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Local Government Leaders Prioritize Youth Employment

The L.A. Compact has long championed the importance of youth jobs programs in providing young adults with early skill- and resume-building work experiences to successfully launch them into the labor force. Now that we are facing the worst economic recession in a century, subsidized jobs will serve as a life-line for thousands of young adults who have been laid off, who live in families who are ineligible for federal relief benefits, and who are struggling to maintain connections to school. At least 14,500 young adults in L.A. County will access a paid work experience this year thanks to budget motions passed recently by the L.A. County Board of Supervisors and L.A. City Council that were strongly supported by L.A. Compact partners.
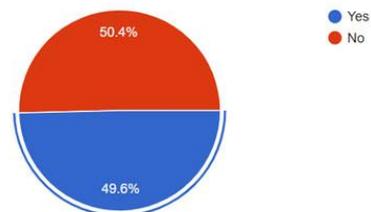
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Collective Impact in Action

Do you have access to a personal computer after you turned in your LA Unified laptop?

2,032 responses

- Yes
- No

50.4%

49.6%

New Policy Advisory Group Leverages Trust Table and Expertise on Teacher Training and Effectiveness

L.A. Compact Seeks Technology Solution for Graduating L.A. Unified Seniors

UNITE-LA launched the new L.A. Educator Pathways Partnership (LAEPP) Policy Advisory Group in June. Our 18th L.A. Compact workgroup is a spin-off of the **LAEPP**—a longstanding data sharing and research collaboration between L.A. Unified and the region's primary teacher training programs. The new LAEPP Policy Advisory Group will develop recommendations around teacher and teacher candidate recruitment, preparation, certification and effectiveness, especially in light of the COVID-19 pandemic; persistent, systemic racism and inequity; and other evolving conditions. **Read more.**

30,000 L.A. Unified graduating seniors had to return their district-issued laptops on June 12. Many of these students have every intention of starting college in the fall, but without a computer or internet, they may struggle to participate in critical summer bridge activities. In a recent survey, over 50 percent of L.A. Unified graduates reported not having access to a personal computer, and nearly two-thirds could not afford to purchase one. The L.A. Compact has identified several options for high school graduates to get a free or low-cost computer to pursue their postsecondary and/or career plans, including through the L.A. College Promise, Hire LA's Youth and human-I-T. **Read more.**

Partner Highlights

UNITE-LA launches survey to improve credential transparency

UNITE-LA is conducting a **survey of students to better understand how they make decisions about their education**. This will be part of a project to make information about available credentials transparent and easily accessible through technology. Working in partnership with **Credential Engine**, the project aims to build an open-source online registry of all degrees, certificates, certifications, licenses, badges, apprenticeships and other types of educational and occupation-related credentials. **Read more.**

Charles R. Drew University fills a void in COVID testing in South L.A.

A member of the Health Sector Collaborative, Charles R. Drew University (CDU) is **providing free COVID-19 testing** to Los Angeles County residents. The work is being done in collaboration with the City and County of Los Angeles and Martin Luther King, Jr. Outpatient Center (MLK OPC). "As the statistics are now showing, under-resourced communities of color are being disproportionately affected by the novel coronavirus. However, there have been very few, if any, COVID-19 testing sites in these communities," said Charles Drew University President and CEO Dr. David M. Carlisle. **Read more.**

L.A. County leaders overwhelmingly adopt antiracist policy agenda for the region

On July 21, the L.A. County Board of Supervisors made clear that inaction is no longer an option. They unanimously approved a motion introduced by Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas to establish an **antiracist policy agenda** for the County. The motion calls for the County to confront and address explicit institutional racism by evaluating how County policies, practices, operations and programs are holding back the advancement of Black Angelenos. At last Tuesday's board meeting, leaders representing various County departments also expressed their support for the motion and pledged to advance racial and social equity within their own departments. **Read more.**

The Early Development Instrument predicts children's future academic success

A population measure of child well-being, the Early Development Instrument (EDI) is currently being used in over 25 countries. Since 2009, the use of the instrument has grown steadily in the U.S., especially in Southern California. However, there has been no research to date that looks at the EDI's utility in predicting future school performance among U.S. children. Our partners at UCLA, along with researchers at UCI and Purdue University, conducted a **study to fill this gap**, showing that the EDI is a strong predictor of children's third grade proficiency in math and reading. **Read more.**

What We're Reading

L.A. County Leaders Approve Sweeping Anti-Racist Agenda
[Los Angeles Daily News]

Despite Budget Woes, L.A. Votes to Preserve Career Development Program for Youth
[The Chronicle of Social Change]

LAUSD Board of Education Endorses Expansion of Community Schools As Hubs of Student and Family Opportunities
[LAUSD]

As school starts online, parents need to study up on 'pandemic pods' - and what they mean for equity
[USA Today]

New study reveals 'Devastating Learning Loss' for youngest children, showing that preschool participation has fallen during pandemic - and may

As COVID changes the workforce, students need to know how a degree or credential will shape their future. New partnership can help.

The L.A. Compact is convened primarily by UNITE-LA. Select workgroups are convened by other partner agencies.

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