



LA County Workforce Development Board (LACWDB) Business Engagement Committee

Resource Mapping: Recommended Partners

Below is a set of partner recommendations across the four categories listed, prioritizing strategic alignment, equity goals, and program scalability within LA County, for consideration.

Goal: Strengthen employer connections, outreach pathways, and cross-sector collaboration for America's Job Centers of California (AJCCs) and Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) and LACWDB programming.

A. Business Groups / Organizations

Partner	Rationale
LAEDC (Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation)	Deep regional labor market expertise; co-author of workforce sector strategies; ideal for data-informed employer engagement
BizFed (Los Angeles County Business Federation)	Diverse industry representation across 200+ organizations; facilitates rapid employer feedback loops
Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce	Policy influences and strong ties to workforce development; supports inclusive hiring initiatives
Construction Industry Coalition (CIC)	Strategic for AJCCs focused on trades; supports pathway development for Women in Construction and Reentry populations
California Clean Energy Small Business Network	Aligns with Clean Energy COE; strong focus on equity and new sector hiring commitments

B. Affinity Groups

Partner	Rationale
Black & Brown Workers Collective (BBWC)	Advocacy and direct service for system-involved and reentry participants; ideal for Fair Chance and P2E alignment
TransLatin@ Coalition	Strategic for gender equity and immigrant workforce navigation; supports trauma-informed programming design
LA LGBT Center's Employment Services Division	Expertise in employment navigation for LGBTQIA+ youth; valuable for Youth@Work and wraparound partnerships



Partner	Rationale
National Urban League – LA Chapter	Historic and trusted partner with strong sector-based training infrastructure
Asian Pacific Islander Small Business Program (API SBP)	Supports minority-owned small businesses; key for employer engagement in targeted ethnic communities

C. Training Partners

Partner	Rationale
LAUSD's Division of Adult & Career Education (DACE)	Scalable credentialing and ESL capacity; key WIOA ally across subregions
SEIU-UHW's Training Fund (Healthcare)	Strong sector alignment for healthcare COEs; creates employer-backed job navigation pathways
Rio Hondo College & LA Trade-Tech College	Top performing community colleges with workforce-aligned certificates; useful for reentry, youth, and transition pathways
Coding Dojo & Generation USA	Alternative credentialing partners with equity-first tech training models; ideal for Clean Energy and IT pilots

D. Nonprofits / Community-Based Orgs / Others

Partner	Rationale
Chrysalis	Workforce-focused nonprofit with deep expertise in reentry and housing-insecure populations; already embedded across LA
LA Promise Fund	Youth-serving nonprofit with career exploration and dual-enrollment models; complements Youth@Work outreach
Community Coalition (South LA)	Trusted advocacy partner; ideal for equity strategy alignment and narrative accountability
Public Counsel & LAFLA	Legal aid support for workforce navigation—especially vital for immigration, housing, and Fair Chance programs
Liberty Hill Foundation	Philanthropic partner that amplifies grassroots organizations; could support pilot evaluation and stakeholder convenings

Partner Crosswalk: Strategic Alignment with COEs



Partner Category	Recommended Partner	Strategic Rationale	Aligned COE & Program Focus
Business Groups	LAEDC	Labor market insights, sector strategy co-development	<i>Cross-sector (data + strategy), General Business Services</i>
	BizFed	Broad employer coalition for feedback and policy support	<i>Fire Recovery, Fair Chance, General Business Services</i>
	LA Chamber	Workforce-focused policy and employer engagement	<i>All Programs, Healthcare</i>
	CIC	Trades outreach, supports reentry and gender equity hiring	<i>Construction COE, Fair Chance</i>
	CA Clean Energy SB Network	Small biz + sustainability hiring	<i>Clean Energy</i>
Affinity Groups	Black & Brown Workers Collective	Lived experience + system-involved workforce	<i>Fair Chance, Justice-System Impacted COE</i>
	TransLatin@ Coalition	Immigrant + gender equity workforce access	<i>Youth, Trauma-Informed; LGBTQIA+, Immigrant, and Homeless</i>
	LA LGBT Center – Employment	Inclusive workforce pathways + coaching	<i>Youth, Trauma-Informed; LGBTQIA+</i>
	Asian Pacific Islander Small Business Program (API SBP)	Employer engagement in immigrant/API communities	<i>Clean Energy, Immigrants and Refugees</i>
Training Partners	LAUSD DACE	ESL, adult ed, job training	<i>Entry-Level Credentials, Slawson AJCC Affiliate</i>
	SEIU-UHW Training Fund	Employer-aligned healthcare training	<i>Healthcare COE</i>
	LATTC, Rio Hondo	Sector-aligned certificates + equity enrollment	<i>Construction, Auto Tech, Clean Energy</i>
	Generation USA	Equity-first tech skilling, alternative pathways	<i>Clean Energy, Tech COE</i>
Nonprofits & CBOs	Chrysalis	Wraparound + reentry supports across LA	<i>Fair Chance, Justice-Impacted and Homeless COEs</i>



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	LA Promise Fund	Youth career pathways + dual enrollment	<i>Youth@Work, Foster Youth COE</i>
	Community Coalition	South LA equity convener + strategy partner	<i>Population-Based COEs</i>
	LAFLA & Public Counsel	Legal aid, workforce rights + immigration	<i>Trauma-Informed, Immigrant and Refugee COEs</i>
	Liberty Hill Foundation	Grassroots support + evaluation partner	<i>Pilot design, GIA benchmarking</i>