

# Orange County Local Partnerships Agreement (OCLPA) Coronavirus-19...



Virtual & Other Transition Resources 2022

Google Drive **2-11-22**

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

(Please find a folder with the 2-11-22 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 23 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).



## CA Institute Bridges to the Future V Registration

\*The Registration Form is on the TPI OCLPA Google Drive.

Please see the Youth Strand Flyer on the TPI OCLPA Google drive.  
The Youth Strand is on 3-8-22 from 9:00 AM-2:00 PM. Youth are Free!

## 2022 Youth Leadership Forum for Students with Disabilities 7/19-7/22 2022 The 2022 YLF Will Be Held Virtually

**The deadline for application has been extended to 3/25/22!**

Application and information available at: [WWW.DOR.CA.GOV/HOME/YL](http://WWW.DOR.CA.GOV/HOME/YL)  
(Please see YLF Information on the TPI OCLPA Google Drive.)

## RESOURCES

### 1. Free Tax Preparation (Bill Pelter, Ability Now)

Keep more of your money this tax season.

<https://www.unitedwayoc.org/how-we-are-doing-more/united-for-financial-security/free-tax-preparation/>

Through the OC Free Tax Prep campaign, Orange County United Way's United for Financial Security<sup>SM</sup> Initiative is helping local families gain financial independence and go from surviving to thriving. OC Free Tax Prep is a community-trusted program serving Orange County taxpayers since 2005. This year, in addition to our virtual tax prep service, we also have contactless drop-off



locations to keep you safe. **OC Free Tax Prep offers the following options to files your taxes for FREE.**

Please visit [OCFreeTaxPrep.com](http://OCFreeTaxPrep.com) for the latest updates. You can also text **MONEYBACK** to **50503** for updates sent directly via text message. If you would like to file taxes on your own, please visit a trusted partner, [myfreetaxes.com](http://myfreetaxes.com).

## 2. **SELF-DETERMINATION PROGRAM: INDIVIDUAL BUDGET DEVELOPMENT AND CERTIFICATION TOOL AND SPENDING PLAN FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS** **(Department of Developmental Services)**

The Department of Developmental Services (Department) updated the Self Determination Program (SDP) Individual Budget Development and Certification Tool and the Individual Budget and Spending Plan Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ). The Individual Budget Tool and FAQs identify services that can be authorized separate from the SDP Individual Budget and Spending Plan. Any regional center consumer's receipt of or need for any of the specified services pursuant to their Individual Program Plan, shall not disqualify them from participating in the SDP. The updated Individual Budget Development and Certification Tool may be found here, [Resources and Tools - CA Department of Developmental Services](#) and the Spending Plan FAQs here, on the Department's website.



[Self-Determination Program – Frequently Asked Questions - CA Department of Developmental Services](#)  
**(Please see the SDP Individual Budget Calculation & Certification Tool on the TPI Google Drive.)**

## 3. **Self-Determination Advocates**

For about a year a group of self-advocates and often their families and facilitators have met each month to discuss self-determination and their participation in this service category. This group identifies as the **Self Determination Advocates**. It is a committee focused directly on the interest of the **participants in self-determination**. At these meetings there is sharing of information, discussion of self-determination, person centered plans, progress on IPP's and the experience of being in or transferring into self-determination. This group often shares successes and celebrates the experience of being in the program.

Our **Advocate Group is recruiting**. Along with this email announcement going out to our mailing list, at the recommendation of one of our members, I am sending this note to the **chairs of the Regional Center Advisory Committees** throughout the State to inform them of our meetings and **request they help with the recruitment of new members**.

**Please forward this email and this invitation to self-advocate members of your advisory committees** (or others in your community who are interested). Encourage them to attend. Support them with participation in this group. For the past year our focus has been on the sharing of technical information, but we also recognize the importance of building our advocate's voice. This Self Determination Advocate Group is ready to move forward, more strongly identify its mission, and take part in shaping the direction of Self Determination in California. Although, the group is to strengthen the voices of our self-advocates, all are welcome including family members and facilitators who are active with a self-determination participant and are willing to support the person-centered efforts of the person.

