

# Orange County Local Partnerships Agreement (OCLPA)

Coronavirus-19...

Virtual & Other Transition Resources 2021

Google Drive 10-8-21

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1VXYCdN602MYSbIGcZ4f5YQzrFqTFNoC-?u>

(Please find a folder with the 10-8-21 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.

It has been over 20 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](mailto:linda_oneal@cox.net) or [acazares@rcocdd.com](mailto:acazares@rcocdd.com).

## RESOURCES



### 1. National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM)

Theme...America's Recovery: Powered by Inclusion

The theme for NDEAM 2021, "America's Recovery: Powered by Inclusion," reflects the importance of ensuring that people with disabilities have full access to employment and community involvement during the national recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

NDEAM is held each October to commemorate the many and varied contributions of people with disabilities to America's workplaces and economy. Browse our website for ideas and resources for employers, community organizations, state and local governments, advocacy groups and schools to participate in celebrating NDEAM through events and activities centered around the theme of "America's Recovery: Powered by Inclusion."

ODEP offers a range of [resources](#) to help employers and other organizations plan NDEAM observances, including not only the official poster, but also sample articles, a press release, proclamation and social media contents.

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

Message from Joe Xavier, CA DOR Director

(See message on the TPI OCLPA Google Drive and see video on You Tube.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sb5RqhI5IQ>

### 2. Governor Signs Senate Bill 639

California Becomes 13<sup>th</sup> State to Ensure Workers with Disabilities Earn at Least Minimum Wage) 9-27-21  
Sacramento, CA —

California achieved an important civil right today with Gov. Gavin Newsom's signature on Senate Bill (SB) 639 ending the policy that allowed businesses with special licenses to be able to pay people with disabilities subminimum wage for their work. California now becomes the 13<sup>th</sup> state to end this practice.



Office of Governor  
GAVIN NEWSOM



Once the implementation process is complete all California employees with disabilities will earn at least minimum wage for their work.

This bill was championed by Senator Maria Elena Durazo (D-Los Angeles) who introduced this legislation, along with her co-authors: Senator Sydney Kamlager (D-Los Angeles) and Assembly Members Lorena Gonzalez (D-San Diego), Christina Gonzales (D-Bell Gardens) and Isaac Bryan (D-Culver City).

“This is a historic day for all Californians but especially those in the disability community. We have worked long and hard so that disabled employees in our great state are paid fairly for their work. The minimum wage is an important protection that all workers deserve and is essential to help people achieve their goals. California was long overdue to end the subminimum wage and with this policy change, we can move forward to creating new opportunities that ensure that people with disabilities have meaningful days on many different levels,” said Wesley Witherspoon, Chair, State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

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

### 3. Department of Developmental (DDS) Services Announcement: COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Shots (9-24-21)



[\(Karen Thompson, San Marcos USD\)](#)

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued updated interim guidance for the people defined below who already were fully vaccinated with the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine to receive a Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 booster shot to help increase their protection from COVID-19.

According to its announcement: “...the CDC recommends:

- people 65 years and older and residents in long-term care settings should receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech’s COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series,
- people aged 50–64 years with underlying medical conditions should receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech’s COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series,
- people aged 18–49 years with underlying medical conditions may receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech’s COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their PfizerBioNTech primary series, based on their individual benefits and risks, and
- people aged 18-64 years who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting may receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech’s COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their PfizerBioNTech primary series, based on their individual benefits and risks.”

Please note that “underlying medical conditions” above is defined in detail at those links, and includes Down Syndrome, cancer, diabetes, and immunocompromised states. The Governor issued a statement about the Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup’s booster shot recommendations. We will continue to keep you updated as more information becomes available.

[\(Please see this announcement in the TPI OCLPA Google Drive.\)](#)

### 4. ABLE Accounts: A Valuable Financial Solution for People with Disabilities

[\(Amy Tingirides, Laguna Beach USD\)](#)



[Achieving a Better Life Experience or ABLE accounts](#) are tax-advantaged savings accounts for individuals with disabilities and their families. These accounts help disabled people pay qualified disability-related expenses without affecting their eligibility for government assistance programs.

