

Dropouts Into Graduates



Homeboy Industries and Learning Works: A Strategic, Loving Partnership

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Welcome to Our Learning Labs



- The Chaser Model (February)
- Effectively Serving Teen Mothers and their Infants (April)
- Our Homeboy Partnership (May)
- A New Approach to Probation Youth (September)
- Middle School Prevention of Dropouts (October)
- A New Approach to Educating Foster Care (January)

Our Focus



The mission of Learning Works Charter School (LW) is to provide a personalized, rigorous academic program and relevant life skills to disengaged youth who have dropped out of school. Focus:

- Rigor
- Relevance
- Relationship



Target Population

The students we serve are inaccurately called, “at-risk” students, but are instead in “crisis” or “risk” students. They have already demonstrated a behavior or condition that exceeds “at-risk” such as becoming pregnant or entering the juvenile delinquency system or dropping out of school. Our target population includes:

- In-school and out-of-school dropouts
- Probation youth who are credit-deficient
- An option for students who are expelled from PUSD
- Pregnant teens/teen mother students
- Students who did not pass CAHSEE and therefore did not graduate
- Students ages 18-20 who wish to return to school to receive a high school diploma

History of Learning Works



- High-risk youth started to come to our tutoring center in 2005-06
- Convinced PUSD to expand CIS to our facility in March 2006
- Operated, in essence, as a dependent charter through June 2008
- Chartered in June 2008 and opened September 2008
- Added middle school in September 2009

History of Learning Works (cont.)



- WASC accredited 2010 and renewed in 2013
- Added Homeboy partnership in January 2010
- Added artWORKS in Fall 2010
- Added infant program in January 2013
- Added HopeWorks in Spring 2013
- Charter renewed in Spring 2013 for five years

History of Homeboy Industries



- Program started in 1988 called “Jobs For A Future” by Father Gregory Boyle serving as pastor of Dolores Mission parish in Boyle Heights as a jobs program offering alternatives to gang violence in one of the toughest neighborhoods in the city.
- First businesses were a small bakery in run-down warehouse and a tortilleria in Grand Central Market downtown
- Homeboy became an independent nonprofit in August of 2001
- Now recognized as the largest gang intervention and re-entry program in the county, and a national program model
- Serves approximately 12,000 clients per year from over 1,500 gangs in Los Angeles County

