

# PVJOBS Community Partners

## APPRENTICE PREPARATION PROGRAMS

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| Abram Friedman Occupational Center (Ray Wilcox)            | (213) 765-2567 |
| Century Community Training Program (Mary Lou Clinkenbeard) | (310) 673-3941 |
| Los Angeles Technology Center (Latasha Hawthorne)          | (323) 732-0153 |

## WORKSOURCE CENTERS

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|--|----------------|
| Career Planning Center Marina Worksource (Nick Gonzalez)             | (310) 309-6000 |
| Career Transition Worksource Center (George Fernandez)               | (562) 570-3700 |
| Chinatown WorkSource Center Chinatown Service Center (Kerry Situ)    | (213) 808-1700 |
| Community Career Dev.Cntr Wilsh/Metro Worksource (Monica Picot)      | (213) 365-9829 |
| Compton Career Link Worksource California Center (Henry Smith)       | (310) 605-3050 |
| Hollywood Worksource of California (Marjorie Gardner)                | (323) 960-1300 |
| Metro North Worksource Center (Anna Zakarian)                        | (323) 223-1211 |
| Northeast San Fernando Valley WorkSource Center (Sheila Wright)      | (818) 890-9400 |
| PACE/Westlake Worksource Center (Albert Sy)                          | (213) 353-1677 |
| South LA WorkSource Center Community Centers Inc. (Aureliano Galvez) | (323) 752-2115 |
| Urban League Adams Baldwin Hills Wrksrce Cntr (Myrna Anguiano)       | (323) 732-7867 |
| Urban League WorkSource Business and Career Center (Annita Wallace)  | (323) 600-1106 |
| WLCAC Southeast LA-Watts Worksource Center (Victor Archaga)          | (323) 563-566  |

## YOUTH AND ADULT PROGRAMS

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| Il People Christian Center (Saundra Bryant)                            | (213) 747-6357 |
| Anchor of Hope (Sandra Lewis)  | (310) 516-1433 |
| Belmont Education and Career Center (Deborah R. Deveres)               | (213) 689-2270 |
| Canaan Housing Corporation (Brenda Evans)                              | (213) 748-0250 |
| CCFP/ Meals on Wheels for Children (Sandra Moore)                      | (323) 638-0760 |
| Chrysalis Los Angeles (Michael Graff-Weisner)                          | (213) 806-6300 |
| Chrysalis Santa Monica (Adelai Whitman)                                | (310) 392-4117 |
| Coaliton for Responsible Community Development (Mark A. Wilson)        | (213) 743-6193 |
| Communities in Schools (Roy LaVoise)                                   | (818) 891-9399 |
| Community Build (Babatu Bektamba)                                      | (323) 789-9950 |
| Community Outreach and Opportunity Programs (CO-OP) (Sharma Henderson) | (310) 649-1016 |
| CRTD Faithworks (David Richardson)                                     | (310) 673-0287 |
| DARE U TOCARE (Sabrina Parker)   | (323) 756-3208 |
| Dayle McIntosh Center (John Tostado)                                   | (714) 658-4281 |
| Ex-Offender Action Network (Monnie Anderson)                           | (323) 238-0445 |
| FAME Renaissance Assistance Corporation (Dwayne Price)                 | (323) 730-8354 |
| Gratitude Retreat Foundation (Steven Nelson)                           | (310) 618-9173 |
| Homies Unidos, Inc. (Alex Sanchez)                                     | (213) 383-7484 |
| Housing Authority of LA (Judy Rasheed)                                 | (213) 252-1800 |
| Human Pontential Consultants,LLC (Deidre Norville)                     | (310) 756-1560 |
| Jobs for the Future/Homeboy Industries (Ft. Greg Boyle SJ)             | (323) 526-1254 |
| Joint Efforts Inc. (Matt Davison)                                      | (310) 831-2358 |
| Korean Churches For Community Development (Hyepin Im)                  | (213) 984-4243 |
| LA Family Housing Corporation (Abel Moreno)                            | (818) 982-4091 |

