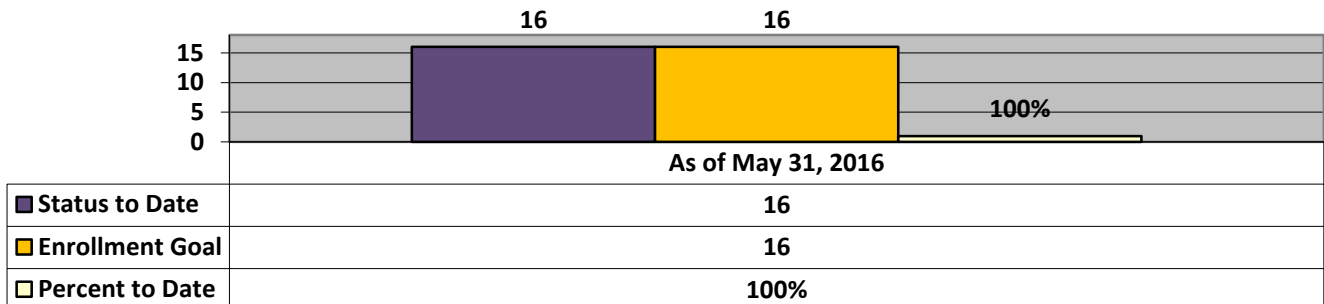
High Risk High Need (HRHN) Enrollment Status



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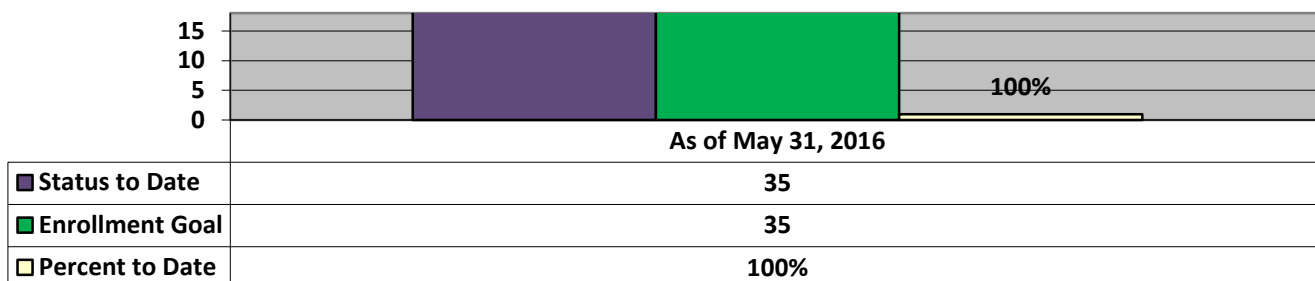
Youth Opportunity Intensive Transition (YOIT) Enrollment Status



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Second Chance Grant



EDUCATION/OCCUPATIONAL SKILLS TRAINING



- On May 13th, students from BHTYC Five Keys Charter and Para Los Ninos came together to present their science projects to their teachers, peers and parents. 24 Five Key Charter School students diligently worked on their science experiments for a couple of weeks. They decided on what was fun, interesting and creative for their projects. Students were great at presenting as well as supporting their peers while they presented. This event fostered a side of the youth that we don't often get to see. It was a rewarding experience to witness.

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youth by providing enrichment activities and linking them with program services when they are released from incarceration. Mr. Tafoya provided the stencils with his own original artwork. The youth learned to use the stencils and ink to create posters.



- WIOA participants interested in employment in a food service establishment are encouraged to obtain a Food Handler certificate. Having this certification provides the employer a potential employee who is already compliant. The training is provided online. On May 21st, we provided this training in our center's computer lab. Participants learned basic food safety practices for preparing and serving food. They all earned their food handler certificate from the National Restaurant Association.

- On May 26th, security guard training was provided to WIOA participants. Mr. Aurelio Martin of the Guard Training Center came on-site to administer the training, the state registration fee process, handcuffing course and live scan services. These participants have been registered in the Department of Cultural Affairs BREEZE system and are now waiting for their guard card in the mail. We anticipate providing these newly trained participants job listings in security, loss prevention and event services.



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WORK READINESS, INTERNSHIPS & EMPLOYMENT



Newly hired: Susana Romero (top, left), Alfonso Gallardo, Jonnathan Garcia (bottom, left) and Henry Milke (right).

- Lately, our center has been experiencing a wave of good news. Ours and our youth's two favorite words are, "You're hired!" Agreeing to be a site for recruitment for the Census 2016 project has proved to be beneficial. Susana Romero was hired as an Enumerator. She will be delivering and collecting census forms and working in direct contact with the public. Alfonso Gallardo and Jonnathan Garcia were hired at Naturalee, a warehouse distributor and roaster of dried fruits and nuts. This contact is from Scott Lee, our Executive Director. Alfonso and Jonathan's tasks include loading, unloading, sorting, arranging stock, and packing. Henry Milke has been working at Domino's since April. He works 30 plus hours as a delivery driver and assisting with orders. Henry has completed credits earning him his high school diploma, but he was initially working in the evenings and attending class in the morning. Henry expressed, "It's a great experience and I'm learning new things every day."

