

Orange County Local Partnerships Agreement (OCLPA)

Coronavirus-19...

Virtual & Other Transition Resources 2021

Google Drive 7-16-21

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1I3kRfKRNAqHla298liqf4I3Wk51tLz8?u>

(Please find a folder with the 7-16-21 resources.)



- Please send your no-cost/low cost COVID -19 & Transition Related Resources & Student Learning Strategies to 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.

It has been over one year since starting this COVID-19 & Transition Resource List...we will continue monthly lists until no longer needed. If you have any comments or ideas, please send to...linda_oneal@cox.net or acazares@rcocdd.com.

RESOURCES

1. Many COVID-19 Financial Protections Coming to an End

In the coming weeks and months, many COVID-19 protections will come to an end. The Financial Protection Bureau is an official website of the US Government.

<https://www.consumerfinance.gov/>

On Thursday, June 24, 2021, the White House announced a [series of actions to protect homeowners](#) who have been affected by the pandemic. The Federal Housing Administration (FHA), Veterans Affairs (VA) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced they would be extending their foreclosure moratoria for one final month, to July 31, 2021. That means for borrowers whose mortgages are backed by these agencies, their servicers cannot start or continue a foreclosure action until that date.

If you have a mortgage with FHA, USDA, or VA and have not taken advantage of forbearance, you can now request a COVID-related forbearance **until September 30, 2021**.



2. Morpic...Making Computers Easier to Use

Morphic is a free program that makes it easier for anyone to find and operate the usability and accessibility features built into Windows and Mac operating systems. Morpic's basic features allow you to quickly increase text size, magnify portions of your screen, take a screenshot, read selected text aloud, manage your assistive technology (AT), and more.

<https://morphic.org/help/installation-for-windows/>



3. NeuroTalent Works (Jessica Lee, NeuroTalent Works)

Neurodiversity Hiring-Job Opportunities

info@neurotalentworks.org



We are encouraged to be leading and seeing more intentional efforts in neurodiversity inclusion and hiring at employers across the country. Please see current job and networking opportunities led by some of our peers. Please see the website.

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

4. Grit & Flow Partner Tour with PENN EMBLEM (Ivan Stanojkovic, Grit & Flow)

Penn Emblem Sourcing Talent Differently

7-19-21 2:30 PM

“We are hosting an open house/tour for job placement / job coaching vendors at Penn Emblem. I feel like it is wonderful what is happening here. From the way they are now doing interviews, and to how they continue to support their staff.

RSVP to PennEmblem@gritandflow.com

(See the Flyer on the TPI OCLPA Google Drive.)



5. Orange County Autism Support Group

(Judi Uttal, OCASG)

(Please see the July 2021 OCASG Activities List on the TPI OCLPA Google Drive.)



The Orange County Asperger's Support Group

6. Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund

SCDD is sending this message on behalf of the [Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund \(DREDF\)](#) who is seeking **individuals or families who have faced coverage exclusions, monetary caps, or high cost-sharing on medically needed wheelchairs or mobility equipment in a Kaiser health insurance plan.**

Insurers need to improve coverage for durable medical equipment.

DREDF is gathering stories about Kaiser denying or delaying

coverage for wheelchairs, mobility equipment, or wheelchair repairs. They are interested in hearing from you even if you eventually got your needed equipment or repairs after delays or through another program.



If you or your family are insured by Kaiser and have recently experienced coverage denials or other problems for a wheelchair or wheelchair repairs, please contact Hongyu Min at info@dredf.org or (510) 644-2555 for more information.

7. The Viscardi Center is Here to Help!

Our team provides *customized website accessibility solutions* for businesses of all sizes, including those that fall under these tax credit criteria. *Set up a free consultation with the team today* and see how we can help find the best accessibility solutions for your business.

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



8. Secure Your Financial Future: A Tool Kit for Individuals with Disabilities



EBSA



We all need clear and accurate information to secure our financial well-being. This toolkit provides a path forward, based on where you are in your employment journey. Just click on any of the topic areas below — [Preparing for a Job](#), [Starting a Job](#), [Maintaining a Job](#), [Changing or Losing a Job](#), and [Retiring from a Job](#) — for answers to important questions, including tools and resources to help you meet your financial goals.

