

# Orange County Local Partnerships Agreement (OCLPA)

Coronavirus-19...

Virtual & Other Transition Resources 2021

Google Drive 2-12-21

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1VXYCdN602MYSblGcZ4f5YQzrFqTFnoC-?u>

(Please find a folder for the 2-12-21 resources.)



- Please send your no-cost/low cost COVID -19 & Transition Related Resources & Student Learning Strategies to [linda\\_oneal@cox.net](mailto:linda_oneal@cox.net) so we can share with each other on our google drive. We need items that pertain to all stakeholders, including students, families, adults with disabilities, educational staff, administrators, service providers, community colleges, universities, and any other interested individuals.
- Consider providing newsletters/emails and other social media to your students, families, co-workers, and business partners to ensure they get information that may include COVID-19 resources and emergency food distributions in your community.
- Keep in mind, many of these resources are free now, but may have a cost associated with them after the Pandemic is over.

## RESOURCES

### 1. OC Health Care Agency COVID-19 Hotline (714) 834-2000



For general Questions, guidelines, information about COVID-19, call the hotline or email your Othena questions to... [support@compositeapps.net](mailto:support@compositeapps.net)

[www.ochealthinfo.com/novelcorona\\_virus](http://www.ochealthinfo.com/novelcorona_virus)

(Flyers in English, Spanish & Vietnamese are available on the TPI OCLPA Google Drive.)

### 2. Othena Manages COVID-19 Vaccination



Individuals who live or work in Orange County can register on-line through [www.Othena.com](http://www.Othena.com) to view available appointments and to stay informed on future availability

**Find Up-to-Date Immunization Information**

**English:**

<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.othena.com%2F&data=04%7C01%7CArturo.Hernandez%40dor.ca.gov%7Ce6cbb95321d54bd47dad08d8ce08b20b%7C19ed70549d9743c792b16781b6b95b68%7C0%7C0%7C637485884041166254%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimc4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6I1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C1000&data=AN0iT7MmmFEB1nc9TrcZiYnqPLptG5w8Hqzu2GIeUs%3D&reserved=0>

**Vietnamese: Hiện Đang Chích Ngừa Giai**

**Đoạn 1A**

<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fothena.com%2F%3Flang%3Dvi&data=04%7C01%7CArturo.Hernandez%40dor.ca.gov%7Ca84c0ae5d9c0459e048208d8ce01ddbe%7C19ed70549d9743c792b16781b6b95b68%7C0%7C0%7C637485854715978683%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimc4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6I1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000&data=hFNYnZCoFZO N3iXiEyOgb1zE2I3IMfmif9NPUUs3bps%3D&reserved=0>

**Spanish:** Actualmente se está vacunando en la **fase 1A**

<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fothena.com%2F%3Fflang%3Des&data=04%7C01%7CArturo.Hernandez%40dor.ca.gov%7C728829fc170542b71c0a08d8ce01e6b4%7C19ed70549d9743c792b16781b6b95b68%7C0%7C0%7C637485854858616172%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Iik1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000&data=%2Fdhvk4ulclv%2F5K1UyDksm2QdXaMOtXYVnvOqtjyX%2ByA%3D&reserved=0>

**(See this information sheet on the TPI OCLPA Google Drive.)**

### 3. Updated COVID-19 Vaccine Allocation Guidelines by the California Department of Public Health

On **2/4/2021**, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) updated their COVID-19 vaccine Q&A to incorporate the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) [family member caregiver letter](#).



This update supports the letter DDS released about family member caregivers. We wanted to make sure you were aware of this critical update.

**[From the Updated COVID-19 Vaccine Allocation Guidelines as of February 4:](#)**

Are family member caregivers of regional center consumers eligible as healthcare providers for Phase 1A?

Yes, family member caregivers with direct risk of COVID-19 exposure who care for regional center consumers at high risk of COVID-19 complications and related fatalities including the following conditions: cerebral palsy, down syndrome, epilepsy, and individuals who have specialized health care needs, including dependence upon ventilators, oxygen, and other technology are eligible. This does not include other family members within the same household who do not provide direct care to the regional center consumer. Eligible family members must obtain documentation from their regional centers, verifying the qualifying condition of the family member cared for and caregiver status.

