

SECTION 3 RESIDENT STORY:

Let's Get to Work!



JACQUELINE'S STORY

For Jacqueline Jones, it all started with a Job Awareness Training Program organized by HACLA*. Her participation led to various other training opportunities in the construction field, and ultimately, a permanent job as an Environmental Technician with Andersen Environmental. Anderson Environmental, an environmental consulting firm, is leveraging Jacqueline's skills and training in connection with the redevelopment of the Jordan Downs housing community. Jacqueline's main responsibility is monitoring the area around the construction site for dust control. She says she enjoys her job and is thrilled to work with a group of people who are committed to her professional growth, and who train, teach and guide her daily. Now, many months after she was first hired by Anderson, she reminisces about the time she learned about employment opportunities that would be created by redeveloping Jordan Downs and told her friend *"I am going to get one of those jobs. It will be the start of something good"*.

Jacqueline is proud to be a role model for her two daughters, ages 13 and 15. She says that she teaches them to be fearless, try new things, explore the possibilities around them and always do their best. As she puts it, *"Don't get in your way. Step aside and try!"*

Jacqueline has been a resident of Jordan Downs for 15 years and has always been amazed at the support system that exists in the community and the services HACLA provides for residents. She is confident that the redevelopment will make the community even stronger.

*The Job Awareness Training Program and employment opportunities are part of HACLA's Section 3 efforts and Human Capital Plan in connection with the Jordan Downs redevelopment.



"I never even imagined that I can do this kind of work. I thought it is for people with an advanced education."

Jacqueline Jones

Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, requires that economic opportunities generated by certain U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) financial assistance for housing and community development programs shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be given to low and very low income persons, particularly those who are recipients of government assistance for housing, and to businesses that provide economic opportunities for these persons.

HACLA has developed Section 3 Business and Resident Registries to assist businesses and residents to gain employment and economic opportunities.

SECTION 3 RESIDENTS REGISTRY

HACLA maintains a database of qualified employment-ready Section 3 Residents. Residents take assessment tests, go through a skills review and are provided resources to be employment-ready. Interested residents are encouraged to contact Human Resources Department at (213) 252-5387 to enroll in the registry. Residents from the Registry are identified and referred to contractors for employment opportunities.

SECTION 3 BUSINESS REGISTRY

Businesses who wish to do business with HACLA, and to provide economic opportunities to HACLA residents are encouraged to contact the Section 3 Compliance Administrator at (213) 252-1865 or via e-mail at section3@hacla.org. Additional information about the Section 3 program is available at www.hacla.org/section3.