<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa/secure-your-financial-future>

9. Leveraging Federal Investments to Advance a Shared Vision for the Future of Career Technical Education

This [implementation resource](#) will help state CTE leaders fully realize the ability to design a cohesive, flexible and responsive career preparation ecosystem that works across state systems for the full continuum of learners and is aligned to federal and state talent pipeline investments and overall strategies. This brief highlights examples of strategic connections among the five vision principles and existing allowable activities under the following funding streams: The Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V), Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), and Higher Education Act (HEA).



<https://careertech.org/without-limits>

(Please see “Without Limits...A shared Vision for the Future of Career Technical Education” on the TPI OCLPA Google Drive.)

10. Occupation Projection Charts 2019-2029, US Bureau of Labor Statistics, Office of Occupational Statistics & Employment Projections

<https://www.bls.gov/careeroutlook/2020/article/education-level-and-openings.htm#s1>

- Masters, Doctoral & Professional Degree Occupations
- Bachelor’s Degree Occupations
- Associate Degree, Some College Occupations
- High School Diploma or Equivalent Occupations



U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Check out Fall 2021 Class Offerings at our local PSE Sites...

11. Fall Semester: Workforce Preparation for Adults with Disabilities at Santiago Canyon College (Angela Guevara, SCC)

www.sccollege.edu/OEC

These Tuition Free Classes are designed to provide students with instruction and experience that will improve possibilities of being considered for future employment and internship opportunities (such as the Paid Internship Program and Project SEARCH Programs for persons receiving services through the Regional Center of Orange County)

For registration and class information, please contact... Angela Guevara

guevara_angela@sccollege.edu

12. NOCE C2C College to Career Application (Adam Gottdank, NOCE)

College to Career (C2C) is a new and innovative program offered through North Orange Continuing Education. We will be accepting 20 students for the **Fall 2021** school year. The College to Career program is for adults with intellectual disabilities who would like to attend college, gain work experience, and achieve integrated employment in career areas of their choice.

All applications and eligibility criteria will be reviewed by C2C staff. Students who meet eligibility criteria and who submit completed applications will be invited to an interview on one of our three campuses. Letters will be mailed to your home to inform you of the panel’s decision. Applicants not selected for an interview will also be notified by mail.

Submit your completed applications via email to: CollegetoCareer@noce.edu or mgamez@noce.edu

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

13.2021-22 Coastline College Vocational Programs (Katie Stubblefield, CCC)

- Animal Care
- Guest Services
- Culinary Arts
- Porter Program

(Please see Program Flyers on the TPI OCLPA Google Drive.)

kstubblefield@coastline.edu

14.NOCE Workforce Development Programs

(Lorri Guy & Lara Rolfman, (NOCE)

lguy@noce.edu



College 2 Career	Mobility Training Brochure
ARISE Information	ARISE Mindfulness Mondays
ARISE Events	Workability III
DSS Comprehensive Programs	DSS Brochure
Independent Voc. & Ed Support Programs (IVES)	Work Independence Self-Advocacy Education (WISE)

(Please see the Brochures/Information Sheets on the TPI OCLPA Google Drive.)

15.Saddleback College OASIS Program (Chantelle Gil & Stacy Eldred)

seldred@saddleback.edu

CONFERENCES/FAIRS/WEBINARS/PODCASTS/VIDEOS

16. LEAD Center Financial Well-Being

Financial Well-Being for Individuals with Disabilities During the Pandemic & Beyond
7-27-21

12-1:15 PM PT



People with disabilities are experiencing new levels of financial stress and unemployment due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Large numbers of people are making employment-related decisions based on new financial situations. To provide job seekers with disabilities and staff in the workforce system with critical financial literacy tools, the U.S. Department of Labor’s Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) and Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) collaborated, along with resource contributions from other federal partners, to develop an online financial toolkit to use throughout the stages in the work life cycle: 1) Preparing for a job, 2) Starting a job, 3) Maintaining a job, 4) Changing or Losing a job, and 5) Retiring

