



## Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and the L.A. Compact help high school seniors concerned about their college future

On April 30, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, in partnership with the L.A. Compact, launched **COVID College Connect** to support L.A.'s graduating high school class of 2020 in navigating their college options and addressing their enrollment concerns during these uncertain times. More than 100 students signed up to get help within hours of the initiative's launch. Check out the five-minute video of the mayor announcing COVID College Connect [here](#).

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## Partner Responses to COVID-19



L.A. Opportunity Youth Collaborative helps foster youth access COVID-19 related benefits



L.A. Workforce Systems Collaborative advocates for students and workers impacted by COVID-19

There has been widespread confusion around who can access unemployment benefits and who is eligible to receive a stimulus check. In response, the L.A. Opportunity Youth Collaborative developed two fact sheets to help foster care youth apply for [unemployment insurance](#) and determine if they are eligible to receive a [stimulus check](#) and what to do if they have not gotten their check. Foster youth and their families can access additional resources [here](#).

On April 16, Los Angeles Workforce Systems Collaborative (LAWSC) partners sent a [letter](#) urging congressional leaders to increase their investment in training and employment assistance so that workers and students are better equipped to return to the workforce once the economy recovers. The LAWSC now encourages all L.A. Compact members to sign on to a [nationwide advocacy letter led by the Campaign to Invest in America's Workforce](#) calling for \$15.6 billion of funding for workforce development and skills education during this critical time. [Read more!](#)



### UNITE-LA and Medica Talent Group partner to help the City of L.A. fill critical health care positions

The L.A. Compact's Health Sector Collaborative is partnering with the Office of L.A. Mayor Eric Garcetti and Medica Talent Group to find qualified candidates to fill positions, including registered nurses, medical assistants, EMTs, pharmacy technicians and others, to serve communities impacted by COVID-19. Help us fill these positions by sharing our recruitment [flyer](#). [Read more!](#)



### CSUN Connections utilizes partnership to help recent high school graduates stay on course

CSUN Connections, the L.A. Compact's reverse transfer [initiative](#) with California State University, Northridge (CSUN) and the Los Angeles Community College District, is mobilizing its network to improve college accessibility for adult and transfer students as well as recent high school graduates impacted by COVID-19. They are encouraging students to enroll in community college as one option to continue with their higher education goals. [Read more!](#)



### Donate to the COVID College



### Helping child care businesses stay

## Response Scholarship Fund

UNITE-LA launched the COVID College Response Scholarship Fund to provide L.A. area students with the financial resources to say yes to their college dreams. Many college bound high school seniors have decided to put college on hold due to COVID-related hardships, but you can help change that. Your donation could make the difference between enrolling in college or staying home. Donate [here](#).

## afloat during COVID-19

The L.A. County Early Care and Education Response Team recently shared a [catalog](#) of federal, state and local financial resources to help child care providers stay open and keep staff on payroll during the crisis. As small businesses, most child care programs are eligible for relief options offered through the CARES Act. [Read more!](#)

*Many of our partners are helping their communities cope with challenges arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. We've compiled a [list of these actions](#) across the early childhood, K-12, higher education, workforce and social service sectors. Help us add to this list by sending your organization's response to [lacompat@unitela.com](mailto:lacompat@unitela.com).*

## News & Resources

[Post-COVID: Building the better education system that we've long needed](#)

[Lumina Foundation]

[We can't reopen the economy without child care](#)

[Los Angeles Times]

[COVID-19 alters college admissions](#)

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