



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, AGING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (HACoLA) Referral Program Fact Sheet

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (HACoLA) Referral Program provides public housing residents of all generations access to workforce programs and community resources that lead to career pathway opportunities.

HACoLA case managers work in collaboration with AJCC staff to support housing residents who are enrolled in the program.

The purpose of this program is to help public housing residents find self-sustaining employment placements, in order to provide others with housing program support.

Useful Links:

<https://workforce.lacounty.gov>

Contact Us:

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PURPOSE:

Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services (WDACS) and the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (HACoLA) have collaborated to create a referral program in order to provide housing program residents access to workforce development programs and services necessary to significantly increase job training, job readiness, and employment opportunities for HACoLA's residents to drive permanent employment outcomes.

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) enrollment of Public Housing residents through our America's Job Centers of California (AJCC) system can provide a pathway to self-sufficiency for residents, and thus create opportunities to serve more constituents who are in need of housing support programs.

BACKGROUND:

HACoLA serves in Los Angeles County, administering the Public Housing program. The Housing Management Division of HACoLA manages approximately 3,229 units of public and other affordable housing throughout Los Angeles County, assisting over 6,500 low-income families and seniors (residents).

WDACS is the lead agency for workforce development activities in the County of Los Angeles, integrating a variety of funding streams and partner organizations to deliver comprehensive employment and supportive services to individuals and employers that prepares the workforce in the County for employment and careers in growing sectors of the regional economy. WDACS' employment and supportive services are delivered through a network of AJCCs throughout Los Angeles County.

HACoLA and WDACS have agreed through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that they will establish operational collaboration for the referral program, so that qualified housing residents may be referred to local Los Angeles County AJCCs and receive access to workforce development programs offered by the AJCC system.