

2023/2024 Resources

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Regional Center -Vanessa Pulido and Anita Kwon	<p>Regional Center of Orange County The Regional Center of Orange County (RCOC) serves people of all ages with developmental disabilities. We also serve infants and toddlers with developmental delays as well as those who are at high risk for developmental disability or those who have an established risk for developmental disability under the federal Early Start program. If you think you, your child or someone you know may be at risk for or may have a developmental disability, please review this information and contact our regional center.</p>	Anita Kwon akwon@rcocdd.com ; Vanessa Pulido vpulido@rcocdd.co ;
Department of Rehab- Ann Kim Nguyen	<p>Department of Rehabilitation The California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) works in partnership with consumers and other stakeholders to provide services and advocacy resulting in employment, independent living, and equality for individuals with disabilities.</p> <p>DOR administers the largest vocational rehabilitation and independent living programs in the country. Vocational rehabilitation services are designed to help job seekers with disabilities obtain competitive employment in integrated work settings. Independent living services may include peer support, skill development, systems advocacy, referrals, assistive technology services, transition services, housing assistance, and personal assistance services.</p>	Ann Kim ann-kim.nguyen@dor.ca.gov ; Andrew Magana Andrew.Magana@dor.ca.gov ;
ROP/Workability-Gabriella Vargas	<p>Workability The WAI program is funded and administered by the CDE. It provides comprehensive pre-employment skills training, employment placement and follow-up for high school students in special education who are making the transition from school to work, independent living, and postsecondary education or training. The WAI program services are appropriate to individual student needs, abilities, and interests. The WAI program offers students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) the opportunity to complete their secondary education while also obtaining marketable job skills. WAI provides secondary students with an understanding of job-seeking and job-keeping skills.</p>	Gabriella Vargas gvargas@nocrop.us

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Ready, Set OC- Diane Gomez, Daniel Cheon, Anthony Ramos and Julian Vac	<p align="center">Ready S.E.T.OC</p> <p>The OCWDB's Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Young Adult Program provides high quality services for young adults beginning with career exploration and guidance, continued support for educational attainment, opportunities for skills training in in-demand industries and occupations, and culminating with a good job along a career pathway or enrollment in post-secondary education.</p>	Rachel Gonzaga (562) 713-8015 rachel.gonzaga@readysetc.com 675 placentia ave, suite 300, breca, 92821
NOCE/DSS-Casey Sousa and Adam Gottdank	<p>Disabled Students Services/DSS</p> <p>Disability Support Services provides support to adult students with disabilities so they can successfully transition to, participate in, and complete their post-secondary education at NOCE.</p>	Adam Gottdank agottdank@noce.edu Casey Sousa csousa@noce.edu
NOCE College to Career	<p>College to Career</p> <p>College to Career (C2C) is a program that provides services that support students with intellectual disabilities (ID) as they take inclusive noncredit and credit classes. Upon completion of their educational goals, C2C provides employment services and job development so that students can obtain competitive, integrated employment.</p>	April Fante afante@noce.edu
NOCE CSP California Subminimum to Competitive Integrated Employment Project	<p>NOCE CSP California Subminimum to Competitive Integrated Employment Project</p> <p>CSP is an innovation grant through the Department of Rehabilitation aimed at increasing employment outcomes for adults who are currently in or at risk of being placed in sub minimum wage employment.</p>	Lori Guy lguy@noce.edu
Santiago Canyon College	<p>Santiago Canyon College DSS</p> <p>DSPS is the primary provider of instructional support services and academic accommodations to students with verifiable disabilities attending SCC.</p>	Isabel Garcia garcia_isabel@sccollege.edu
Coastline College Newport Beach/COAST	<p>COAST-Career Options through Academic Support and Training (COAST) Program</p> <p>Coastline College offers a unique vocational program: Career Opportunities through Academic Support and Training (COAST) in cooperation with the Adult Education Block Grant (AEBG) and the office of Special Programs and Services for the Disabled. The purpose of this program is to provide specific job and employability skills training to students in a chosen field of study, with the intention of transitioning to the workplace.</p>	Katie Stubblefield kstubblefield@coastline.edu