During this webinar, you will find answers to frequently asked questions from the field – questions many of your job seekers may ask or questions you may have yourself. Representatives from the U.S. Department of Labor will help kick-off and provide closing thoughts: U.S. Secretary of Labor Martin Walsh will kick-off the webinar to mark the 31st anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, followed by Ali Khawar, Acting Assistant Secretary of EBSA. Jennifer Sheehy, Deputy Assistant Secretary of ODEP, will provide closing remarks. Nancy Boutot, Manager of Financial Empowerment at National Disability Institute, Andy Arias, Policy Advisor at ODEP, and Edward Mitchell, ABLE

National Resource Center BIPOC Ambassador, will introduce attendees to the new online Financial Toolkit through an engaging dialogue pulling from both professional and personal lived experience <https://www.addevent.com/event/iy7331133>

17. Labor & Workforce Development Agency



Brought to you in partnership with the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency (LWDA) and the California Employment Development Department (EDD), CWA is bringing to you the current trends and effective practices in delivering AJCC services from throughout California and beyond.

These forums are designed to explore how local workforce boards, EDD, and other workforce partners are taking the lessons learned during the last 18 months and providing innovative access and services to all parts of their service delivery area. You will learn what is working and what has not worked when it comes to virtual and remote access.

Thursday, July 29th, 2021
9:00am-11:00am
(IE, Orange County, Southern Border)

Main Topics Covered

- Equity in Access
- Broadband Technology
- Staffing Challenges
- Other Key Elements

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/californiaworkforceassociation/537161>

18. July 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.

Wednesday July 21, 2021, 11:00 AM

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlSfu-trzlrHdONEnAPc3rhvA0Ny9hP3CiD>

Zoom session details and registration:

https://bit.ly/ca_selfadvocacychats2021

Meeting ID: 961 9651 9177

Passcode: 882136

Toll Free Number: 888-475-4499

19. Disability Rights California (Rebecca Hoyt, DRC)

For more than 40 years, DRC has worked to advance the rights of



Californians with disabilities in education, employment, housing, independence, health, and safety, and has grown into the largest disability rights organization in the nation. We work in litigation, legal representation, advocacy services, investigations, public policy, and provide information, advice, referral, and community outreach.

- **2021 Self Advocacy Conference**

- Your Voice /Your Choice**

- This Free Virtual Training is for people served by the Regional Center & their Circle of Support.

- 7/26-7/30 everyday @ 10:00 AM**

- ASL and closed-captioning will be offered for all sessions.*

- Schedule:**

- ✓ **Monday, July 26:** Welcome and History of Disability Rights Movement.
 - ✓ **Tuesday, July 27:** Where to Live: A Discussion of Living Options.
 - ✓ **Wednesday, July 28:** How to Prepare for an Emergency.
 - ✓ **Thursday, July 29:** How Department of the Rehabilitation and the Client Assistance Program Can Help You.
 - ✓ **Friday, July 30:** How to Relax in Stressful Situations.
 - ✓ **Bonus! Friday, July 30:** Virtual Resource Fair 12:30-1:30. *The fair will focus on fun activities across the state.*

- Register...** <https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/post/2021-self-advocacy-conference-your-voice-your-choice>

- **Upcoming & Past Webinars**

- View Disability Rights California's upcoming and past webinars that are informative and empowering. Our free trainings provide information and resources on different topics.

- <https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/events>

- ✓ **Find the legal help & services you need as a person with Traumatic Brain Injury**
7-15-21 2-3:00 pm

- People who have sustained a traumatic brain injury (TBI) often have trouble protecting their legal rights and accessing the services they need because they struggle to organize and communicate their needs effectively. The webinar will let you know how DRC and the PATBI program can provide you the support you need to protect your legal rights and get services.

- <https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/post/webinar-find-the-legal-help-and-services-you-need-as-a-person-with-a-traumatic-brain-injury#register>

20. Think College Webinar

Look Who's Going to College

Students who receive special education services, including those with cognitive and intellectual disabilities, are attending college in record numbers, an achievement that few people would have thought possible before the passage of the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)* in 1975. We can reflect not only on the impact that it has had on individual lives but the benefits to society that come from having a workforce of students who are college and career ready. *IDEA* provides supports to students who now attend elementary through high school with their siblings and same age peers with the expectation that they will continue to do so in post-secondary settings. Four-year colleges, community colleges, and career and technical education centers have risen to the challenge by providing supports and accommodations so that students can not only attend but thrive in post-secondary settings. Learn what attending college means to [these students](#) and watch the four minute trailer, below, for Think College's full 27-minute movie, [Rethinking College](#).