The **Self Determination Advocates** meet on the **second Monday of every month from 3:00 to 4:30**. “We look forward to having a number of new advocates join us **by Zoom** at our next on Monday, 2/14.” **Here is the link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87632746325?pwd=TDZHRUIBKzI1VENhaXZab1hnV2ZLdz09>

**4. Grit & Flow... Job Seeker Essentials Training Series**



**2/23 Elevating Your Job Search – Targeting your job**

**search to advance your career goals**

**3/9 Making Your Resume Stand Out – Building and tailoring your resume to the job you want**

**3/23 Understanding Job Applications – Navigating the ins and outs of job applications**

**4/12 All Things Interview - Anticipating the most commonly asked interview questions and how to answer them**

[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-power-of-networking-tickets-256408764517?aff=odeieiconstantcontact&ctct\\_id=f5928674-3b9c-41e4-ba0a-0ff4611f9516\\_p2&ctct\\_c=WrlXb63PPN0WGDLPkuaEOCJfjWpoX0E352qhXSCR-e24d4BIlrQMJg==](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-power-of-networking-tickets-256408764517?aff=odeieiconstantcontact&ctct_id=f5928674-3b9c-41e4-ba0a-0ff4611f9516_p2&ctct_c=WrlXb63PPN0WGDLPkuaEOCJfjWpoX0E352qhXSCR-e24d4BIlrQMJg==)

Through our **“no cost”** training series, you will gain the tools necessary for success in the modern job market by receiving essential components for effective job seeking. **(Please see the flyer on the TPI Google Drive.)**

**5. Spirit League Hoops (Melissa Cory, Spirit League)**

**2022 Outdoor Basketball**

**Saturdays April 16-June 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Courts at Newhall Middle School**

**6-30 Years old**

**On-line Registration 2/1-2/28**



[Spirit League | Orange County Autism Sports League](#)

**6. Orange County Autism Support Group**

**(Judi Uttal, OCASG)**

**(Please see the exciting OCASG Programming Information for 2022 on the TPI OCLPA Google Drive.)**



**7. “Everyone Counts” in Orange County**

The Point in Time is a count of individuals & families experiencing homelessness. The count provides vital information that helps the County of Orange and Orange County Continuum of Care better understand homelessness in the community and guides the response to homelessness in Orange County. It is important families experiencing homelessness are accurately represented in this count.

OC will now be conducting family surveys to support the 2022 Point in Time count on Tuesday 2/22/22 and Wednesday 2/23/22 9:00 AM-6:00 PM.

Families experiencing homelessness are encouraged to make an appointment or walk-in to their nearest point location to be surveyed. Access Points are dispersed around Orange County to make access easier.

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

8. **Connections California/Parents Helping Parents (Maria Daane, PHP)**  
[Connections California](#) is PHP's newest program, a HUB of information and resources focused on planning for adulthood for individuals with disabilities!

Our goal is to help your clients find the information they need easily, so they can make informed decisions for or with their loved ones. Together, we can provide much needed information, resources, and support to individuals with disabilities who are transitioning to adulthood throughout California.

**(Please see the flyers (English, Spanish & Vietnamese) on the TPI OCLPA Google Drive.)**

9. **Future Proof Your Students Workplace Ethics (Richard Rosenberg, CU TPI)**  
[www.careersolutionspublishing.com](http://www.careersolutionspublishing.com)

It's for Real ...Workplace Ethics *teaches* students how to handle work ethics issues.



<b>64 lessons</b>	<b>Problem Solving</b>
<b>5 teens confront ethics at work</b>	<b>Advice column</b>
<b>Different ethics topic for each lesson</b>	<b>Cartoon</b>
<b>Applied activities</b>	<b>Blog</b>
<b>Critical Thinking</b>	<b>Assessment and scoring</b>

Online or USB Drive

10. **EDD Labor Market Information for Orange County Cities  
 Top 25 Employers & Occupations January 2022**  
**(Please see the LMI Document on the TPI OCLPA Google Drive.)**

## EDUCATION

**Check out the Spring 2022 Class Offerings at our local PSE Sites...**

11. **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 call...**

**(714-628-5900) [sccollege.edu/awd](http://sccollege.edu/awd) or contact...**

**Angela Guevara [guevara\\_angela@sccollege.edu](mailto:guevara_angela@sccollege.edu)**

**Spring classes start 1-24-22.**

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

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](mailto:rlopez@coastline.edu)

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

**13. College-to-Career Program 2022 (Adam Gottdank, NOCE)**

- Information Night Zoom Meeting 3-1-2022 4:00 PM
- C2C Electronic Application Form
- C2C Printable Application Form



(Please see the C2C Documents 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)

[Browse the NOCE Class Schedule](#) to select courses that are right for you!

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)

(Please see the OASIS Spring Scheduled on the TPI OCLP Google drive.)