Homeboy Enterprises



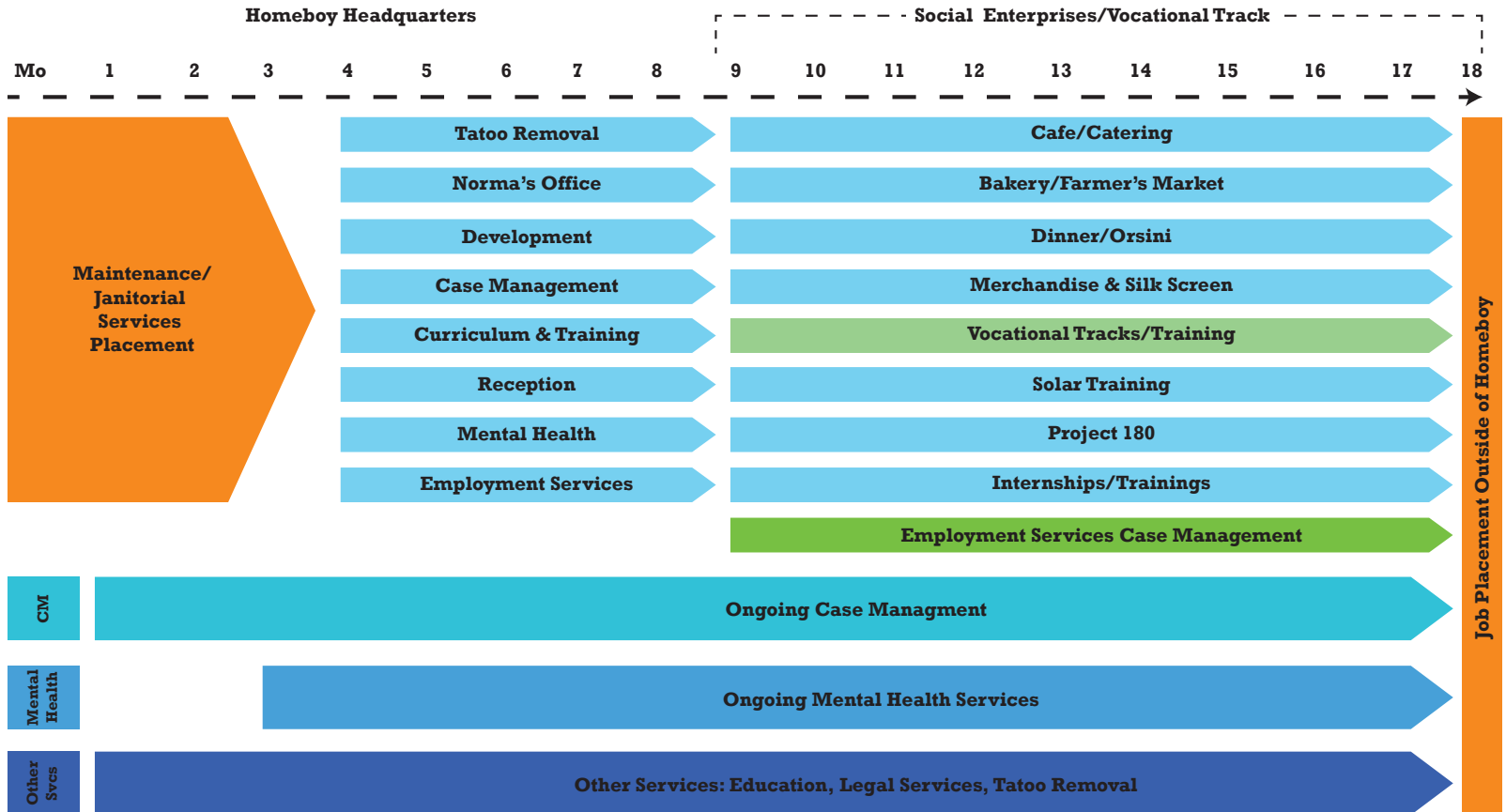
- Homegirl Café & Catering
- Homeboy Farmers Market
- Homeboy Bakery
- Homeboy Diner
- Homeboy & Homegirl Merchandising
- Homeboy Grocery
- Homeboy Silkscreen Printing & Embroidery

HB Services Offered



- Employment Services
- Case Management
- Legal Services
- Tattoo Removal
- Mental Health, Substance Abuse & Domestic Violence Services
- Educational Services
- Solar Panel Installation Training & Certification Program

The Homeboy Case Management/ Employment Model





Why Does Homeboy Need a School?

- Youth coming to HB looking for employment had been out of school for months, and needed an avenue to put food on table.
- Juveniles released from detention camps were sent to alternative schools where they were placed on wait-lists for months.
- Youth on probation would be violated if not enrolled within 72 hours
- ZERO support, family and oftentimes called HB home.

History of Partnering with Schools



- Options for Youth: Shanley Rhodes
- Introduction to Learning Works/Mikala
- Mikala meets Father G at confirmation in Sylmar Juvenile Detention Center
- Partnership begins March 2010
- LW opens as a one-room school at HB on Bruno

What Makes LW Different?

