

Orange County Local Partnerships Agreement (OCLPA)

Coronavirus-19...

Virtual & Other Transition Resources 2021

Google Drive 9-10-21

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1VXYCdN602MYSbIGcZ4f5YQzrFqTFnoC-?u>

(Please find a folder with the 9-10-21 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 19 months 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. Free COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic (Arturo Hernandez, DOR)

Sunday September 12th 12-4:00 PM

Youth ages 12-17 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Bristol Swap Mall

1204 South Bristol St.

Santa Ana, CA 92704

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

2. Bill to End Subminimum Wage Ready on the CA Assembly Floor with More Champions Effort to Ensure that California Employers Pay Workers with Disabilities Minimum Wage

9-2-2021

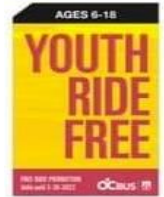
The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) is pleased to announce that Senate Bill (SB) 639 by Senator Maria Elena Durazo (D-Los Angeles) is on the Assembly Floor with three new co-authors. Co-author Sen. Sydney Kamlager (D-Los Angeles) is joined by Assemblymembers Lorena Gonzalez (D-San Diego), Cristina Garcia (D-Bell Gardens) and Isaac Bryan (D-Culver City) on this bill that eliminates the subminimum wage in California once and for all.

Estimates are that around 12,000 Californians with disabilities are currently working in sheltered workshops and are being paid as little as 15 cents an hour under an antiquated federal policy dating back to 1938. While in recent years the number of employers seeking the certificates that allow them to employ people with disabilities has dramatically declined, there remains some exercising this employment option known as subminimum wage. Sponsored by the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Senator Durazo introduced this bill to end the practice. If it becomes law, California will join 11 other states that have already prohibited paying less than the standard minimum wage to any employee.

Under SB 639, an inclusive stakeholder-led process would be used to develop the three-year phase-out implementation plan. This process will occur over several years and allows the stakeholders, such as state agencies, providers, university organizations, advocates and community members, working with the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, to develop a plan to successfully transition workers. This is a positive path forward and critical for both employees and employers. Due to be delivered to the Legislature by January 1, 2023, the implementation plan will provide status updates, recommended funding levels, specified data and more. Paying an employee with physical or mental disabilities less than the legal minimum wage would be illegal by January 1, 2025.

The Assembly will take up SB 639 next before it goes back to the Senate for its final vote. Additional information on SB 639 is available at scdd.ca.gov/sb639.

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



3. **OC Bus Youth Ride Free Promotion**

The youth right program is a promotional pass that allows youth 18 and under to ride all OC bus fixed route buses for free. The six-month program will start in September 2021 and passes will be valid through February 28th, 2022. Passes and marketing information will be distributed to in partnership Orange County schools, with parents able to request pass from participating schools, the OCTA store, or at ocbus.com/youthbridefree. All 34 Orange County cities and the County of Orange are in the area of benefit program participants in Orange County ages 6 to 18 and the funding is from the state of California low carbon transit operations program.

4. **2021 National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) Posters**

U.S. Department of Labor Office of Disability Employment Policy

<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/odep/initiatives/ndeam/2021/poster>



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

The National Disability Employment Awareness Month poster is now available for pre-order in hard copy. The poster displays the NDEAM theme "America's Recovery: Powered by Inclusion" and depicts the diversity of workers with and without disabilities across the nation. The poster also can be downloaded from the NDEAM website.

5. **Returning to the Workplace: Supporting Employees through the Transition** **Center for Workplace Mental Health/American Psychiatric Association Foundation**

workplacementalhealth.org

Uncertainty around a return to the workplace remains high for many. Even with widespread vaccinations and bits and pieces of "normalcy"

coming back to daily life, many feel unsettled about disrupting new routines to return to a workplace with new and different dynamics. Employers are faced with unique challenges that accompany building a "new normal." This includes leading and supporting the workforce through the transition back to work. This guide provides tips for supporting employees through that transition.

(Please see this guide on the TPI OCLPA Google Drive.)



