Pacific Gateway

GOING PLACES

The 2015 program year saw our economy accelerate after years of recession. Pacific Gateway, too, has continued to move forward, advancing a number of new programs. The launch of the Mayor's Internship Challenge, development of a local hiring program coined LBFirst, planning for the onset of the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act, the Long Beach Job Fair, and new partnerships with neighboring workforce agencies are all a testament to Pacific Gateway's commitment to effective workforce development.

This annual report provides just a snapshot of the lasting impact felt by the communities we serve. I invite you to learn more about our work on our website, or to let us serve your employment or business development needs at one of our Career Centers.

The economic progress of the past several months has helped thousands of jobseekers get back on track. I am encouraged by this and excited to see where Pacific Gateway – and our customers – will go next.

Nick Schultz,
Pacific Gateway Executive Director

ANNUAL REPORT 2015

Programs and activities
July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

Fabrizio & Edgar, EF1 Motorsports

CONNECTING YOUTH TO WORK EXPERIENCE

1,530
Youth served by Pacific Gateway in various programs.

603
Youth placed in Paid Work Experience.

118
Employers recruited to support youth.

478
Youth Completed week-long Personal Enrichment Training.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

In 2015, Pacific Gateway introduced a new, integrated model to place Pacific Gateway staff at various community sites, including high school and adult school campuses. This effort, in partnership with the Long Beach Unified School District and local council offices, continues to grow, bringing more opportunity into the community.

EMPLOYER OUTREACH

2015 saw the launch of an aggressive advertising campaign to build awareness among employers. Employer engagement increased 45% from 2014.

Keep your heart in this, even when your mind is not. What matters is that you realize your aspirations.

Believe and then do.

- Cynthia Patron, Pacific Gateway Program Specialist

I placed my trust in the hands of those more equipped to provide me with real, tangible choices in the search for my next career.

I thank Cynthia and the staff at Pacific Gateway for their relentless pursuit in helping me gain meaningful employment and a sense of belonging.

With every fiber of my being, Thank you.

-Samuel Morrison King

CONNECTING JOBSEEKERS TO OPPORTUNITY

2,106
Adults utilized Pacific Gateway services.

1,508
Attended workshops.

5,560
New registrants used our VOS job search database.

864
Previously unemployed adults found jobs.

84
Veterans were placed with employers.

86.1%
Of those newly employed retained their job.

TRANSITIONAL SUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT (TSE)

Pacific Gateway collaborated with local businesses and organizations to provide work experience, marketable skills, and permanent employment to scores of hard working mothers and fathers who have experienced long-term unemployment. In 2015, 110 were placed into various worksites where they became members of a team and gained key job skills with the goal of transitioning into new, permanent employment. The Program continues to transform families across the community and was recently recognized for its work with Villages of Cabrillo, an organization serving homeless veterans.

- Sara, TSE Participant & Rachel Kersey, Pacific Gateway Program Specialist

Patricia & Carla, FCI Management Inc.

CONNECTING BUSINESSES & SKILLED WORKERS

Over 50 businesses and 14 community resource organizations were present to help nearly 1,200 people find work at the 2015 Long Beach Job Fair. The event was just one of dozens of recruitment events held during the program year and attended by more than 2,000 residents.

Through individual recruitment and hiring events, youth programs and business strategy development, Pacific Gateway brings businesses and skilled workers together.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION IN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Mayor Robert Garcia received the prestigious US Conference of Mayors Award for his leadership in the development of numerous pathway programs, many administered in partnership with Pacific Gateway. In bestowing this recognition, panelists noted the City's commitment to 'cradle-to-career' programs that ensure youth and adults are equipped to succeed.

Pacific Gateway shared best-practice models on these and other workforce programs, including presentations at the National Association of Workforce Boards conference in Washington, D.C. Other opportunities included presentations on foster youth programs at the California Workforce Association youth conference, and showcasing career pathways and technology integration at other statewide meetings of workforce thought leaders.

Pacific Gateway coordinates broad workforce and business development programs to raise the skill level of residents in Long Beach, Signal Hill, and the Los Angeles Harbor communities. We help thousands of youth and adult job seekers build their skills, find good jobs, and contribute to their community. We also connect businesses to the resources they need to find and retain qualified employees, as well as strengthen their organization.

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