Aaron Maxwell became connected with Back 2 Work through a Los Angeles DRC in 2013. Upon his successful completion of the B2W program, Aaron became the lead driver and supervisor for Chrysalis in their highway maintenance program. Aaron was able to assist in the training of several other Chrysalis crew supervisors before getting hired by Caltrans. Aaron has found success with Back 2 Work and makes it his goal to help as many others as he can.

Partnerships are critical to the Back 2 Work programs providing strong services to participants throughout the state. Our programs would not be possible without forming these great partnerships in each county and this month we would like to highlight some great collaborations we have formed to provide unparalleled services to men and women we serve. Among these organizations are the Northern California Construction Training, Chrysalis, and the Center for Employment Opportunities. Each one of these programs partners with us so that we can provide necessary resources our participants need to fully reintegrate back into the workforce.

Back 2 Work began partnering with Northern California Construction training (NCCT) in 2013 to provide transitional employment through Caltrans work crews statewide. NCCT also provides quality pre-apprenticeship constructional training, employment soft skills, and other resources to aide our clients. Additionally our partnership with NCCT helps connect our clients with local trades and further participants knowledge of careers in construction.

Chrysalis and Back 2 Work have been in partnership together since 2018 providing transitional employment to disadvantaged adults in Los Angeles. Chrysalis has been providing these services since 1984 and really have a heart for what they do. They bring
both great customer service and care to not only the population they serve but also the partnerships they serve alongside, including Back 2 Work. One of the highlights is that our joint workshops have really increased the amount of participants who have applied for the California State Employment.

The Center for Employment Opportunities (CEO) have also partnered with Back 2 Work since early 2018 providing transitional employment for the high risk population of Los Angeles. CEO has been providing these services for the past 30 years and brings an extremely structured program and quality network of workforce development professionals and those who specialize in the re-entry population to walk alongside our participants and help them in the transitional process. CEO takes its challenges head on and this particular collaboration focuses on serving the most ‘difficult to serve’ population.

Back 2 Work has developed a great appreciation for these partnerships. Each one of them is unique and necessary in creating a successful path for our participants. Together, we create a smooth transition and endless opportunities for the at risk populations we serve.

DID YOU KNOW?

Since 2013, NCCT and B2W have:
Served 315 people with 44 people getting hired with Caltrans. Currently 17 people are actively in our program

As of October 2018, CEO and B2W have:
Served 152 people with 50 people actively in our program. 41 people have received a verified job with Caltrans or elsewhere.

As of September 2018, Chrysalis and B2W have:
Served 94 people with 44 clients obtaining outside employment. 31 clients are currently active in our program.

SUCCESS STORIES

Curtis Howard was among four participants at CEO to receive an interview with Caltrans District 7 as a California State Employee.

Michael Simpson from Chrysalis was hired as a supervisor and an Operator 1 at the Malibu Yard for Caltrans District 7.

Patricia Haywood from NCCT was recently hired as a Landscape Maintenance Worker at the Silverlake Yard for Caltrans District 7.