21. Cal ABLE

Sign up today for your tax-free treatment on earnings and withdrawals to pay for disability-related expenses, and let us help you dream, plan and succeed in



your most ambitious goals.
Check out the [Dream. Plan. Achieve.](#) Video
<https://www.calable.ca.gov/>

22. EARN Summer Workplace Inclusion Series

July marks the 31st anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). This groundbreaking legislation has impacted nearly every aspect of daily life for people with disabilities, including employment. To celebrate the anniversary, EARN and the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) are hosting the second webinar in the [Summer Workplace Inclusion Webinar Series](#). Join EARN and ODEP on **Thursday, July 29, 2021, from 2-3 p.m. EDT** for the webinar "**The ADA @ 31: A Conversation with Bobby Silverstein and Susan Mazrui.**" [Register...https://askearn.org/webinar-registration-july-29-2021/](https://askearn.org/webinar-registration-july-29-2021/)



23. NTACTION...The Collaborative

The National Technical Center on Transition: The Collaborative (NTACT:C) is in the process of establishing the [Youth Engagement Transition Initiative \(YETI\)](#); a national youth engagement and leadership advisory group.



As an initial step in this process, NTACTION:C in partnership with a core advisory group of youth/young adults is hosting an informational and outreach webinar on **August 3, 2021, at 2:00 PM (ET)**
[Register...https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_tjXEI4DIT-iu7R8qcXuClg](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_tjXEI4DIT-iu7R8qcXuClg)

24. Thompson Policy Institute (Linda O'Neal & Richard Rosenberg, CU TPI)

2021 **Virtual Summit on Disability & Inclusion**

Wednesday 8-11-21 9 AM-1:00 PM

Four Breakout Strands:

- K - 12 Practice
- Teacher Preparation
- **Transition Services**
- Families
- Agencies, and Schools Together (FAST)



This event is free & open to the public, but registration is required.

For more information and to register, please visit: chapman.edu/tpi-2021summit.

Accessibility: Live closed captioning will be provided. The virtual platform is screen reader compatible. Please email tpi@chapman.edu for additional accommodations
(Please see the Summit Flyer on the TPI OCLPA Google Drive.)

For more information and to register, please visit: chapman.edu/tpi-2021summit.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

25. The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund Allocation

The American Rescue Plan (ARP), the U.S. Department of Education (Department) announced the amount of ARP Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding that each State, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia will receive to support their efforts to reopen K-12 schools safely this month and equitably expand opportunity for students who need it most.

The ARP ESSER funds may be used to address the many impacts of COVID-19 on pre-K through 12 Education, including:

- Investing in resources to implement CDC's K-12 operational strategy for in-person learning to keep educators, staff, and students safe; improving ventilation; purchasing personal protective equipment (PPE); and obtaining additional space to ensure social distancing in classrooms.
- Avoiding devastating layoffs and hiring additional educators to address learning loss, providing support to students and existing staff, and providing sufficient staffing to facilitate social distancing.
- Implementing strategies to meet the social, emotional, mental health, and academic needs of students hit hardest by the pandemic, including through evidence-based interventions and critical services like community schools.
- Funding crucial summer, afterschool, and other extended learning and enrichment programs.
- Hiring additional school personnel, such as nurses and custodial staff, to keep schools safe and healthy.
- Providing for social distancing and safety protocols on buses.
- Funding for Wi-Fi hotspots and devices for students without connectivity for remote learning and supporting educators in the effective use of technology; and
- Additional uses as allowed in the statute.

Additional information, including an ARP ESSER Fact Sheet and allocation tables, can be found at <https://oese.ed.gov/american-rescue-plan-elementary-and-secondary-school-emergency-relief>.

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

26. Reasons Organizations Hire People with IDD



27. The Next OCLPA COVID-19 Transition Resource List will be sent on 8-13-21.