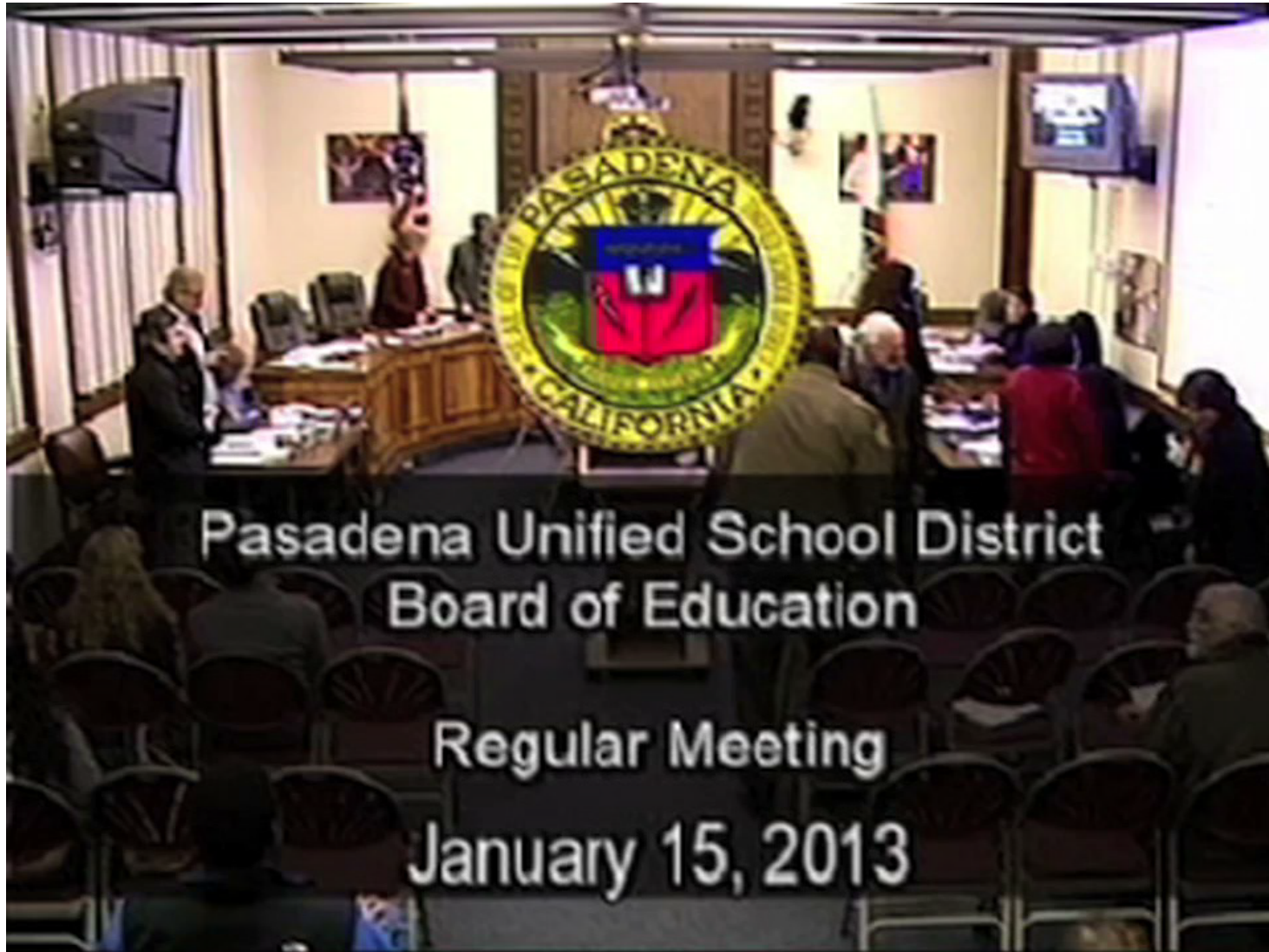


■ Chasers

■ Principles

- FRESH START
- FORGIVENESS & UNCONDITIONAL LOVE
- SAFE HAVEN
- REALITY & POTENTIAL
- DESIRE TO GIVE BACK AND BE HEARD
- HONESTY
- JOY & FUN
- IRRATIONAL COMMITMENT TO STUDENTS

Father G at LW's Charter Renewal



Pasadena Unified School District
Board of Education

Regular Meeting
January 15, 2013

Virtual Tour Video



Structure of Partnership



- The Principles
- Fiscally Independent
- Moved to First Street: Focus on Youth/Young Adults
- Subset Employed
- Re-entry Program
- Team Approach
- Exemplar at Crisis



Outcomes

Number of enrolled students and graduates for Learning Works @ HB by year

- 2010 – 36 students – 3 graduates
- 2011 – 70 students – 4 graduates
- 2012 – 148 students – 21 graduates
- 2013 – 198 students – 28 graduates
- Graduate follow-up study being analyzed as we speak

Why Our Partnership Works



- We are not competing
- We share the same values/principles
- We are irrationally committed to our client
- We are our cheerleaders and supporter of each other

Next Steps



- More employment connections (see handout)
- Improved facilities
- More leveraged funding opportunities
- Increased adult education/graduation transition services

Questions?



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