6. **Requesting a Reasonable Accommodation**

The "Requesting a Reasonable Accommodation" **pocket card** assists applicants, employees and other interested parties in understanding the process for requesting a reasonable accommodation. Printed copies can be obtained by calling the Customer Service Help Desk at 1-800-397-6251.



(Please see the English & Spanish versions of this card on the TPI OCLPA Google Drive.)

7. Know Your Disability Rights Fact Sheet

www.dol.gov/ofccp

This fact sheet provides information on employee and applicant rights as an individual with a disability. It addresses multiple areas including the definition of a disability, the protections OFCCP enforces, and reasonable accommodations. It also provides information on filing a complaint related to discrimination in hiring, firing, pay, benefits, job assignments, promotions, layoffs, job training, recruitment, or other personnel activities because of disability.

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

8. Social Security Educators Online Learning Tools

Social Security Administration

<https://www.ssa.gov/thirdparty/groups/educators.html>



The goal of the Educators webpage is to provide a toolkit full of the information and resources to develop engaging and informative lessons on Social Security and the importance of planning for the future. The toolkit consists of the following components:

- 2 lesson plans with objectives
- Infographics and handouts for each lesson plan
- Links to web pages and other resources with additional information and resources
- Talking points
- Quiz questions and answers

9. Disability Thrive Initiative

info@disabilitythriveinitiative.org



The **Disability Thrive Initiative** was developed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic to provide statewide training, support, and resources on how to deliver and access alternative services for Californians with developmental disabilities. The Initiative develops and shares resources to help the disability community navigate the challenges of the current public health crisis. Through free webinars, peer-to-peer consultations and trainings, and a resource library, the Initiative will provide innovative, real-world examples of how to safely address the needs of individuals with IDD.

The Disability Thrive Initiative is presented by the [California Disability Services Association](#) and [Easterseals of Southern California](#), in collaboration with the [State Council on Developmental Disabilities](#), [The Arc of California](#) and [California Alliance for Leadership and Education](#), and generously funded by the [California Department of Developmental Services](#) and [San Diego Regional Center](#).

10. Orange County Autism Support Group

(Judi Uttal, OCASG)

(Please see the September 2021 OCASG Activities List & other flyers 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. 2022 Coastline College Vocational Programs (Rachele Lopez, CCC)
Spring Semester 2022 Cohort...accepting applications**

- Animal Care
- Guest Services
- Culinary Arts
- Porter Program
- Music Basics Program (New Program starting Spring 2022)

For more information please contact...Katie Stubblefield)

rlopez@coastline.edu

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



**13. NOCE Workforce Development Programs
(Lorri Guy & Lara Rolfman, (NOCE))**

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)

For more information please contact...Lori Guy)

lguy@noce.edu

**14. Saddleback College OASIS Program (Chantelle Gil & Stacy Eldred)
seldred@saddleback.edu**

CONFERENCES/FAIRS/WEBINARS/PODCASTS/VIDEOS

**15. Disability Employment Awareness Month, Save the Date (Rebecca Hoyt, DRC)
The Building Back Better for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Access Coalition
10-12-21 9-11:00 AM (Southern California) 10-5-21 9-11:00 AM (Northern California)**



The Building Back Better Coalition in partnership with the Business Advisory Council, Thompson Policy Institute and the Orange County Local Partnership Agreement will host two virtual events, one

each for Northern and Southern California. 1.5 Society for Human Resource Management Professional Development Credits and 1.5 Human Resource Certification Institute Recertification Credits will be provided by Helix Opportunity LLC for each event. The events will focus on highlighting successful local models and best practices that promote disability diversity in the workforce. Events will be an hour and a half and highlight two success stories, include a fireside chat and Q&A session with diverse community members working in various sectors and create an opportunity for roundtable discussions amongst peers.