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

## 5. National Autism Indicators Report

The purpose of this report is to catalogue indicators of mental health and mental health care to highlight areas of needed improvement in practice and policy. Mental health care is an urgent priority and this report documents barriers that individuals and families face when trying to access mental health care. Good health and wellbeing require effective interventions and supportive policy to ensure that mental health needs of autistic children and adults are effectively addressed.

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



## 6. National Institute on Mental Health

<https://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/topics>

The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), the lead federal agency for research on mental disorders, offers basic information on mental disorders, a range of related topics, and the latest mental health research. It is not the intention of NIMH to provide specific medical advice, but rather to provide users with information to better understand their health and their diagnosed disorders. Consult with a qualified health care provider for diagnosis, treatment, and answers to your personal questions.



Mental Disorders and Related Topics

- [Anxiety Disorders](#)
- [Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder \(ADHD\)](#)
- [Autism Spectrum Disorder \(ASD\)](#)
- [Bipolar Disorder](#)
- [Borderline Personality Disorder](#)
- [Depression](#)
- [Disruptive Mood Dysregulation Disorder](#)
- [Eating Disorders](#)
  
- [HIV/AIDS and Mental Health](#)
- [Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder \(OCD\)](#)
- [Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder \(PTSD\)](#)
- [Schizophrenia](#)
- [Substance Use and Co-Occurring Mental Disorders](#)
- [Suicide Prevention](#) (*Disponibile en español!*)
- [Traumatic Events](#)

## 7. September Job Advertisements in Orange County: Top 25 Occupations & Employers

**(Janeth Manjarrez, NOCE)**

The September 2021 job advertisement data for the cities in Orange County. The data shows the top 25 occupations and employers.

Please share with anyone who may be interested in this data.

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



## 8. National Apprenticeship Week

U.S. Secretary of Labor Marty Walsh has [designated](#) November 15 – 21 as 2021 National Apprenticeship Week (NAW), an annual event which has, for the past seven years, celebrated apprenticeship as a way of enabling workers to earn while they learn. Since its launch in 2015, NAW has prompted more than 5,000 events and 700 proclamations and has attracted upwards of 470,000 attendees across the country. This year's celebration furthers the DOL's commitment to President Biden's infrastructure plan for creating jobs that will make America more competitive and expand opportunities to workers from marginalized



communities. Visit the NAW page on [apprenticeship.gov](http://apprenticeship.gov) for the latest resources, such as a NAW [factsheet](#), [mailer](#), and editable flyers. Please use the links provided there to [register](#) your events and [proclamations](#), share the mailer, factsheet, and flyers with partners, and use **#NAW2021** across social channels to share photos and proclamations – which will be linked to the Department’s social media. Finally, visit the Communities page on [WorkforceGPS](#) and check out the Apprenticeship-focused Communities to learn from your peers on how to implement successful Apprenticeship programs.

**9. Why Not the ‘New Flexible?: The Argument for Not Returning to “Normal” after COVID-19**

**(Holly Harris & Dr. Toni Saia, Rehabilitation Counselors & Educators Journal, SDSU)**  
<https://rcej.scholasticahq.com/article/28332-why-not-the-new-flexible-the-argument-for-not-returning-to-normal-after-covid-19>

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a disparate impact across demographic groups, resulting in BIPOC and disabled people experiencing transmission, hospitalization, and death at higher rates than White and non-disabled populations. However, responses within the pandemic created new avenues for access to people with disabilities, including telehealth, work from home opportunities, and virtual participation, which were the very solutions and accommodations they have been requesting, but denied, for years. The call for a “return to normal” is steeped in ableist thinking. Society was made aware of the inequities for disabled people throughout the pandemic, and flexible solutions must be retained and refined to continue the access provided during this time. As a start to a discourse on reflection and action, the authors suggest four areas to target for change toward health equity: (a) messaging and communication, (b) accessibility, (c) addressing attitudinal barriers, and (d) seeking and using the input of disabled people. The commentary presents an overview of each factor and action steps, with resources to guide them.