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SVS--Jonnie Martinez	<p>SVS-Social Vocational Services</p> <p>SVS are the most innovative premier service for individuals with developmental disabilities in the State of California. We pride ourselves in providing quality programs that enable those served to choose the lifestyle they judge to be of greatest value. We assist them in designing the service plan necessary for its achievement.</p>	Jonnie Martinez jmartinez@svsinc.org
Goodwill--Angelica Araujo	<p>Goodwill Programs</p> <p>We're the most comprehensive workforce development program in Orange County, providing you with the resources and personal support to achieve your fullest potential.</p>	Angelica Araujo Angelicaa@ocgoodwill.org
Vocational Innovations- Julia Do	<p>Vocational Innovations</p> <p>Vocational Innovations specialize in working with adults with developmental disabilities who are in need of positive supports to enhance their quality of life. We believe that every individual has learned a repertoire of behaviors including challenging behaviors as an adaptive response and means to communicate with their environment. We believe that through behavioral interventions and a person-centered approach, we can help create positive relationships. An Individualized Support Plan (ISP) is developed by our Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) in partnership with the individual we support, their family, home staff, job coaches, management, and service coordinator.</p>	Julia Do jdo@vocinnovations.com
Progressive Community and Vocational Services-Yuri L	<p>Progressive Community and Vocational Services</p> <p>Progressive Community and Vocational Services, LLC (PC&VS) is a dynamic partnership between two individuals (Hector Navarro BS in Psychology and John Lubbers Ph.D.) with a collective 30 plus years of rewarding experience working with individuals with developmental disabilities. Mr. Navarro has over 15 years of experience working with individuals with challenging behaviors Mr. Navarro has provided services for individuals from Metropolitan State Hospital and Fairview Developmental Center, as well as individuals with forensic involvement. In his experience, over the time that he has worked with clients with developmental disabilities, Mr. Navarro has continued to remain highly supportive of all of his client's endeavors.</p>	John Lubbers jlubbers@pc-vs.org
Integrated Resources Institute-Roxana Guzman Yanette Zavala and Marielle Barnum	<p>Integrated Resources Institute</p> <p>Integrated Resources Institute (IRI) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the full inclusion of persons with disabilities into their community.</p>	949-232-1172 roxanna@irioc.org

Project Independence--Sharie La Pierre	<p align="center"><u>Project Independence</u></p> <p>At Project Independence we have worked for over 45 years to serve hundreds of people throughout Orange County build lives of true independence even when challenged with developmental disabilities. With the help of our wonderful community partners and employers we work from an "Inclusive Model." Through Supported Employment, Independent Living, and our Daytime Programs, our community grows stronger by including all who hope for a happy and independent life. A life of achievement, accomplishment and inclusion.</p>	
No Limits Learning Center--Maryalice Garcia	<p align="center"><u>No Limits Learning Center</u></p> <p>No Limits Learning Center is a site-based program for adults with developmental disabilities who are at least 18 years of age. Our program was created from a passion to serve this community, their stories, and their right to a happy, healthy, independent life. We strive for these goals through a focus on continued education, responsibility, and integration into society. We offer six different levels of classes, a health and fitness program, and more. We also go on field trips and outings year round, and have several on campus events, from holiday parties to various "National Day" celebrations. Our program runs year-round with designated holiday breaks. We believe we are setting a new standard for what a program can be, and more importantly, what it can do for this amazing community.</p>	<u>info@nolimitslc.org</u>
Best Buddies Jobs-Erika Javier and Chrisitan Ledezma	<p align="center"><u>Best Buddies Jobs</u></p> <p>The Best Buddies Jobs program represents one of our organization's four key mission pillars, Integrated Employment. This program secures jobs for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), allowing them to earn an income, pay taxes, and continuously and independently support themselves.</p> <p>The Jobs program places focus beyond the typical jobs in which a person with IDD might be placed. Best Buddies focuses on finding work that matches the job seeker's interests and talents.</p>	Erika Javier <u>ErikaJavier@bestbuddies.org</u>
Amazon Work Force-Heidi Kim Lupe Gonzalez Italy Andujo	<p><u>Amazon Hiring</u></p> <p>Amazon offers assistance with job seeking that can help support students with disabilities.</p>	Heidi Kim <u>Heidikim@amazon.com</u>
My Day Counts-Laurie Furuta Janet Tialino Mike Galliano	<p><u>My Day Counts</u></p> <p>TRAINING PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES FOR SUCCESS IN LIFE AND WORK.</p>	Laurie Furuta <u>lfuruta@mydaycounts.org</u>

[Rec/Art Programs: 6](#)

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BC Fitness-Brad Clark and Bianca Sanchez	<p>www.bcadaptivefitness.com</p> <p>www.nationaladaptivefitnessfoundation.org</p> <p>Brad is a traveling fitness coach who works with students with special needs. He brings a therapy dog and runs fitness classes for students.</p>	Brad Clark bcadaptivefitness@gmail.com
YMCA	<p>YMCA New Horizons program</p> <p>New Horizons is a program for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs ages 18 and up. The New Horizons program provides safe and supervised recreational outings in the community that offers social interaction, skill-building, and life-long friendships. While participants are having fun, their full-time caregivers are provided with the "time-off" they need to better care for their loved ones.</p>	adiaz@ymcaoc.org Alicia Diaz 714-508-7636
Belle Fit--Tiffany Bell-Fitness-Opening activity	<p>Belle Fitness</p> <p>Fitness classes and self defense for individuals with disabilities</p>	Tiffany Bell iambellfit@gmail.com
Integrity House	<p>Integrity House</p> <p>Passport to Employment assists members with developing vocational skills, resume writing and interview techniques in order to prepare for employment in the community. Members on this team operate the Peppertree Cafe and the Boutique for the Clubhouse.</p>	Mineya Wright minaya.wright@gmail.com
Best Buddies through CSUF	<p>Best Buddies</p> <p>Best Buddies International is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to establishing a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment, leadership development, and inclusive living for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).</p> <p>CSUF Best Buddies Link</p>	Andrea Morgan AndreaMorgan@bestbuddies.org
No Limits Creative Arts	<p>No Limits Creative Arts</p> <p>NO LIMITS IS A PROGRAM DEVELOPED TO BRING THE ARTS TO KIDS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS. ARTS FOR ALL CHILDREN IS A SPECIAL GIFT THAT ALLOWS THEM TO BE CREATIVE AND HAVE A VOICE ALL THEIR OWN. OUR GOAL IS TO PROVIDE A SAFE, COMFORTABLE ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR STUDENTS TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES CREATIVELY.</p>	Carla Hutchinson carla@nolimitscreativearts.com