16. Parents CAN (Collaborate/Advocate & Navigate) (Richard Rosenberg, CU, CSULA & SDSU)

Please join us for a series of free informative special education workshops/trainings presented by ParentsCAN in collaboration with the Orange County Office of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. **Spanish interpretation is available when requested by RSVP five days before the event. Registration links are found on the flyer.**

Workshops include:

September 11 from 10am-2pm - IEP Workshop
September 21 from 6:30-8:30pm - COVID Fall Out
September 28 from 6:30-8:30pm - IEP Workshop Part 1
October 5 from 6:30-8:30pm - IEP Workshop Part 2
October 13 from 3:30-5:30pm - Making Curriculum Accessible to All
October 19 from 6:30-8:30pm - Assessments
November 2 from 6:30-8:30pm - Goals, Accommodations, and Services
November 16 from 6:30-8:30pm - Transition to Public Schools
December 7 from 6:30-8:30pm - Placement Options



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

17. Fair Housing Rights: Updates for Renters with Disabilities

Are you a Californian with a developmental or other disability? A family member of someone with a disability? A professional, advocate or ally? Want to learn more about housing discrimination and housing rights? Join us for this update, featuring the latest in housing rights and resources for California renters with disabilities!

When: Wednesday, **September 22, 2021, 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM**

Registration: [Zoom Link](#)

For more information about this event, [click here](#) for the flyer. This event will feature English captioning and Spanish-language interpretation. For other access and accommodation needs, please email bayarea@scdd.ca.gov.



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

18. Orange County 3rd District Job Fair

Supervisor Donald Wagner

Looking for Employers and Job Seekers

Wednesday 6, 2021 10-2 PM

Irvine Valley College

5500 Irvine Center Dr. Irvine, CA 92618

TO REGISTER, VISIT WWW.OCONESTOP.COM/JOBFAIRS

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



19. CAPE-Center for Advancing Policy on Employment for Youth

<https://capeyouth.org/>

As states strive to promote workforce inclusion, youth with disabilities are a key part of the solution. **Over 1.3 million young people between the ages of 16 and 24 have a disability.** Youth with disabilities face barriers in transitioning successfully from youth systems into adulthood which



results in lower employment outcomes, educational attainment, and community participation than their peers. To address these barriers, the [U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy](#) launched The Center for Advancing Policy on Employment for Youth (CAPE-Youth). CAPE-Youth is a collaboration between The Council of State Governments, the K. Lisa Yang and Hock E. Tan Institute on Employment and Disability at Cornell University, and the Transitions to Adulthood Center for Research at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. The Center works to improve employment outcomes for youth and young adults with disabilities by helping states build capacity in their youth service delivery and workforce systems. It conducts research, develops partnerships, and shares best practices. In addition, CAPE-Youth helps states identify new opportunities to expand career pathways, work-based learning, strategic partnerships, systems coordination and professional development for practitioners.

If you are a youth and or young adult with a disability, a family member, or a practitioner interested in improving outcomes for youth with disabilities or learning how to engage with our work, visit our [Get Involved](#) page.

(Please see the youth application on the OCLPA TPI Google Drive.)

20. Career Information Session **(Rose Casarez, Regional Center East Bay)**

Want to learn what employers are looking for during an interview?

10-5-21 1-2PM

Join us for the opportunity to virtually meet with employers from various industries such as manufacturing, apprenticeship, warehouse, and the State of California to know what it takes to interview in today's job market successfully.

Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/3B5rMBb>



Hosted by the Alameda County LPA Committee

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

21. September 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 September 15, 2021, 11:00 AM

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

This month's topic: Planning for Climate Emergencies

With the help of self-advocate educators from Self-Advocates for Emergency Education (Project SAFEE), the September Statewide Self-Advocacy Chat will provide advocates with the opportunity to learn more about How to prepare for climate related emergencies. In preparation for the September Chat, advocates are encouraged to share any questions they might have about Emergency Preparedness. Here are some questions to think about for this month's Chat:

1. What types of emergencies have you been through?
2. How did you prepare for that emergency?

3. What did you learn/take away from the experience?
4. What are some ways that you can change your routine to be more friendly to the environment?