**(Please see the DDS Family Member Caregiver Letter on the TPI OCLPA Google Drive.)**

### 4. Expanded COVID-19 Vaccination Program

65+ and OC Residents Only

Call (714) 332-6367 to Book Your Appointment

**(Please see the flyer on the TPI OCLPA Google Drive.)**



### 5. COVID-19 Vaccine Roll-Out Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

As the COVID-19 vaccine roll-out continues, it's important to be on the lookout for scams. The Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FINCEN) recently issued a new warning about vaccine scams:

- Beware of scams offering early access to vaccines for a fee.
- Keep an eye out for phishing scams where scammers email or text you with phony vaccine information.
- Steer clear of scammers trying to sell fake versions of vaccines.



For the latest vaccine updates, check with the [Centers for Disease Control & Prevention \(CDC\)](#). To learn more about how to manage your finances during the pandemic, visit [consumerfinance.gov/coronavirus](https://consumerfinance.gov/coronavirus). For tips on how to avoid common scams, check out the CFPB's [fraud prevention resources](#).

**6. COVID Resources Information, Los Angeles County (Richard Rosenberg, SDSU, CUTPI & CSULA)**

“Whenever there is a health crisis, scammers quickly find ways to cheat people out of their money. During the coronavirus pandemic, scammers are using robocalls, social media posts, and emails to take advantage of fear, anxiety, and confusion about COVID-19. Criminals are selling things that don’t work, charging money for things that are free, and stealing personal information.”

- COVID Testing & Vaccine Information
- COVID Various Scams
- COVID Test Type Table
- COVID Vaccine Scams

**(Please see information sheets specific to resources & scams on the TPI OCLPA Google Drive.)**

**7. Free Drive Thru Food Pantry**

Saturdays 2/13, 2/20 & 2/27 2021

Villa Fundamental School

1441 East Chestnut Ave.

Santa Ana, California 92701 (Enter off Chestnut)

8:30-11:00 AM or until supplies last

Contact us: [Info@thesevacollective.org](mailto:Info@thesevacollective.org) / 714-584-7573

**(English & Spanish Flyers available on the TPI OCLPA Google Drive.)**



**8. Emergency Rental Assistance Program for OC Renters**

The County of Orange will offer rental households up to \$10,000 in financial assistance for unpaid rent or utility bills due to impact of COVID-19. Accepting applications 2/2-2/28/2021. You must meet income requirements.

Visit the website at [www.ERA.211oc.org](http://www.ERA.211oc.org)

**Text ERA to 898211 or Call 211**



- The households cannot be receiving federal rental subsidies or receiving assistance from other rental programs.
- Households in Orange County, **excluding the Cities of [Anaheim](#), [Santa Ana](#) and [Irvine](#), which are ineligible for this program.** Click on the name of the city to be connected to their Rental Assistance programs.

Click [here](#) to access the ERA frequently asked questions

**9. Santa Ana Vital Eviction Solution SAVES Program**

Santa Ana residents impacted by the Coronavirus who are behind on rent and facing eviction can apply for up to twelve month’s rent (which includes up to six month’s rental arrears since April 1, 2020) and receive free legal and mediation services starting February 1, 2021.



<https://www.santa-ana.org/covid19/santa-ana-vital-eviction-solution-saves>

**(Please see the program flyer on the TPU OCLPA Google Drive.)**

**10. Free Tax Filing**

February 10- April 7, 2021 Appointment Required

Cypress Community Park

255 Visions, Irvine



District 3 Supervisor Donald Wagner and the City of Irvine are partnering with Orange County United Way to offer free tax-preparation services for individuals who earned less than \$60,000 in 2020. Qualified taxpayers who live, work, or attend school in Irvine can receive help filing their taxes at Cypress Community Park on Wednesdays from February 10 through April 7. An appointment is required; no walk-ups will be accepted. **Call 888-434-8248** for more information or to schedule an appointment.