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| LA Works (Salvador R. Velasquez)                                      | (626) 960-3964      |
| LACOE (Nathan Auzenne)  | (213) 744-3168      |
| Mar Vista Family Center (Pedro Valenciana)                            | (310) 390-9607      |
| Marriott Foundation Bridges (Tad Asbury)                              | (213) 381-1220      |
| Meaning and Purpose (Ted Moore)                                       | (323) 296-2553      |
| NABSIO Nahaniel (Rashad Ali)  | (323) 755-6024      |
| New Directions (Brigitte Slayton)                                     | (310) 914-4045      |
| PATH (Jonathan Bennett)   | (323) 644-2272      |
| PATH Achieve Glendale (Catherine Conerly)                             | (818) 409-3333      |
| Pico Youth Et Family Center (Michael Jackson)                         | (310) 396-7101      |
| Public Allies of Los Angeles (Ernesto Saldaña)                        | (213) 741-2202      |
| Raevery's Resource Center (Luis Pattarroyo)                           | (323) 752-9987      |
| Save Our Future (Ken Jordan)  | (323) 234-0846      |
| SCHARP (South Central Health & Rehabilitation Program) (Denise Shook) | (323) 751-3026      |
| St. Vincent's Cardinal Manning Center (Chuck Happold)                 | (213) 229-9963      |
| Strategic Actions for a Just Economy (SAJE) (Samantha Quintero)       | (213) 745-9961      |
| Success in Challenges (Leon Mosely)                                   | (562) 423-8111      |
| Transitions Network (Eimon M. Raoff)                                  | (323) 751-1366      |
| UJCC/ City of Refuge (Jean Franklin)                                  | (323) 803-4066      |
| Union Rescue Mission (Stephen Mitchell)                               | (213) 347-6300      |
| Unity One (Bo Taylor)   | (213) 963-5843      |
| Unity T.H.R.E.E (Shonteze Williams Sr.)                               | (323) 732-0230      |
| USVETS (Katherine Gibbs)  | (310) 348-7600      |
| US VETS (Long Beach) (Fernando Godinez)                               | (562) 388-8046      |
| Venice 2000 (Melvin Hayward)  | (310) 823-6100      |
| VIP Mentors (Volunteers In Parole, Inc.) (Pal Roman)                  | (626) 450-6250      |
| Volunteers of America (Mark Jackson)                                  | (213) 689-2179      |
| Walden House Inc. (Ralph Mendoza)                                     | (310) 412-3702      |
| Walden House SASCA Region 111 (Sal Wilson)                            | (213) 741-3720      |
| Weingart Center Association (Ronnie Price)                            | (213) 267-9000      |
| Youngjobs.com (Billy Hadala)  | (888) 717-5627 X104 |
| Youth Rebuild (Victoria Foreman)                                      | (310) 600-6201      |

## YOUTH PROGRAMS

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| Archdiocesan Youth Employment Services (Robert Gutierrez)      | (213) 736-5456 |
| CCEO Youth Build (Joe Starks)                                  | (310) 225-3060 |
| Covenant House of California (Lori Koenig)                     | (323) 957-7455 |
| Goals For Life (Reggie Berry)                                  | (562) 864-6040 |
| LaCausa Youth Build (Noemi G. Soto)                            | (323) 887-2501 |
| Los Angeles Conservation Corps Youth Build (Gabriela Jimenez)  | (213) 749-3601 |
| LA Youth At Work (Sean Jernigan)                               | (213) 580-7505 |
| Los Angeles Youth Opportunity Movement - Watts (Adrian Veliz)  | (323) 971-7640 |
| United Friends of the Children (Carla Palmer)                  | (213) 580-1850 |
| Venice Community Housing Corporation Youth Build (Sandy Eiges) | (310) 399-4100 |
| Youth Oppurtunities Unlimited Inc. (James L. Watson)           | (323) 789-4977 |

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## MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Ernest Roberts  
Executive Director, PVJOBS

Some years ago, I was in Mexico in a seaside resort on the west bank of the Baja Peninsula. Late one afternoon while relaxing and sitting on the rocks, I watched the waves and surfers in the distance as the sun broke through meandering clouds. I heard a rustle behind me as a wedding ceremony took place before a small party of onlookers.

