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South Bay Workforce Investment Board – Led Coalition Awarded \$500,000 State Grant to Provide Violence Intervention Services to At-Risk Inglewood Youth

HAWTHORNE – Approximately 100 Inglewood area youth ages 14-18 will receive violence intervention services through a coalition of agencies led by the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) and funded by a \$500,000 State Grant from the California Violence Intervention Project.

The Inglewood Community And Regional Engagement Violence Intervention Prevention (I-CARE VIP) Project, comprised of representatives from the City of Inglewood, Inglewood Police Department, Inglewood Unified School District and the SBWIB, will provide a systematic pathway for diversion and employment opportunities for the youth. “Through this education and training program, youth will have the tools they need to focus on academics and gain skills for employment,” commented Inglewood Mayor, James T. Butts Jr.

The SBWIB and Centinela Youth Services (CYS) will partner to provide trauma-informed case management while the youth are improving their labor marketability through paid pre-employment training, paid work experience and job search assistance. CYS will also provide its highly effective diversion services, which includes a community empowerment model, mental health diversion, Families Able to Resolve Situations mediation, Victim Offender Restitution mediation and Everychild Restorative Justice Center case management.

“We are very excited to continue serving Inglewood’s youth through I-CARE and support their career pathway and educational development,” noted SBWIB Executive Director Jan Vogel.

For more than 35 years, the SBWIB has been an innovator in developing programs for underserved communities including homeless veterans, transitioning military veterans and their families, and former incarcerated men and women seeking employment and career training. Many other no cost educational, career development and business services are provided through the SBWIB’s four One-Stop Business & Career Centers serving 11 South Bay communities, and two Teen Centers in Inglewood and Hawthorne. For more information, please call (310) 970-7700 or visit SBWIB.org.