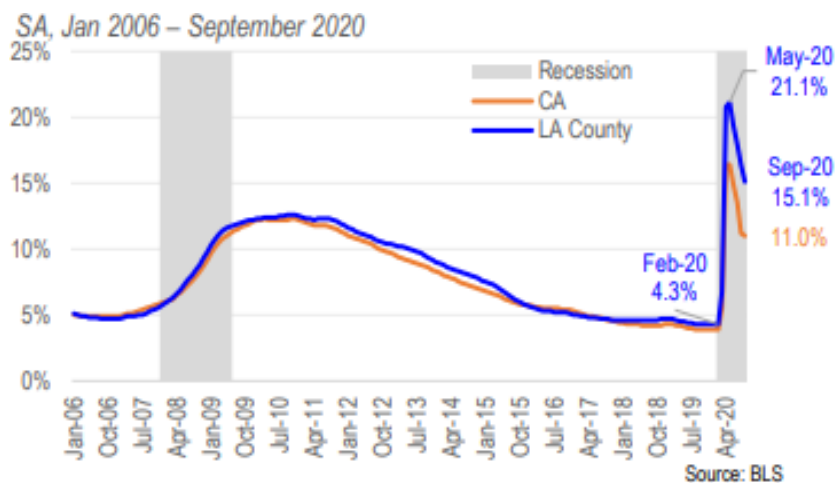


The COVID-19 pandemic has caused incredible, unforeseen disruption globally and severely impacted the social and economic stability of youth and families in South Los Angeles. South Los Angeles has been disproportionately impacted by lay-offs, reductions in the workforce and higher rates of environmental risk to workplace exposure related to COVID-19. A Los Angeles County Department of Workforce Development report found that in spring of 2020 the county lost 716,000 jobs and reached an unemployment rate of 21% (see Figure 1).¹ In response to the increased need of the community during these unprecedented times, CRCD has stepped up its holistic efforts to connect young adults and their families to much needed economic resources and support services.

Figure 1: Monthly Unemployment Rates



In September 2020, CRCD was designated as the first HUD EnVision Center in the City of Los Angeles. As a HUD EnVision Center, CRCD is positioned to strengthen regional access federal resources and deliver essential services in the community. With this designation, CRCD is committed to bringing together people, resources, and cross-sector systems with a common vision to empower households to self-sufficiency and support the community’s recovery from COVID-19.

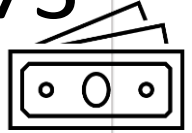
¹ Sedgwick, Shannon M., et al. *Pathways for Economic Resiliency: Los Angeles County 2021-2026*. Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation, 2020, <https://wdacs.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Pathways-for-Economic-Resiliency-Condensed-Report-FINAL.pdf>

Supportive Employment and Work Experience

Through supportive employment and work experience opportunities provided by the Youth Workforce Development Department (Youth WDD), young adults from South LA are given the opportunity to earn wages while building their career readiness skills in a supportive work environment. During the 2020-2021 program year, Youth WDD Participants earned nearly \$1 million in wages through our supportive work experience opportunities. This income provided essential economic and financial support during the peak impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the deepest economic downturn in recent history. Through these efforts, nearly 500 youth were connected to over 45 local companies and organizations to gain valuable work experience while increasing local workforce capacity. The South Los Angeles YouthBuild program participants also completed hands-on work experience on local construction worksites for low-income, permanent supportive housing. During this program year of YouthBuild participants completed over 6,480 hours of work experience and training while improving the local permanent supportive housing stock.

Wages earned through Work Experience/Subsidized Employment

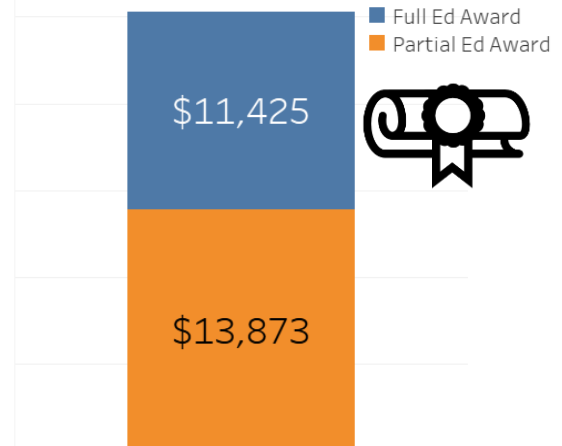
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Youth Leadership

In partnership with YouthBuild USA, CRCD provides youth the opportunity to become a South Los Angeles YouthBuild (SLAYB) AmeriCorps member and complete national service in their community. In response to increased food insecurity caused by the economic impact of COVID-19, SLAYB AmeriCorps members distributed 2,400+ fresh food and produce boxes to the community. These efforts to combat food insecurity were made possible by CRCD's HUD Envision Center designation and in partnership with the United States Department of Agriculture. The South LA YouthBuild members also assisted in multiple community clean up events, which included maintenance of a community garden at the Pueblo Del Rio Housing Development, as well as the distribution of personal protective equipment to 300 housing units at Pueblo del Rio.

Total AmeriCorps Education Awards Funding Granted in 2020-2021



After successfully completing their service hours, South LA YouthBuild AmeriCorps participants are eligible to receive a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award which can be used to pay for future educational expenses. A full education award is worth just over \$1600, and a partial award is worth just over \$800. This program year, CRCD's AmeriCorps members have earned education awards valued at just over \$25,000.