SPECIAL EVENTS/ACTIVITIES/INITIATIVES



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- On May 5th, the International Visitors Council of Los Angeles (IVCLA) brought five Tech-based entrepreneurs from Canada to the Tech Center as part of the “opportunities for Young Entrepreneurs” program. These five leaders are reformers and opinion makers who are invited to the country each year through the United States Department of State’s International Leadership Program. They had a chance to tour our center, meet our partners and engage in a Q & A session about the programs and services we offer.



- In 2009, East L.A. Sports Scene had the great fortune of partnering with the Boyle Heights Technology Youth Center for continuation of its “In-Studio” programming. The purpose is to highlight all of the great athletes from the East Los Angeles area (current & former), through candid interviews and casual discussion. It’s a great way to showcase all the talent coming out of our backyard.



- In the month of May, the Boyle Heights Tech Center teamed with the US Census to hire local residents as enumerators for the 2016 pre-count efforts. Application and interview sessions led to the hiring of approximately 150 US Census workers. Following their training, the new hires were armed with iPhones to commence their count efforts. The US Census hosted a debriefing session with the Tech Center staff, elected officials and other community based organizations to discuss strategies for higher participation rates for the official 2020 count.

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- At our center's monthly partners meeting (aka "huddles"), on-site and off-site partners of the center are able to connect with one another. Information about upcoming activities, student progress and resources are shared. At this month's meeting, we were able to share in the fun of celebrating Cinco de Mayo with lively discussions, snacks and a themed picture taking opportunity.
- On May 13th, Los Angeles Trade Technical College Cosmetology and Barber program students provided haircuts and make-overs to the students at Theodore Roosevelt High School. In preparation for their prom event that night, male students received haircuts and female students had mini make-overs. A couple of staff also enjoyed a fresh new haircut. This event was made possible by BHTYC staff and the counseling staff at Roosevelt High School.



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- On May 18, representatives from the Economic & Workforce Development Department (EWDD) and United States Department of Justice (DOJ) conducted a site visit of the Tech Center to review the 2nd Chance Grant.

Through this grant we currently serve 35 youth from Camp Challenger through services including legal counsel, academic assessment and support, technical training in green-related construction, mentoring, leadership skills, and workforce development services through the CRCD WorkSource Center.

All guests received a tour of the Tech Center and engaged with program staff regarding the challenges and successes of the 2nd Chance program.



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- Our center hosted an appreciation lunch for the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) team on May 26th. Mario Ramsey, the Housing Manager, and his crew have been very accommodating with our overflow parking needs. Without their support we would not be able to host large scale meetings, events, etc. At the event, we also recognized Veronica Alvarez, our on-site Security Officer, for all of her hard work and high level of service she provides.

MISCELLANEOUS



- A big thank you to Jessica White for being part of the student panel at the LAUSD Zero Dropout Summit on May 5, 2016. The event took place at the California Community Foundation in Downtown Los Angeles. Jessica shared her story as a WIOA participant and made connections with other youth and community partners in attendance. She did an amazing job representing the BHTYC!

SUCCESS STORY OF THE MONTH: Alexian Herrera










- Alexian Herrera joined the program in anticipation of finding a summer job through the HIRELA Youth Program in July 2015. Once Alexian discovered what WIOA had to offer, she decided to enroll the very next day. She has completed most of the trainings offered through the WIOA program at Boyle Heights Technology YouthSource Center. This gave her the confidence to register for the Women's Referee Training program and the Hollenbeck Cadet program. Alexian has successfully completed both programs. She has decided to join the Police Academy once she completes her degree in Administration of Justice. Congratulations Alexian!

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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 - Friday: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm	Pupil Service Attendance Counselor conducts educational assessments, provides options for Alternative Education to obtain HS Diploma/ High School Equivalency Certificate and provides referrals to community resources.
5 Keys Charter School 	Monday - Friday: 8:00 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.
Youthbuild 	Monday & Tuesdays 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Charter school and construction based training for ages 17-24. Also specializes in trainings, community organizing, student leadership council, mentoring services and support services.

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ONSITE MONTHLY ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

Council District	Date & Time	Event/Activity	Location	Lead Contact
CD 14	Tues – Thurs 3:00 p.m.	Music Production Class	BHTYC	Joe Diaz
CD 14	Tuesdays & Thursdays	Breakdancing Sessions	BHTYC	Joe Diaz
CD 14	Every Tues	ACES Class by ELAC	BHTYC	Joe Diaz
CD 14	5/3/2016	Mural Project w/ 5 Keys Students	BHTYC	Joe Diaz
CD 14	5/13/2016	5 Keys Science Fair	BHTYC	Marie Rodriguez
CD 14	5/13/2016	Innersight Experience	BHTYC	Antonio Aguilar
CD 14	5/20/2016	5 Keys Gala	BHTYC	Marie Rodriguez
CD 14	5/20/2016	Guard Card Training	BHTYC	Tanisha Wilson
CD 14	5/21/2016	LATTC WRC	BHTYC	Tanisha Wilson
CD 14	5/21/2016	OSHA & Food Handlers Trainings	BHTYC	Tanisha Wilson
CD 14	5/25/2016	Housing Appreciation Luncheon	BHTYC	Marie Rodriguez
CD 14	5/30/2016	Tech Center Closed (Memorial Day)	BHTYC	N/A
CD 14	5/31/2016	Mitu/Creator's Up Info Session	BHTYC	Marie Rodriguez

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