**10. The California Department of Education (CDE) Launching the State Superintendent of Public Instruction’s [Youth Advisory Council \(YAC\)](#).**

**(Richard Rosenberg, CU TPI & Maria Aliferis-Gjerde, Executive Officer, California Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities)**



The application for young people to apply for the YAC is available from September 24 to October 15, 2021. For information on how to apply, please send an email to [YouthAdvisoryCouncil@cde.ca.gov](mailto:YouthAdvisoryCouncil@cde.ca.gov).

**11. Orange County Autism Support Group**

**(Judi Uttal, OCASG)**



**(Please see the [October 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...**

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

**[www.sccollege.edu/OEC](http://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](mailto:guevara_angela@sccollege.edu)**

**13. 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](mailto:rlopez@coastline.edu)

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



**14. 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](mailto:lguy@noce.edu)

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

[seldred@saddleback.edu](mailto:seldred@saddleback.edu)

**CONFERENCES/FAIRS/WEBINARS/PODCASTS/VIDEOS**

**16. 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)



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.

For more information go to...

<https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/post/building-back-better-for-diversity-equity-and-inclusion-transforming-californias-approach-to>

The Northern CA Event (10-5-21)recording can be seen at...

[https://zoom.us/rec/share/E50VewoZQ1Lrd9CkgN\\_cR3a3NPIOAXgz1kFINBdzCMLXByDmwZIOO4XOLEpwWnOB.lu6bjkSmTTcKD3Kt](https://zoom.us/rec/share/E50VewoZQ1Lrd9CkgN_cR3a3NPIOAXgz1kFINBdzCMLXByDmwZIOO4XOLEpwWnOB.lu6bjkSmTTcKD3Kt)

17. Conservatorship Panel Zoom Webinar (Janis White, CU TPI)  
Sponsored by RCOC, CU TPI, SCDD, DRC and family members.  
10-19-21 6:00-7:30 PM  
(Please see the flyer on the TPI OCLPA Google Drive.)

18. OC 21-22 Ask the Experts schedule for October & November (Arturo Cazares, RCOC & Linda ONeal, CU TPI & SDSU II)  
(Please see schedule on the TPI OCLPA Google Drive.)

19. US Environmental Protection Agency  
Hiring Outreach for Persons with Disabilities  
Wednesday 10-20-21 12-1:00 PM  
[Join conversation \(microsoft.com\)](#)



Thursday 10-21-21 12-1:00 PM PT

[https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/ap/t-59584e83/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fteams.microsoft.com%2F%2Fmeetup-join%2F19%253ameeting\\_MTFmOTdIMDqtNjVhYS00Y2MxLWEzZGMtZGJlZmZkYTY2M2Yw%2540tHread.v2%2F0%3Fcontext%3D%257b%2522Tid%2522%253a%252288b378b3-6748-4867-acf9-76aacbeca6a7%2522%252c%2522Oid%2522%253a%2522690a12d0-6985-451b-9aaa-29e59ed29453%2522%257d&data=04%7C01%7CFox.Kate%40epa.gov%7Ca8a2d1bc672742df8efa08d96e466291%7C88b378b367484867acf976aacbeca6a7%7C0%7C0%7C637662070841789766%7CUnknown%7CTWFPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikk1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=qHpNzU8FX72UalO%2Bw8pewl064%2BMri3FQouuMN2i7%2FFw%3D&reserved=0](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/ap/t-59584e83/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fteams.microsoft.com%2F%2Fmeetup-join%2F19%253ameeting_MTFmOTdIMDqtNjVhYS00Y2MxLWEzZGMtZGJlZmZkYTY2M2Yw%2540tHread.v2%2F0%3Fcontext%3D%257b%2522Tid%2522%253a%252288b378b3-6748-4867-acf9-76aacbeca6a7%2522%252c%2522Oid%2522%253a%2522690a12d0-6985-451b-9aaa-29e59ed29453%2522%257d&data=04%7C01%7CFox.Kate%40epa.gov%7Ca8a2d1bc672742df8efa08d96e466291%7C88b378b367484867acf976aacbeca6a7%7C0%7C0%7C637662070841789766%7CUnknown%7CTWFPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikk1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=qHpNzU8FX72UalO%2Bw8pewl064%2BMri3FQouuMN2i7%2FFw%3D&reserved=0)