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SCRS-IL: Southern California Resource Services for Independent Living-Justine Estrada	<p>Southern California Resource Services for Independent Living</p> <p>Our independent living programs and services serve 44 cities in Los Angeles County. Services include: advocacy, peer counseling, housing search assistance, information and referral, personal assistance services, independent living skills training, systems change advocacy, cross disability peer counseling, assistive technology, advocacy for de-institutionalization, youth advocacy and civic engagement, and job readiness and job placement services. In 2019, SCRS-IL celebrates 40 years of unparalleled commitment to our community.</p>	Justine Estrada jestrada@scrs-ilc.org
SSA --Kenya Avila	<p>SSI Website</p> <p>Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) programs provide assistance to people who meet our requirements for disability.</p>	Kenya Avila Kenya.Avila@ssa.ocgov.com
Dayle McIntosh Center-Nelly Gomez and Alan Cruz	<p>Dayle McIntosh Center</p> <p>The Dayle McIntosh Center for the Disabled, also referred to as DMC, is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization that focuses on core services and serves as hub organization with many referral resources, programs, and partners. They provide services to people with disabilities and older adults as we facilitate equal, equitable access and inclusion within the community.</p>	Nelly Gomez ngomez@daylemc.org

Self Determination and Advocacy: 3

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Planned Parenthood	Planned Parenthood Advocacy, adult sex education, healthy relationship and boundaries education/classes.	Jordan Herrera jordan.herrera@pposbc.org
TACA-The Autism Community in Action	https://tacanow.org/ The Autism Community in Action is a nonprofit organization founded in 2000 by Lisa Ackerman and based in Irvine, California. The mission statement is "TACA provides education, support and hope to families living with autism".	Simran Garcia simran.garcia@tacanow.org
Self Determination	RCOC Self Determination Service Link The Self-Determination Program allows participants the opportunity to have more control in developing their service plans and selecting service providers to better meet their needs.	Melissa Jones selfdeterminationwithmj@gmail.com

Community Resources: 5

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OCTA	Website OC ACCESS OC ACCESS is a shared-ride service that is available to qualified applicants whose physical or cognitive limitations prevent them from utilizing the regular OC Bus fixed-route service. College Pass Program OC ACCESS is a shared-ride service that is available to qualified applicants whose physical or cognitive limitations prevent them from utilizing the regular OC Bus fixed-route service.	Martin Browne mbrowne@octa.net
Snoop Special Stars	Website Snoop Special Stars is a special needs division of a youth football league.	Tracy Berkley tracyberkley57@gmail.com
SELPA/CAC Robin Gilligan	SELPA Website	Robin Gilligan rgilligan@ocde.us

	SELPA is a Local Plan describing how it provides special education services. Specific components to be included in the Local Plan are delineated in the Education Code.	Tracy Berkley tracyberkley57@gmail.com
Katie's Club	OC ACCESS is a shared-ride service that is available to qualified applicants whose physical or cognitive limitations prevent them from utilizing the regular OC Bus fixed-route service.	Katie's Club katiescluboc@gmail.com Karen Yingling karen@aceadvocacy.net
Trusts and Conservatorship	https://geislaw.com/ Assistance with creating Special Needs Trusts and Conservatorships	Joseph Geis, Esq josephgeis@geislaw.com
Registrar of Voters-Mai Tran, Roxana Castro, Matt Craven	https://ocvote.gov/ Assistance with voting	Mai Tran ThuMai.Tran@ocvote.gov
OCLPA Orange County Local Plan Area	The purpose of the Orange County Local Partnership Agreement (OCLPA) is to enhance partnerships that promote preparation for and achievement of competitive integrated employment (CIE) for youth/adults, 14 years old through 30 years+, with disabilities and related "At Risk" populations including individuals with intellectual disabilities and developmental disabilities (ID/DD).	Linda ONeal linda_oneal@cox.net