**(Please see the flyer on the TPI OCLPA Google Drive.)**

**11. Transition Discoveries Guide (Sue Sawyer & Richard Rosenberg, California Transition Alliance)**

<https://www.transitiondiscoveries.org/>



Empowered VOICES–Transitioning Youth and Families

Discovering Authentic Lives: Transitions Discoveries Quality Indicators Survey Package and Infographic Collection For additional information, access to the survey, or copies of this infographic collection, please email: [transitionqi@gwu.edu](mailto:transitionqi@gwu.edu) This infographic collection is available in PDF and text-only versions in both English and Spanish at

[www.secondarytransition.org](http://www.secondarytransition.org)

Transition Discoveries was funded by a grant from the Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Council

**(Please find the infographic in English & Spanish on the TPI OCLPA Google Drive.)**

**12. New IES Studies on Distance Learning**

**What Works When Teaching Remotely? A Rapid Evidence Review**



To provide relevant information to educators and administrators in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Institute of Education Sciences conducted a rapid evidence review to report on what works in distance learning programming. The What Works Clearinghouse teams screened available education research to identify the most promising evidence about what works for learning remotely. Of the 932 studies screened, 266 were retained for full-text screening and thirty-six studies were identified for review.

View the report at: <https://ies.ed.gov/ncee/wwc/DistanceLearningStudy>

**(This report is available on the TPI OCLPA Google Drive.)**

**13. Think College, Model Accreditation Program Standards for Higher Education Program for Students with Intellectual Disabilities (9-30-20)**

[https://thinkcollege.net/sites/default/files/files/ModelProgramAccreditationStandards\\_10-2020\\_F.pdf](https://thinkcollege.net/sites/default/files/files/ModelProgramAccreditationStandards_10-2020_F.pdf)

The Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) enacted in 2008 created exciting opportunities for students with intellectual disability (ID) to access



federal financial aid and authorized both new model demonstration programs and a National Coordinating Center (NCC). The NCC, administered by Think College at the Institute for Community Inclusion, University of Massachusetts Boston.

**(This Disability Scoop Article, Think College Report & 2011 Standards are available on the TPI OCLPA Google Drive.)**

**14. Transition Coalition Modules (University of Kansas, Department of Special Education)**

<https://transitioncoalition.org/online-training-modules/>

The TC online modules are developed using up-to-date research, effective practices in professional development, and materials and resources for implementation. They are for anyone involved in transition planning.



• Best Practices for Transition	• The Essentials of Self Determination
• Cultural Diversity	• Transition Assessment: The Big Picture
• Enhancing Employment Outcomes	• Work Based Learning 101
• Interagency Collaboration	• Working with Families
• Strategies for School Completion	• Transition for Youth with ED/BD

### 15. US Department of Labor Job Accommodation Network’s New Portal Helps Users Organize Employment Information

JAN provides free consulting services for all employees, regardless of the condition. Services include one-on-one consultation about all aspects of job accommodations, including the accommodation process, accommodation ideas, product vendors, referral to other resources, and ADA compliance assistance.

#### MyJAN

The Job Accommodation Network (JAN) launched the MyJAN portal on its website. The MyJAN tool allows website users to save and organize resources in one location, including accommodation solutions by disability, information by topic area, JAN newsletter articles and more. Users can create a free MyJAN account and add links to JAN web pages, file them by category, include notes about the resources, and set the list and grid view order. Resources can be added, organized and deleted at any time. In addition, the site displays recommended and newly released JAN resources in a "Recommended Resources" tab in the portal.



- [Create a MyJAN account](#)
- [Visit the JAN website](#)

### 16. Ten Rules for ADHD-Proof Productivity (Attitude)

“ADHD can be a workplace liability, it’s true. Lost productivity can cost \$209 to \$6,699 per person depending on the severity of symptoms — and it can increase your likelihood of termination<sup>1</sup>. But it can also mean unparalleled innovation, dynamic interpersonal skills, and creative leadership. The trick is learning to get things done when you must.”



[Downloads – ADDitude \(additudemag.com\)](#)

[\(Please see information sheet on the TPI OCLPA Google drive.\)](#)

### 17. LifeCents

**LifeCents** is an online tool and is available 24/7 through NDI's Financial Resilience Center **free of cost to you!** LifeCents can help you understand your current financial situation and how you can improve it.

LifeCents will ask you questions about your current financial situation and your goals. Based on your answers, LifeCents will recommend a **personalized wellness plan** with resources that best fit your needs

<https://api.lifecents.com/>

The Financial Resilience Center was developed by National Disability Institute with generous funding from the [Wells Fargo Foundation](#)



### 18. Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) 20th Anniversary

The Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) is celebrating "20 Years of Driving Change and Creating Opportunity." Visit ODEP's website to learn about its history, its authorizing legislation, and its many accomplishments and initiatives since its establishment in 2001.