## CONFERENCES/FAIRS/WEBINARS/PODCASTS/VIDEOS

**16. Making Your Own Decisions with Your Self Determination Services**

(Richard Rosenberg, CU TPI)

Here is information on a training for self-advocates and their support circles on how to build their decision-making skills which they critically need as they develop their self-determination services. If you could share with your network that would be great.

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ej105txud88dc803&oseq=&c=&ch=>

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

**17. Orange County Asperger's Support Group**

**OCASG ONLINE**

**Understanding The IEP Process**

**Paul Eisenberg, Educational Advocate**

**Elissa Green Kaustinen, CU Thompson Policy Institute**

**2-21-22 7-9 PM**

Free ONLNIE Event.

Please join us as Elissa Green Kaustinen, Thompson Policy Institute Director and Paul Eisenberg, Educational Advocate, explain the Individual Education Plan (IEP) with suggestions on how to get support for your child. Paul will describe "The Three Cs of Advocacy" and how they can be used to



best meet your child's needs. Elissa will focus in on transition plans, covering topics like certificate of completion vs. diploma, college options, and more. There will be plenty of time for questions.

Please RSVP [www.memberplanet.com/events/ocasq/iep-2-21-22](http://www.memberplanet.com/events/ocasq/iep-2-21-22)

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

**18. SB 639 Community Conversation “Subminimum Wages” (Christine Tolbert, SCDD)**  
**We want to hear from you!**

**Save the Date... Monday 3-14-22 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**



**19. Future Explored Presents...Hearts of Glass**  
**3-26-22**

Futures Explored Presents Hearts of Glass, an Award-Winning Film Championing Employment for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. We invite the community at large, including local employers, to learn about the importance of hiring people with disabilities.

The event will feature a panel of special guests, including Film Director, Jennifer Tennican, employees with disabilities, employer partners, and job coaches. Please join us for this one-of-a-kind evening that will inspire change and action in our communities, and you will make a difference by supporting inclusivity and representation in the workforce for people with disabilities. For more information visit [www.futures-explored.org](http://www.futures-explored.org).

Virtual tickets: <https://watch.showandtell.film/watch/futures-explored>

In-person tickets: <https://livermorearts.org/event/employment-for-everyone/>

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

**20. OC 21-22 Ask the Experts 2022 (January & February)**

**(Arturo Cazares, RCOC & Linda ONeal, CU TPI & SDSU II)**

**2-17-22 Getting Familiar with Adults with Disabilities Programs at Saddleback College**

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

**21. 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.)



**22. 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.

**Wednesday February 16, 2022, 11:00 AM T OPIC: Understanding Different Relationships**

At the end of the chat, there will be a poll and discussion about topics for future chats.

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

**Zoom session details and registration:**

[https://bit.ly/2022\\_caselfadvocacychats](https://bit.ly/2022_caselfadvocacychats)

Meeting ID: 889 6996 7310

Passcode: 119024 Toll Free Number: 888-475-4499

### 23. Disability Rights California (Rebecca Hoyt, DRC)

#### **Training Tuesdays with OCRA: Social Security Money Matters Series**

**When:** February 15, 2022, February 22, 2022, March 1, 2022, March 8, 2022

Join us for an exciting training series on Tuesday nights from 6-8pm! The series will cover Social Security benefits, appeals, representative payees, and work incentives.

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



### 24. Preventing Violence, Abuse Neglect and Exploitation of People with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities

March 22, 2022, 11:00 AM PST

The Arc's National Center on Criminal Justice and Disability will share information about projects they are working on related to violence prevention, including hearing from survivors with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) about the urgency of addressing this topic at the national, state and local level. Information about the range of abuse and neglect people with IDD experience will be discussed, including the aging population. National data on victimization will be shared. *Talk About Sexual Violence* will also be highlighted, a three-year project seeking to educate health care professionals about how to talk to patients with IDD about sexual violence using brief videos and supporting materials. The impact of trauma on people with IDD and the need for accessible and effective healing services will also be discussed.

