



## The Legacy To Serve Everyone

June is graduation month and the time to celebrate those who have achieved their educational goals. That is why it was fitting to hold a special graduation for WorkSource and OneSource Centers staff members who earned their "DSS" degrees—Disability Services Specialists. This month the Community Development Department and the Los Angeles Workforce Investment Board (WIB) awarded certificates to those who successfully completed the EmployABILITY program's Legacy Training.

Legacy Training is web-based allowing staff to complete it at their own pace. In addition, experienced trainers, who also helped develop the content for the online course, offer classroom instruction that allows students to have opportunities to address real life situations.

At the completion ceremony, special honor graduate, South L.A. WorkSource Center's Aureliano Galvez, noted, "the right way to treat (those with disabilities) is just like anybody else. I didn't know everything there is to know even though I'm disabled myself. I thought I knew all I needed to know about it, but I didn't."

This Legacy training equips employees of the WorkSource and OneSource Centers with the skills necessary to meet the needs of persons with disabilities and the employers who hire them. Centers provide an array of services for those seeking work and for employers who need workers.

Downtown WorkSource Center's Honor Graduate Erle Spencer spoke of the training's impact on him. "I began to see it as a matter of professional development for all aspects of the WorkSource Center. Most of the disabilities I run into are hidden, such as emotional problems, drug problems, anything that gets in the way of someone going to work."

Community Development Department Assistant General Manager, Robert Sainz, lauded the graduates and told them "the room is packed with committed, talented people dedicated to helping others." In referring to the impetus for the training program, Mr. Sainz added "We believed we could bring true knowledge to our staff. I'm a firm believer in providing services. Everyone we serve not only impacts the people we serve but their families, their sons and daughters, nieces and nephews. This is a true legacy."

Bravo to the graduates!



Erle Spencer



Aureliano Galvez



Robert Sainz - CDD - Assistant General Manager