As the sun began to set, a small glow of redness began spreading on the horizon, gradually filling greater arcs across the sky. It was a most beautiful sunset.

And then it happened. From horizon to horizon, I was engulfed with a canopy of red, grey, pink and orange colors and all the shades between. The world seemed to stand still and quiet. Waves were reduced to a ripple, and seagulls stopped cawing. I could hear every word from surfers more than a hundred yards away. The bay was 15 miles wide, but I felt like I could reach out and touch any part of the shore, even the sky itself. I'll never forget how everything seemed to pay homage to this natural wonder.

Since then, I've often wondered whether my 11-year-old son's future children will be able to experience some of these same natural wonders. When I first started traveling to the Sacramento Delta some

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## PVJOBS Employment Update

LACCD Green Jobs is a new program targeting careers in sustainable industries. Eligibility requires current enrollment or recent coursework completion at any one of the nine Los Angeles Community College District campuses. For more information about this exciting program, please contact Deborah Deras at (310) 590-1385.

We still need women interested in beginning apprenticeships

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## PVJOBS GOES GREEN WITH LACCD JOBS PROGRAM

To help expand local job opportunities while improving the environment, the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) has partnered with PVJOBS to run an employment program that supports sustainable living. The LACCD Green Jobs Program connects District students with employers offering jobs that protect natural resources.

The LACCD Green Jobs Program was launched as part of a sustainable building program to redevelop the District's nine college cam-



LACCD Green Jobs Program Assistant Program Manager Deborah Deras is pictured in her office.

pus. The District selected PVJOBS to administer the program by providing screening and training services to match potential job candidates with employers. The program's services are at no cost to job candidates and businesses.

"We're excited about this program because it's an innovative hiring effort," says Deborah Deras, assistant program manager for the LACCD Green Jobs Program. "The big vision for this program is to not only preserve our economy, but to also preserve our planet."

To generate participation among the business community, PVJOBS promotes financial incentives associated with the green jobs program. These incentives include On-The-Job Training reimburse-

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### RODCLIFF WOODYE: A Lifetime Opportunity

Twenty-five-year-old Rodcliff Woodye feels a sense of gratitude each morning when he prepares for his job as a sheet metal apprentice. "With today's economy, it's tough to get a good paying job," says Woodye, who was hired by ACCO Engineering to work at Playa Vista last fall. "So I want to learn as much as I can to be a productive team player."



*Rodcliff Woodye*

Given his lifelong ambition of working in the construction industry, Woodye is confident that he's made the right career move. "I have an aptitude for this type of work," he says. "I've wanted do this since I was a little boy."

Born in Belize, Woodye was raised by his grandmother after his parents separated. Although he enjoyed growing up in his hometown, his mother uprooted him to live in Los Angeles when he was five years old. After realizing that their gang infested community was a negative influence on him, his mother relocated him back to Belize just two years later.

Always a good student, Woodye sought to earn a college degree following his high school graduation. Convinced that an American education could offer a better future, he returned to Los Angeles to enroll in a community college. But he was unable to find a job to support his education, so he eventually dropped out. His struggle to find steady work ensued over the next several years until he landed an overnight stocking job for Wal-Mart. While he was relieved to find stable work, he didn't view his job as a meaningful career.

Aware of his career frustrations, a coworker suggested that he contact PVJOBS. When Woodye met with the PVJOBS staff, he finally felt on track to finding an enduring career. He quickly enrolled in the sheet metal apprenticeship program, and passed the entry exam on his first try. ACCO Engineering offered him an apprentice position a short time later.

While he has ambitions of becoming a foreman one day, Woodye makes it a point to remain focused on the here and now. "I'm taking this one step at a time," he says about his new job. "Right now, I want to complete the apprenticeship program and be the best sheet metal worker I can be."

