

JOBE Transitional Living Program

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Fall 2023 Newsletter

Introducing Our Newest Residents



Christopher is a twenty-year-old former foster youth who joined the program in August. He was referred to the program by Fostering Youth Independence (FYI), a program in Santa Clarita that provides support services to former foster youth. Christopher joined the program because he was approaching the age limit for his previous housing program and needed stable housing and support to continue reaching his goals. He currently attends classes at College of the Canyons and has chosen to major in Sociology. He is interested in becoming a school counselor, human resources representative, or poss-

ibly a social worker. He is still exploring his career options. Christopher currently works at a local coffee shop where he earns valuable work experience. Christopher's goals include passing his classes, building his savings, and transferring to California State University Northridge (CSUN) to earn a bachelor's degree.



Alexandra is an eighteen-year-old student who was referred to the program by Jobe counselor Kevin. She joined Jobe because she was a recent high school graduate who needed stable housing and support to start college. Alexandra is a freshman at Los Angeles Pierce College and has chosen to major in Marketing. She aspires to work for a big corporation where she can use her marketing skills and become an entrepreneur in the future. Alexandra's primary language is Spanish and she is actively working to become more proficient in English. She enjoys reading and has strong mathematical skills. Alexandra is

an ambitious young lady who spent the summer between high school and college working two jobs in order to save money to purchase her first car. Alexandra's goals include enhancing her English skills, continuing to build her savings, passing her classes, purchasing her first car.

Message from the Director

Beginning a new academic year is an exciting time for Jobe residents. As four residents successfully transitioned from Jobe and into their independence, Jobe has welcomed four new residents into the program: Christopher, Alexandra, Donta, and Quintyn. They all needed stable housing and support to attend college and be successful as they enter adulthood. We encourage all the residents to network with faculty and students and look for various ways to grow, get out of their comfort zones, and be open to new opportunities. Whether the opportunity is new employment, internship, or a trip, they will experience something new and different. Goal setting is another important priority for their personal growth. We encourage the residents to think about what they want to achieve during each semester. Having specific academic and personal goals can help students stay focused and motivated. Also, building a strong social network can enhance a student's chances of success. Observing the new residents' journey of meeting the Jobe benchmarks puts them on the path to independence. Some of those benchmarks are passing their classes, saving money, obtaining a driver's license, and purchasing their first car within one year. We look forward to witnessing the growth of Jobe's newest residents.

Sincerely,

Keith Wieser
Program Director

Success Stories



Congratulations to Alex for purchasing his first car shortly after obtaining a driver license! Alex joined the program in March and quickly began building his savings to buy his first car. After earning a driver permit, Alex completed a driver training class to help him prepare for the behind-the-wheel exam at the DMV. Jobe provides all residents with driver training classes through a local driving school to ensure that they are prepared for their behind-the-wheel exams and learn how to drive safely. Alex received additional support from his peers at Jobe who helped him practice how to drive around the neighborhood.

With guidance from Jobe staff, Alex found a reliable used car that was within his price range. When asked how it feels to finally own his first car, Alex says, "It feels good to not have to rely on anyone else to get to work or school. It feels good to be more independent."

In addition to learning how to drive and buying his first car, Alex is now a freshman at Los Angeles Pierce College majoring in Computer Science. He got an early start to college by taking classes during the summer session. Alex is on the road to success!

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Donta is a twenty-four-year-old student at CSUN. He joined the program in August because he was in need of stable housing and support at the beginning of his senior year of college. Donta is majoring in Entertainment Media Management and aspires to work in the entertainment industry. Donta is originally from North Carolina and moved to California during college. He is a creative young man who enjoys generating content for social media and painting in his free time. Donta also enjoys giving back to communities in need by volunteering his time and raising awareness about

social issues. Since joining the program, Donta has secured employment at a local restaurant. He has also secured a paid internship within the entertainment industry where he will develop new skills, have opportunities to network within his field of study, and grow as a young professional. Donta's goals include building his savings, graduating from CSUN, and getting accepted into graduate school.



