

Goodwill Serving the People of Southern Los Angeles County (SOLAC)

Goodwill SOLAC's purpose is to provide vocational education, work training programs and support services for people with barriers to employment. Our program serves low income residents aged 18 years or older who currently reside in Long Bch or Los Angeles County.

SOLAC believes that by offering training, education, job preparation and placement programs we are able to build lives, families and communities – one job at a time. It is proven that when you provide an individual with a productive and competitive employment opportunity you also provide that individual with value, joy and dignity as well as a paycheck. SOLAC is a firm believer that when you put people to work it not only benefits the individual with a renewed quality of life, relief from social services and the welfare system but also provides a benefit to the community through the economy with greater spending power and real estate values.

SOLAC currently offers industry based job training services in healthcare, loss prevention/security, as well as, direct job placement services. Additionally, Goodwill partners with local educational providers (such as Long Beach City College, Cerritos College, and Southern California Regional Occupational Center) to provide employment preparedness training, job placement services, and job retention services for low-income students matriculating through those schools. Goodwill also provides workforce development services at the City of Long Beach Multi-Service Center for individuals experiencing homelessness and at the Southeast Los Angeles County Workforce Development office for low-income individuals residing in the greater Norwalk area.

The partnership between SOLAC and LBAEC offers the ability to increase academic and career educational access for a greater number of low-income individuals, residing in the greater Long Beach area. Together we will be able to provide increased job training programs (along with necessary wrap around services) that lead to career ladder opportunities, with no cost or minimal cost for the training. GED, literacy, introduction to computers, and English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. We will also be able to provide greater avenues to child care, transportation, safe and affordable housing and mentoring (educational and workplace). We are excited to expand our offering of these services with this partnership either here at our site or at the LBCC campuses.

For more information on SOLACE please visit www.goodwillsolac.org.