



Playa Vista Job Opportunities and Business Services

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Le Daya Epps

The youngest of 11 children, Le Daya Epps was born in Compton, California and raised in the Los Angeles County Foster Care system until she was 14 years old. That's when her older, then 32-year-old sister adopted her.

After she completed high school, she could not find a job and ended up turning to illegal activities. She was incarcerated for four months.

Epps then went to school to become a medical assistant. After graduation, she moved to Las Vegas, where she worked as a caregiver for a while, but found herself unemployed. She then moved back to Los Angeles, but faced unemployment for more than a year before gaining temporary employment as a caregiver.

After two years of more unemployment, she joined the LA Black Worker Center and they referred her to PVJOBS.

She was selected to attend the laborers boot camp for the Crenshaw/LAX project and was only one of two ladies who were eligible to do so. She was sponsored by Walsh/Shea Corridor Constructors in June as an apprentice laborer. She is now working as a first stage apprentice.

"I feel blessed," the 37-year-old, single mother of three said. "I'm learning a lot of new skills, like loading K-rails, and I'm looking forward to a career as a laborer."

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