Quintyn is an eighteen-year-old student who joined the program in August. He was referred to the program by Jobe counselor Kevin. Quintyn previously lived in the CSUN dorms, but could no longer afford to continue residing there and was in need of stable housing, guidance, and support. Quintyn is a sophomore at CSUN and has chosen to major in Business Administration. He aspires to start his own e-commerce business after graduation. Quintyn enjoys playing basketball and can even dunk! On occasion, he will officiate sports events at community recreation centers to earn extra money. Since joining the program, Quintyn has

secured a new job as a tutor for elementary school students. This is a great opportunity for him to add new skills to his resume. Quintyn's goals include earning a driver license, purchasing his first car, and passing his classes so that he can boost his cumulative grade point average.

Resident Updates



Clara attended the National Leadership & Organizational Development Conference in Omaha, Nebraska. The annual event was hosted by her sorority, Lambda Theta Nu Sorority, Inc. The conference focused on professional development and provided Clara with possibilities to network with professionals from various industries such as finance, philanthropy, and executive leadership. Clara attended career talks and multiple workshops on various

topics which included building personal strengths, conflict resolution, and developing self awareness. She was also provided with feedback on how to improve her resume. Clara had the opportunity to complete a photoshoot for professional headshots which can be used to find jobs in the future. This weekend-long conference was a memorable event for Clara and provided her with several opportunities to grow personally and professionally.



Erick is Jobe's newest resident assistant. Erick joined the program in April 2021 and quickly developed into an excellent resident. Since joining the program, Erick has earned valuable work experience, earned a position on the dean's list for multiple semesters, and built his credit with guidance from Jobe staff. Erick earned the position as resident assistant because he displayed natural leadership amongst his peers and is always willing to help. Erick takes pride in this

new position and offers his newest peers assistance with moving in and becoming acclimated to the Jobe program. He also provides transportation as needed and mentorship to his peers. When asked how it feels to be a resident assistant, Erick says, "I enjoy that I get to be a role model for the new residents in the program so that I can show them what it all means to be a Jobe resident. I also like seeing their growth and being able to take on more responsibilities as I become an adult myself." Erick will graduate from CSUN with a Bachelor of Science in Tourism, Hospitality, and Recreation Management in Spring 2024.

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Kevin has obtained a better job! Kevin previously worked at a local restaurant where he learned useful skills and earned valuable work experience, however his hours were decreased and he was not making enough money anymore. He needed to find a better job to continue providing for himself and building his savings. Fortunately, Kevin was hired as a server at a prestigious country club where he is now earning more money and learning new skills. In his new position, Kevin is being exposed to new opportunities which allow him to develop new skills such as food preparation, cooking, and formal communication. Not only has Kevin begun to develop new skills and professionalism, he also has an increase in his confidence which will allow him to grow and advance within the company. Kevin is also working in a better environment where he feels valued as an employee. His company offers him great benefits and resources such as scholarships for school.

Our Mission

The mission of Jobe Transitional Living Program is to create a trauma informed, culturally aware, and safe environment for our Transitional Aged Youth (TAY)/homeless youth to utilize their individual strengths to end the cycle of poverty and become pillars of the community.

Recent Birthdays



Jobe Resident. Kamau celebrates his 24th birthday.



Jobe Resident. Clara celebrates her 24th birthday.

Resident Updates



Congratulations to Aaron for successfully transitioning out of the Jobe program and into his own apartment. He joined the program in April 2020 and displayed a goal-oriented mindset throughout his time at Jobe. He was disciplined at building his savings and acquiring independent living skills. Aaron even held the position of resident assistant for almost two years. When his college graduation was approaching, he received assistance from Jobe staff with creating a transition plan which included searching for apartments within his price range. Aaron transitioned out of the program shortly after graduating from CSUN in Spring 2023 with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. Aaron jump-started his career by securing employment with an aerospace company shortly after graduating. He also recently started his first semester of graduate school where he is pursuing a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering. Aaron is now a part-time counselor at Jobe and will remain connected with the program through the Aftercare program.



Jobe welcomes its newest furry friend, Luke! Luke is a one-year-old Labrador retriever who entered Jobe's doors with a wagging tail and plenty of energy. Luke has been welcomed by staff and residents with open arms and lots of belly rubs. In his short time at Jobe, he has already brought so much happiness and love to everyone he's encountered.