As he builds his promising career, he relies on his gratitude to fuel his drive to succeed. "PVJOBS saved my life," says Woodye, who has a 21-month-old daughter. "They gave me a lifetime opportunity."

in the construction crafts. Under a contract with the Department of Labor, we are looking for "a few good women" who have the desire to learn and succeed as an apprentice. For more information, please contact Jeffery Henderson at (310) 590-1217.

#### PVJOBS Stats (as of 1/16/09)

| Project                     | Goal        | Current Attainment |
|-----------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Playa Vista                 | 10% at-risk | 12.7%              |
| LACCD Proposition A&AA Bond | 30% local   | 34%                |
| LACCD Proposition A&AA Bond | 6% at-risk  | 9%                 |

| PVJOBS Placements          |       |
|----------------------------|-------|
| General Program            | 1,618 |
| Build LACCD (construction) | 723   |
| Build LACCD (interns)      | 702   |

A new "Tech Math" course is currently being scheduled. Participants who complete this eight-week, Saturday-only class can use this course to satisfy the algebra prerequisite for electrician union entry and prepare for the entrance test for the electrician and sheetmetal unions. We anticipate that this course will start in late May. Please contact Jeffery Henderson at (310) 590-1217 for further information.

### Message from the Executive Director

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30 years ago, otters played in the reeds and frogs croaked all night. Neither is there anymore. Ice caps are melting and species are vanishing. Will we be the generation that witnesses the demise of the sequoias that have existed for more than 2000 years?

PVJOBS believes going green is a step in the right direction. We are proud to have the opportunity to administer the new LACCD Green Jobs Program. But we cannot do it alone. We need your support.



*Deras chats with a job seeker at a program orientation.*

ments and Workforce Opportunity Tax Credits.

While the current economic crisis has threatened millions of jobs across the nation, the green jobs market is becoming one of the fastest growing industries.

"As a human resources professional, I'm all about putting people to work," says Deras. "By offering green jobs, it certainly widens the door of opportunity."

To learn more about the program or an upcoming orientation, please contact Deborah Deras at (310) 590-1385.



*Deras is pictured with Debbie Krishel, the program's sustainability coordinator.*

# PVJOBS At Work

## DEATRIA GATES: Making A New Start

When asked what she likes best about her new construction job at the L.A. Live entertainment complex in downtown Los Angeles, Deatria Gates is flooded with ideas. "I love what I do because I like working with my hands and building something from scratch," says Gates, who works as a framer for Aderholt Specialty Company, an L.A. Live subcontractor. "And I feel blessed working on a pretty amazing project."



*Deatria Gates*

While 48-year-old Gates has always had a passion for the construction field, she's just now pursuing a full-time career in the industry. Her personal roles as a ministry leader and family caregiver were always given a priority over her career endeavors. Yet, she feels that working in the construction field has enabled her to fulfill another divine purpose. Now she's using her career to not only enhance her life, but to impact other lives as well.

Raised the third oldest of eight children in a tight-knit family in South Central Los Angeles, Gates took pride in mentoring her younger siblings. "I poured myself into my brothers and sisters to excel and do well," she says. After graduating from Crenshaw High School, she attended the University of Washington to study computers. But during her junior year, she was "called to the ministry" and returned to Los Angeles to serve the church.

Despite her position in the ministry, Gates worked odd jobs in the construction industry to support herself. Recognizing that working with her hands was one of her passions, she enrolled in Trade Tech to earn an associate degree in building construction technology. After receiving her degree, she visited PVJOBS in 2005 to take her career interest to another level. She accepted an offer to work for a Playa Vista contractor a few months later.

Gates' newfound career ended just as quickly as it started when she resigned within weeks to care for her ailing parents full time. When her parents made a full recovery three years later, she returned to PVJOBS to resume her career, which led to her current assignment at L.A. Live. "PVJOBS has given me a great opportunity to pursue my passion," she says.

Still active in the ministry, Gates hopes her career path through PVJOBS inspires others. "For anyone who feels like their past has limited their lives, they should move past that," she says. "There are organizations like PVJOBS that allow people to take that next step to making a brand new start."