[Visit ODEP's 20th anniversary web page](#)

### 19. TechHire Virtual Interview Tips

<https://h1btechhire.workforcegps.org/resources/2020/08/25/16/43/Virtual-and-Remote-Learning-and-Service-Resources>

"The Society for Human Resources Management has found that the majority of companies are now conducting interviews online or participating in virtual career fairs. Virtual interviewing is most common for the first round of the hiring process to screen candidates. You will want to prepare as you typically do for an in-person interview, such as researching companies and job descriptions, but there are a number of other factors to consider while preparing for a virtual interview."



**(Please see this information sheet on the TPI OCLPA Google Drive.)**

### 20. Youth Build USA: Career & Postsecondary Development through Sector Strategies

Sector strategies offer effective ways to create pathways to sustainable careers for young people through job placements linked to postsecondary education and career ladders with opportunities for growth. What is a Sector Strategy? According to the Aspen Institute, a sector strategy involves a dual customer approach that meets the needs of employers while also taking into consideration the types of supports that YouthBuild graduates need as they transition out of the program and into entry-level employment and post-secondary education.



<https://youthbuild.workforcegps.org/resources/2014/08/21/10/10/sector-strategies-overview>

**(See this information sheet on the TPI OCLPA Google Drive.)**

### 21. Orange County Asperger's Support Group (Judi Uttal, OCASG)

Please check out the OCASG February activities on their website.

- Virtual Game Night
- Teen Support Group
- Parent Support Group
- Toastmasters
- Easy Eats
- Executive Skills for Academic Success Workshops



<https://ocaspergers.org/>

### 22. Resiliency and the COVID-19 Pandemic: The Hidden Strengths of those with Lived Experience of Mental Health Conditions

"Resiliency is becoming a familiar term that we hear mental health experts, researchers, persons with lived experience, and advocates talk about often. Many experts believe people with lived experience of mental health conditions have become skilled at building and maintaining resilience."

**(Please see this information sheet on the TPI OCLPA Google Drive.)**

### 23. Autism Resource Mom On-line Parent Support Group (Debora Smith, ARM)

Thursday, Feb. 11 7pm

*A Heart-to-Heart with Mom*—our online parent support group hosted by Debora Smith.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting?zmt=Z0kceggqDguG9dNqOBE84dMrS6D-SgVI51j>

*Talk with us and learn that there's hope, there's help and you're not alone.*

Thursday, Feb. 18 7pm

*A Heart-to-Heart with Mom*—our online parent support group hosted by Debora Smith.

Zoom Link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting?zmt=Zlvd--qrTstE9fA\\_y7cdEhQi0\\_P22ZDoR0G](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting?zmt=Zlvd--qrTstE9fA_y7cdEhQi0_P22ZDoR0G)

*Talk with us and learn that there's hope, there's help and you're not alone.*

**(See activity flyers on the TPI OCLPA Google Drive.)**

#### 24. **ESSC Transition Project Website (Pamela Arturi, Easter Seals of Southern California)**

We are very happy to announce that we have translated our 4 financial literacy documents into Spanish & Vietnamese on our [ESSC TRANSITION PROJECT WEBPAGE](#)

##### **Financial Planning Support - Spanish**

[Financial Planning Resources](#)

[Financial Planning and Decision Making FAQ](#)

[Financial Planning and Decision Making Resource Guide for Parents and Educators](#)

[Financial Planning and Decision Making Resource Guide for Youth](#)

##### **Financial Planning Support - Vietnamese**

[Financial Planning Resources](#)

[Financial Planning and Decision Making FAQ](#)

[Financial Planning and Decision Making Resource Guide for Parents and Educators](#)

[Financial Planning and Decision Making Resource Guide for Youth](#)

## CONFERENCES/WEBINARS/PODCASTS/VIDEOS

#### 25. **RCOC Winter 2021 Adult Day & Employment Services Virtual Vendor Fair** 2-23-21 9:30-12:30 PM

The Regional Center of Orange County invites you to join us for our Winter 2021 Adult Day and Employment Services Virtual Vendor Fair. Participating vendors will present information regarding services and supports provided by their programs. Information shared will highlight traditional in-person services, as well as innovative adaptations made to their service provision during the past several months.