Zoom session details and registration:

https://bit.ly/ca_selfadvocacychats2021

Meeting ID: 961 9651 9177

Passcode: 882136

Toll Free Number: 888-475-4499

22. Webinar: SSA Disability Benefits and Work Incentives

American Dream Employment Network

September 23, 2021 / 2:00 – 3:30 PM Eastern Time

<https://www.nationaldisabilityinstitute.org/aden/>



This is a webinar for Social Security beneficiaries who want to know how working will affect benefits? Are you afraid of losing benefits or medical coverage if you return to work? Learn about important topics that will help you return to work and explore a better financial future by attending the free informational webinar from the American Dream Employment Network (ADEN).

ADEN is national administrative Social Security approved Ticket to Work provider and a division of National Disability Institute. Professional providers are located throughout the country to provide in-person or virtual services to beneficiaries exploring employment goals. Contact ADEN today! Visit www.AmericanDreamEN.org.

REGISTRATION

To access online registration, please [visit](#). Registration is required and there is no cost to attend. Once registered, you will receive an email with the link to the webinar.

23. 4th Annual Autism Symposium, Chico State University (Amy Tingirides, Laguna Beach USD)

The Northern California Autism Symposium brings speakers and trainers from across the country to present on interventions, services and supports available for individuals with ASD and their families. We're excited to be back with a single-day program packed with resources and information shared by expert presenters.

9-24-21 8:00 AM-5:30 PM **Fees apply**

<https://colusahall.wufoo.com/forms/q18kbepg0ahd70h/>

(See the flyer on the TPI OCLPA Google drive.)



24. Webinar: Understanding Ticket to Work: How to Help Your Clients and the People You Serve

National Work Incentives Seminar Event (WISE)

August 25, 2021 / 3:00 – 4:30 PM Eastern Time

<https://choosework.ssa.gov/webinar/>



The next Work Incentives Seminar Event (WISE) webinar will present information specifically for individuals and organizations that serve people who receive Social Security disability benefits (Social Security Disability Insurance-SSDI/Supplemental Security Income-SSI) and want to work. Information shared will include the Ticket to Work (Ticket) Program and how it can help your clients on the path to financial independence through employment.

Join this month's webinar to get answers to questions such as:

- What is the Ticket Program?
- How can my organization connect with a Ticket Program service provider or connect the people I work with to relevant supports and services?
- How can my organization help raise awareness about the Ticket Program in my community?

REGISTRATION

Access [online registration](#) or call 1-866-968-7842 (V) or 1-866-833-2967 (TTY) or you can e-mail support@choosework.ssa.gov. You will receive a registration confirmation message with instructions on how to log in to the webinar. Please be sure to check your spam folder. Registration information will also be available online the day of the webinar.

25. Disability Rights California (Rebecca Hoyt, DRC) 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.disabilityrightscalifornia.org/events>



26. Free College Tuition Programs for Adults

<https://freecollegeprogramsforadults.org/#Report>

The rising cost of college and growing need for postsecondary education and training has generated great interest in free college tuition programs. Yet many of these programs aim to serve recent high school graduates and little is known about the programs open to adults. To fill this knowledge gap, the American Institutes for Research, under a grant funded by Walmart, conducted a scan of free college tuition program websites in spring 2021. This scan culminated in this project website, which contains an interactive map, a report, a downloadable database of programs, and a webinar that explores how free college tuition programs for adults might better leverage employers in establishing and advancing programs.

(Please see the Free College Tuition Database on the OCLPA TPI Google Drive.)



27. CalABLE

<https://www.calable.ca.gov/>

CalABLE has teamed up with the National Disability Institute to provide additional financial resources. NDI has tools and resources in its AchievABLE™ Corner to help you open and manage your CalABLE account, no matter where you are in the process.

<https://www.nationaldisabilityinstitute.org/achievable-corner/>



28. ABLE Insights

- #ABLEtoSave Podcasts, Vlogs & Blogs
- ABLE NRC Website Tools

These short videos will show you how to use the tools available on our website, like the new ABLE Decision Guides and state program comparison tools.

<https://www.ablenrc.org/get-to-know-our-website/>



29. NTACT...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.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

30. **The Next OCLPA COVID-19 Transition Resource List will be sent on 10-8-21.**