We invite persons with disabilities to engage with our panel of experts about the best ways to find and apply for federal jobs at EPA.

For questions, contact Kate Fox [Fox.Kate@epa.gov](mailto:Fox.Kate@epa.gov)

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

20. RCOC Self-Determination Program (SDP)  
On-line Orientation



This training is the required first step for a participant interested in enrolling in the Self-Determination Program. Complete the 2-hour program at your own pace!  
Register...

<https://rcocparent.arcalearn.org/Login/Login.aspx>

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

21. October 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 October 13, 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 SAFE), 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](https://bit.ly/ca_selfadvocacychats2021)

Meeting ID: 961 9651 9177

Passcode: 882136

**Toll Free Number: 888-475-4499**

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](http://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.

**22. NDEAM Panel Discussion:**

**Working ABLÉ Account Owners**

**10-19-21 11-12:30 PM PT**



Join us during National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) for a panel discussion featuring working ABLÉ account owners. Our panelists will share their experience using an ABLÉ account to support their employment. You can send any questions in advance to [info@ablenrc.org](mailto:info@ablenrc.org) with the subject line: NDEAM Working ABLÉ Panel.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

**23. National Academies Release New Videos and Illustrated Stories to Help Kids and Teens Manage Mental Health and Emotions During COVID-19 (9-23-21)**

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine released a new [set of online tools](#) to help teens, kids, and parents deal with the mental and



emotional impacts of COVID-19. Videos and comic strip-style illustrated stories — in both English and Spanish — guide kids and parents through classic cognitive behavioral therapy techniques and skills that can help them cope and develop healthy ways of dealing with stressful situations.

**24. 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.disabilityrightsca.org/events>

**25. Time to Report Your Wages Video (Trinh van Erp, DOR)**

**“It's time to report your wages to the Social Security Administration...You can save Time and avoid processing delays by reporting wages online with a personal “my Social Security account “**

You can now report your wages online using your personal and secure *my* Social Security account.

On a desktop, laptop, or mobile device, you or your representative payee can report your wages if you:

- Receive Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits.
- Receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI).
- Receive both SSDI benefits and SSI.
- Are a spouse or parent who lives with a person who receives SSI.



After reporting your monthly wages online, you or your representative payee can save or print a copy of your receipt.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3g\\_9l1C6SYw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3g_9l1C6SYw)



## 26. Self-Determination & CalABLE Webinar

**October 20, 2021, 2-4:00 PM**

In this webinar you will learn how CalABLE & Self-Determination Programs can work together. Register...

[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_DtH4\\_7uqS7mzqPdyeW00ng](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DtH4_7uqS7mzqPdyeW00ng)

**CalABLE**

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

## 27. Debunking the Three Biggest Myths About Disability Benefits & Work Webinar

**(Richard Rosenberg, CU TPI)**

**10-27-21 9-10:30 AM**

**Join us for our next Work Incentive Seminar Event (WISE) webinar!**

Get the facts about Social Security disability benefits and work! We're debunking myths and sharing important information to help you as you make the decision that work may be right for you, to look for a job, and successfully transition to work.

**Register now**

**Online: [choosework.ssa.gov/wise](https://choosework.ssa.gov/wise)**



## 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/>



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## 29. OCLPA & Thompson Policy Institute Networking Charts



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

## 30. The Next OCLPA COVID-19 Transition Resource List will be sent on 11-12-21.