**(See the flyer on the TPI OCLPA Google Drive.)**

[Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)



#### 26. **Orange County Youth Town Hall: Promoting: Promoting Youth Mental Health and Well Being Through Resiliency & Community Connection (Donald Wagner, Supervisor, Third District)**

3-3-2021 5-7PM

The Community Networking team invites you to be a part of a countywide town hall. County Supervisor Donald P. Wagner, OC Health Care Agency (HCA), and parent, youth, and community organizations will convene this town hall to share information about the impact of COVID-19 on youth mental health and provide a platform for schools, families, and students to dialogue about OC resources that can address stressors and promote mental health among students in our community.

<https://zoom.us/join/joinMeeting?zmt=JcvfuyogzkuHdC2g3A9YG5qfrWgXMEvGORA>

(Please see the flyer on the TPI OCLPA Google Drive.)

**27. Help Group Virtual Distinguished Lecturer Series (Bonnie Gilman, Grandparent Autism Network)**

Featuring Sir Simon Baron-Cohen, PhD presenting...

The Pattern Seekers:

How Autism Drives Human Invention

2-20-21 10-12:00 PST

Register...

<https://www.thehelpgroup.org/virtual-distinguished-lecturer-series-feb-20-2021/>



**28. edutopia: What Works in Education (George Lucas, Educational Foundation) Special Event**

The Learning We Need: The Case for Rigorous Project Based Learning

2-22-21 4:00PM PST

In a world filled with challenges, students who enthusiastically tackle problems and design solutions are needed. Project-based learning is a proven way to engage young people in authentic, relevant, and meaningful ways.



Anyone who cares about effective strategies for learning should join this live special event; those committed to project-based learning will gain information and insights to make the case for this important work.

Be inspired. Be informed. Don't miss this free, special event. [Register to attend!](#)

The event will be recorded, and a link will be emailed after the event to anyone who registered.

**29. Tips & Tricks for Creating Accessible Content (Everett Deibler, RAISE Center)**

2-16-21 11:00 AM PST

2020 has shown us that the virtual learning is not going anywhere any time soon. So, web content accessibility is more important than ever. There are some tricks of the trade that can improve the accessibility of content you create today using Microsoft Office Suite, GSuite, or Adobe PDF. During this webinar you will learn some of the basics for creating accessible content like: adding alt text to images, using good color contrast, creating a good heading system, and using descriptive hyperlinks.

**During the session participants will learn:**

- How to add alternative text to images
- What constitutes good color contrast
- How to properly establish a heading system within documents
- How to create and the reason for descriptive hyperlinks.



Webinar ID: 832-0749-5191

Register...

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_sZTVPfe2TPW7XgC8ET8ZDw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_sZTVPfe2TPW7XgC8ET8ZDw)

**30. Webinar Series – Pursuing Equity for Black Students in K-12 Education: Exploring the Intersection of Race and Disability - Thought Leader Conversation (TLC) Series**  
What is the TLC Series?



- This is a free virtual series of engaging conversations with experts, focusing on questions related to the intersection of race and disability in special education and in education more broadly, to explore ways that systems can actively improve conditions and outcomes for Black students.
- Conversations are organized around NCSI's four priority systems foundations: data literacy, stakeholder and family engagement, research-informed practice, and systems coherence.

#### When Will this TLC Series Take Place?

- Foundational Session – November 10, 2020, 3:30–5:00 pm ET
- Data Literacy – December 15, 2020, 3:30–5:00 pm ET
- Stakeholder and Family Engagement – February 16, 2021, 3:30–5:00 pm ET
- Research-Informed Practice – May 18, 2021, 3:30–5:00pm ET
- Systems Coherence – July 20, 2021, 3:30–5:00 pm ET



#### Find out more about the TLC Series and NCSI's mission:

Check out our [NCSI TLC Pursuing Equitable Outcomes Information Sheet](#) for more details about the series and to learn more about our experts, partners, and thought leaders.

