

An Annotated Webliography of Web-based Career Resources for California (By John Comegys)

California Career Resource Network (CalCRN).

California Careers.info

<http://www.californiacareers.info/index.html>

CaliforniaCareers.Info, the web home of the California Career Resource Network (CalCRN). CalCRN provides resources for anyone interested in developing the career self-management skills necessary in today's world of work. Follow the links below to explore our resources.

The primary duty of the California Career Resource Network is to distribute career information, resources, and training materials to middle school and high school counselors, educators, and administrators, in order to ensure that middle schools and high schools have the necessary information available to provide a pupil with guidance and instruction on education and job requirements necessary for career development.

Works in partnership with various state of California departments including Superintendent of Public Instruction, Chancellor of Cal. Community Colleges, Dept of Developmental Services, Dept of Rehab, EDD

<http://www.californiacareers.info/>

Site includes links to:

California Career Center

California Career Center is the website for career and college resources and tools to help students map their futures. Cal Career Center is focused on serving students but also contains resources for counselors, teachers, and parents.

* This is the new web site that recently came out, and is probably the best and most complete website for School to Work Transition in California to date. Some of the resources are very impressive and useful, such as the California Career Guide, also Skills to Pay the Bills social skills training for high school students. A quick look review finds it basic, not always user friendly, with some sections written in "government-ese". It does not seem very useful for functional students. It is designed for junior high through community college students. <http://www.calcareercenter.org/>

California Career Zone

The California CareerZone is a web-based career exploration system available to ALL Californians free of charge. The site is available in three different formats: text, graphic and Flash, to suit varying internet connection speeds.

*This is the one we use in my classroom. I like it and the kids like it, but the reading level is a little high for the struggling reader, maybe 5th grade. I work with them when they use it on line.

<http://www.californiacareers.info/careerzone.html>

California Reality Check

The California Reality Check is a web-based budgeting system available to ALL Californians free of charge. The site is available in three different formats: text, non-Flash and Flash, to suit varying internet connection speeds.

<http://www.californiacareers.info/realitycheck.html>

California Career Planning Guide

The [California Career Planning Guide](#) takes students through a process for developing a personal career action plan. Hard copy guide in English. Free online graphic and text versions in English and Spanish.

<http://www.californiacareers.info/ccpg.html>

* If you have High School students and need a single resource, with work pages , well organized and ready to use, this is it.

The Real Game California

[The Real Game California \(TRGC\)](http://realgamecalifornia.org/) is a classroom based career exploration curriculum. TRGC incorporates California-based economic and workforce information to help students acquire the skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary to be career self-managers for life. Available via annual subscription. \$499.00 for the teachers kit plus \$3.00 per student.

<http://realgamecalifornia.org/>

California Occupational Guide COG

An outstanding resource. Contains a job description, complete with job requirements, wages, an how to get the entry level job. Covers several hundred most common or growing occupation in California.

<http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/>

Occupational Outlook Handbook, usually available in the school Career Center. The standard career research tool, based on vocational interests. A national publication.

www.bls.gov/ooh/

Who Do You Want to Be? Career exploration tool divided into sections appropriate for Middle School, High School, Community College students, Adults and others. Organized by OOH Interest groups, provides suggested educational course work by occupation. Useful for determining need classes, prerequisites for college classes, and necessary background for various occupations.

<http://whodouwant2b.com/>

Do2learn, Do Too Learn

Resources for behavior and social skills training. Products and services for students who are emotionally disturbed or on the autism spectrum.

www.do2learn.com/

Soft Skills to Pay the Bills: Mastering Soft Skills for Workplace Success, Office of Disability of Employment Policy

Highly recommended. The source of the Warm ups for this set of lesson plans. Social Skills training, revised and edited by high school students.

<http://www.dol.gov/odep/topics/youth/softskills/>

Career Locker

Most highly recommended. The most complete vocational exploration tool I have ever seen! Starts with the budget to provide motivation, includes links to local colleges for classes necessary to vocational goal and all the information listed on all the sites above. Appropriate for At Risk or emancipated youth with grit, intelligence and independence.

<http://careerlocker.com/Default.asp>
