

WHAT HAPPENED IN AUGUST 2020

Amazon Sortation Center Opportunities
August 6th via virtual

Staff Training Development Session
August 13th via virtual

Pacific Gateway Workforce Development Board Meeting
August 18th via virtual

CRST Recruitment
August 20th via virtual



Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Distribution

LONG BEACH ADULT

In August Pacific Gateway’s Business Engagement team supervised the successful distribution of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to Long Beach based small businesses. The multi-agency effort has provided over 800 businesses with a one month’s supply of individual personal protection with the help of Long Beach based youth receiving paid work experience to fulfill on-site distribution, kit assembly, business outreach and site logistics. In total, over 6,000 employees have benefitted from the service. Response from PPE recipients has been overwhelmingly positive. Emails expressing appreciation for the effort have been rolling in.



From Long Beach Day Nursery:

On behalf of Long Beach Day Nursery, our teachers and the children and families we serve, thank you so much for providing much needed Personal Protective Equipment. As an organization that has been open and providing quality early care and education to children of essential service workers and other working families during this time, we greatly appreciate your support and contribution to keeping us safe and able to maintain the rigid Covid-19 health protocols. The materials provided, the quick turnaround and the smooth pick-up process facilitated this donation process for us very nicely. Thank you! Please extend our gratitude to all those involved!

Free Laptops to Customers

Job loss and reduced income has caused severe hardship for many job seekers. Due to the ongoing pandemic, many workplaces, non-essential businesses and schools have closed their doors. As a result, access to a computer has become more critical than ever and many employees and students have had to rely on their personal computers to work on their assignments.

Unfortunately, many individuals don’t own a personal computer or a computer that can adequately support their needs. In response, Pacific Gateway has provided over 40 laptops to enrolled customers in an effort to support participation in training, online learning, job search activities, as well as foster engagement for online activities such as webinars, workshops and meetings.

Funding made available through the National Dislocated Worker Grants, Additional Assistance Grants, and the Underserved COVID-19 grant has provided the opportunity to assist more individuals than ever.



CalState University of Long Beach Internship Program Feature

The California State University Long Beach 2020 Annual Report recently featured Mental Health America Peer Navigator, Edwin Luna and Pacific Gateway Youth Program Facilitator, Nicole Swayne in their Long Beach Promise Post-Graduation Success article.

Both Edwin and Nicole were among 43 inaugural students who participated in the CSULB Gateway to a Promising Profession program. The program, a collaboration between the College of Liberal Arts Internship Program, Long Beach Community Foundation and Pacific Gateway was developed in 2019 to prepare recent graduates for employment opportunities. This year, 37 students have participated in career readiness workshops, completed the program and are now working with Pacific Gateway to navigate their job search in an effort to obtain employment.

Visit <https://bit.ly/3IHDIXk> to read more about the CSULB 2020 Annual Report.



Goodwill, SOLAC Builds Skills & Provides Work Readiness

In partnership with Pacific Gateway and the City of Long Beach's Department of Health & Human Services, Goodwill has been offering weekly workshops at the Long Beach Multi-Service Center to Job Program Pilot participants experiencing homelessness. Through various workshop activities, participants complete self-assessments, identify their skills and practice visualization and self-expression.

Participants receive motivation and guidance on coping with daily activities and challenges that may encounter while working at the Willow Springs Park Wetlands and/or conducting their job search. The goal is to enhance quality of life while creating a balance in various areas of each participant's journey.

Goodwill will engage participants in workshops until December 2020.



DID YOU KNOW?

WIOA PY 19-20 CUSTOMER DEMOGRAPHICS

INCOME / PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

PARTICIPANTS	#	%
Low Income	998	67.9%
CalWORKS / TANF	126	13.1%
SSI	54	3.7%
SSDI	38	2.6%
GR	98	6.7%
SNAP	490	33.3%
Foster Child	1	0.1%
Youth living in the High-poverty Area	100	6.8%
Youth Receives or is Eligible to Receive Free or Reduced Lunch	35	2.4%

*TOTAL PARTICIPANTS 1470

Staff Development

Pacific Gateway understands that empowering staff with effective training and equipping them with the proper knowledge and skills is key to sustaining a successful workforce. In August, staff development continued with scheduled training webinars that focused on project management processes SCORE: Successfully Navigating a Project from Start to Finish.

The workshop, presented by Ms. Laura Knapp, Center Dean at DeVry University Long Beach, outlined the strategic role of ensuring projects meet goals and business objectives in the most timely and cost-efficient way possible.

Key topics included:

- The value of project management to the team and the organization
- Communication throughout the project lifecycle
- A 5-step planning and execution process
- Technology tools that help you get the job done

Each participant was issued a certificate at the end of the workshop.



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Next WDB Meeting - *November 17th at 3pm*
4811 Airport Plaza Drive, Ste. 120 Long Beach, CA 90815

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