**(This information sheet is available on the TPI OCLPA Google Drive.)**

### 31. It's Employment Training Series

<https://ici.instructure.com/register>

ITS EMPLOYMENT is a project of Explore VR at the Institute for Community Inclusion to support improved vocational rehabilitation services for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

This training opportunity is for Teachers & Students and uses the Canvas Learning Management System.

[www.exploreVR.org](http://www.exploreVR.org)

**(Please see the flyer on the TPI OCLPA Google Drive.)**



### 32. African American Conference on Disabilities (Caren Sax, SDSU)

This is the first ever virtual **African American Conference on Disabilities** and the only comprehensive conference in the U.S. that addresses the intersection between race and disabilities. It's time to register for this year's first-ever virtual African American Conference on Disabilities (AACD) throughout the month of February.



This conference is a **FREE** event!

Hosted by The **Arizona Center for Disability Law** and the **Arizona Center for African American Resources (AzCAAR)**, the AACD is the only comprehensive conference in the U.S. that addresses the intersection between race and disabilities.

You can register for 11 sessions via the links below the session descriptions. The Opening Session will start on February 1st and the Closing Session will be on February 26th. CART and ASL Interpretation Services will be available for each session.

You can check out all the program sessions at this link: <https://bit.ly/2YiQyMR>

### 33. n2y Social Emotional Wellness...Empowering Learning through Emotional Well-Being Free Resources

“As you, your students, and your community have taken on the challenges of the last year, n2y has made it a priority to provide the evidence-based social-emotional learning strategies that are vital to successful academic and behavior outcomes. All year, our experts have been sharing best practices and insights to help you build the SEL programs that will result in positive learning environments as you and your students face ongoing transitions. We’ve gathered them here and hope you will find the strategies in these blog articles, white papers, and webinars valuable for building relationships, emotional strength, and, ultimately, the best outcomes!”

<https://www.n2y.com/sel-resources/#2>



### 34. The Importance of the Disclosure Statement 2-24-21 11-12:30 PM



If you are like most of us, you might be inclined to quickly scroll down and click continue. Reading the fine print may not make the top of your priority list, but when working with financial products, like CalABLE, understanding the disclosure statement is critical. A disclosure statement is an official document that outlines the terms, conditions, risks and rules of a financial transaction, such as a loan or an investment. In this webinar, CalABLE staff will provide a walkthrough of this important document, and explore the many useful ways it can help you make the most of a CalABLE account. This webinar will also focus on:

- Reading the [Disclosure Statement](#)
- Navigating the Disclosure Statement
- Other Federal Government Resources

As always, the webinar will conclude with a Q&A session to give participants an opportunity to ask additional questions. Though this presentation will provide a brief introduction for newcomers, it will build upon the basic education provided in previous CalABLE webinars. If you are new to CalABLE and would like to explore the basics of the program, please visit our [YouTube channel](#) for replays of some of our earlier webinars that discuss the fundamentals of CalABLE.

If you would like to join us *via computer* and submit questions during the webinar, please [Register](#) to receive a confirmation email and login information.

There is an *audio only* option available as well. To join via telephone:  
Call +1 (669) 900-6833  
Enter Webinar ID: 979 3781 1967

### 35. Disclosing a Disability in the Workplace



The Job Accommodation Network released a training module on "Disclosing a Disability in the Workplace." This module and accompanying materials, including two videos, provide information and ideas to help individuals make educated decisions about disclosure. The module provides a brief overview of applicable ADA rules and ideas for dealing with illegal medical questions, gaps in employment and disclosure. The videos depict a job applicant's decision about disclosing during a job interview and an employee's decision to share information and request accommodations because her medical condition has flared up.

[View "Disclosing a Disability in the Workplace"](#)

### 36. SCDD February Self- Advocacy Chat (Christine Tolbert, Orange County SCDD) The California State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD)

invites you to join the next monthly California Statewide Self-Advocacy Chat. There is a total of 12 California Statewide Self-Advocacy Chats planned for 2021, and SCDD encourages those who are interested to join in the conversation!



**What/Why:** The “California Statewide Self-Advocacy Chats” provide self-advocates throughout California the chance to talk about topics that matter to them. After each meeting, resources and information related to the topics discussed will be shared with participants in a follow-up email. Information and resources shared are intended to help advocates learn about issues and advocate for change in their communities.