**Register...**

[https://uichicago.webex.com/mw3300/mywebex/default.do?nomenu=true&siteurl=uichicago&service=6&rnd=0.5607666072122128&main\\_url=https%3A%2F%2Fuichicago.webex.com%2Fec3300%2Feventcenter%2Fevent%2FeventAction.do%3FtheAction%3Ddetail%26%26EMK%3D4832534b000000059bcd572bf4267c5e94ea479046eccfb7e9f74972837e43f15e8eafd600203198%26siteurl%3Duichicago%26confViewID%3D218958446028948266%26encryptTicket%3DSDJTSwAAAAUSGbhGc8jWYo\\_BDoa21m8uUX6r00Hn6TzyNjr1CoVyxA2%26](https://uichicago.webex.com/mw3300/mywebex/default.do?nomenu=true&siteurl=uichicago&service=6&rnd=0.5607666072122128&main_url=https%3A%2F%2Fuichicago.webex.com%2Fec3300%2Feventcenter%2Fevent%2FeventAction.do%3FtheAction%3Ddetail%26%26EMK%3D4832534b000000059bcd572bf4267c5e94ea479046eccfb7e9f74972837e43f15e8eafd600203198%26siteurl%3Duichicago%26confViewID%3D218958446028948266%26encryptTicket%3DSDJTSwAAAAUSGbhGc8jWYo_BDoa21m8uUX6r00Hn6TzyNjr1CoVyxA2%26)



### 25. Cal ABLÉ "Tax Time Tips" Webinar

**2-24-22 11:00 AM-12:30 PM**

Join us for our [ABLE Tax Time Tips](#) webinar to learn how you can increase your ABLÉ savings and qualify for tax incentives now and in the future.

This may result in significant tax savings and/or a refund you can deposit directly into your ABLÉ account! Hear how ABLÉ account owners like you have maximized their ABLÉ savings through tax deductions and credits, and how you can do the same!

**In this webinar, we will:**

- Discuss tax incentives, deductions and refunds to build ABLÉ savings
- Share why you should consider filing taxes even if you are not required to file
- Tell you about free tax filing options
- Cover guidance that will help ABLÉ account owners' 2021 tax filing
- Identify steps now that may benefit your ABLÉ account in 2022 tax filing

**Register:** [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Uyk-x\\_ekt2OhJf42PUKIA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Uyk-x_ekt2OhJf42PUKIA)



### 26. Increasing CIE for Individuals with Disabilities/NEON National Plan Webinar

**(On Demand)/US Department of Labor/ODEP January 2022**

The National Expansion of Employment Opportunities Network published the “National Plan to Increase Competitive Integrated Employment.” It provides information and recommendations for policymakers, funding entities and in-the-field activities to increase CIE. To highlight the National Plan, the Employment First Community of Practice held a webinar on the importance of CIE. The webinar is available in the archive.

- [Read the “National Plan to Increase Competitive Integrated Employment”](#)
  - [View the “National Plan to Increase Competitive Integrated Employment” webinar](#)
- (Please see the flyer National CIE Plan on the TPI OCLPA Google Drive.)**

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**27. Paid Supplemental COVID-19 Sick Leave Returns for Ca Employees (Bill Pelter, Ability Now)**

Supplemental paid sick leave is retroactive to Jan. 1 and would expire Sept. 30. It provides employers with 26 or more employees with up to 40 hours of additional paid sick leave along with another 40 hours if an employee or family member they care for tests positive.

Workers can also be paid to stay home because of infection or exposure in some circumstances under temporary workplace [rules](#) established separately by the Cal/OSHA Standards Board.

**28. Build Back Better (\$40 Billion in Workforce Dollars at Stake)**

Back in November, the House of Representatives passed the Build Back Better Act. It included historic investments in workforce development with close to \$40 billion dollars that, if enacted, would support training and capacity at community and technical colleges, industry or sector partnerships, and our public workforce system.



However, the bill is currently stalled in the Senate – and there’s is no timetable as to when it will move forward, although President Biden has announced that parts of it will probably be broken down into smaller bills. NSC continues to weigh in with Members of Congress on the importance of this funding and the need to maintain the \$40 billion for workforce in any subsequent package. Our recent episode of Skills on the Hill: Biden’s plan to break up Build Back Better delves into the details.

The workforce investments in Build Back Better are critical to an economic recovery – and to the already passed infrastructure law. Demand for infrastructure work exceeded capacity before the passage of the infrastructure bill – and economists have been warning that this shortage of skilled workers would stymie job creation plans further.

**29. Choicess (Charlotte Dobyys, FJUHSD)**

**Come Work for Us**

**348 East Foothill Blvd. Arcadia, 91006 (626) 359-3300**

CHOICESS is a non-profit organization that provides supports to individuals with disabilities so that they can live in their own homes, obtain and maintain meaningful employment, and to attend college classes.

- Mornings, evenings, weekends, overnights available
- Benefits include health, dental, vision, retirement plan
- Positions available in Whittier, Pasadena, Monrovia, Pomona, Claremont, and surrounding areas
- Application available at <https://www.choicess.org/employment>

**(Please see the Flyer on the TPI OCLPA google Drive.)**

**30. The Next OCLPA COVID-19 Transition Resource List will be sent on 3-11-22.**