**When:** The third Wednesday of each month.

The February 2021 California Statewide Self-Advocacy Chat will be held on **Wednesday, February 17th @ 11:00 A.M.**

This month’s topic is Building Community to Cope with Uncertainty.

Some questions to think about for this month’s California Statewide Self-Advocacy Chat:

1. What does the word community mean to you?
2. What types of communities are you a part of?
3. How did you become a part of that community?
4. Can you think of a time when a community that you are a part of has helped you to get through something difficult?
5. How has what your community look like changed over the years?

**Zoom session details and registration:**

[https://bit.ly/ca\\_selfadvocacychats2021](https://bit.ly/ca_selfadvocacychats2021)

Meeting ID: 961 9651 9177

Passcode: 882136

Toll Free Number: 888-475-4499

37. **Work More, Earn More! (Richard Rosenberg, SDSU, CUTPI & CSULA)**  
**Learn About the Ticket to Work Program and how You can Work More While Protecting Your Social Security & Health Benefits**  
**2-18-21 6-8:00 PM**



**Register in advance for this free Zoom training at:** <https://bit.ly/35rarVV>

All people with disabilities can gain competitive integrated employment (CIE) with the right supports. We will discuss Customized Employment and how to ask for services, working while receiving Social Security benefits, and the Ticket to Work program. This information is applicable throughout California.

Recordings of this & previous trainings on a variety of topics can be found at [www.youtube.com/CalSCDD](http://www.youtube.com/CalSCDD) or <https://scdd.ca.gov/sacramento/>

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION (FYI)

38. **IRS Pushes Back Start of 2020 Tax Filing Season (Bill Pelter, Hireable & Ability Now Bay Area)**

New York Times by [Ann Carrns](#) Jan. 25, 2021

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/01/22/your-money/irs-tax-season.html>

“The agency will start accepting returns on Feb. 12, about two weeks later than usual. But you still must file by April 15. The start of tax filing season is postponed by a couple of

weeks this year. This start date will ensure that people get their needed tax refunds quickly while also making sure they receive any remaining stimulus payments they are eligible for as quickly as possible,” the I.R.S. commissioner, Charles P. Rettig, said in prepared remarks. Even so, the I.R.S. said, most taxpayers due a refund for the 2020 tax year will get it within three weeks if they file electronically and have the money deposited directly into their bank account.

The change in the start of filing season raised concerns about recipients of antipoverty tax credits, like the [earned-income tax credit](#) and the child tax credit, who typically have lower incomes and file early to get refunds quickly. The I.R.S. said taxpayers seeking prompt refunds should file their returns electronically. “Avoid filing paper returns wherever possible,” the agency said.

The [I.R.S. Free File](#) program is ready to use now, if you are comfortable preparing your own tax return. Free File, a partnership between the I.R.S. and tax software companies, is available to people with adjusted gross income of \$72,000 or less. The program offers free online preparation and filing of federal returns, but some providers charge fees for state returns. You can complete your return now, and it will be transmitted to the I.R.S. starting Feb. 12.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, or [VITA](#), helps people with incomes under \$57,000. Last year, locations had to close because of the virus, but this year many sites expect to offer help by phone or mobile app.

Here are some questions and answers about this year’s tax filing season:

1. **Are the federal stimulus payments taxable?**

**No.** The economic stimulus payments issued during the pandemic are not taxed and they won’t reduce your refund.

2. **What if I’m eligible for stimulus payments but didn’t receive any?**

Most people received the payments automatically. But if you didn’t, or if you got a partial payment, you can still get it if you’re [eligible](#) by claiming a recovery rebate credit on your 2020 tax return, the I.R.S. said.

3. **When is the tax filing deadline this year?**

The federal filing deadline this year is April 15. (The date may be later in some states.) Last year, because of disruptions caused by the pandemic, the filing deadline was delayed by three months, but this year it’s currently scheduled for the traditional mid-April date.

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### 39. Student Loan Payment Suspension

The U.S. Department of Education's office of Federal Student Aid provides more than \$120 billion in financial aid to help pay for college or career school each year. On Jan. 20, 2021, the COVID-19 emergency relief measures were extended on ED-owned federal student loans through Sept. 30, 2021.

<https://studentaid.gov/>



### 40. The Next OCLPA COVID-19 Transition Resource List will be sent on 3-12-21