



REGIONAL CENTER OF ORANGE COUNTY

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Ask the OC Experts Zoom Conversations

These conversations will take place the first and third of each month in October 2022 through June 2023 from 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM. During the first part of the hour, the experts will share topic information. The remaining time will be used for participants to ask questions and have a discussion with the experts. These conversations will address topics that pertain to families, individuals with disabilities, service providers, and educators. The Zoom information for each conversation will be distributed to those who have registered. Some Zoom conversations will be recorded and placed on the TransitionCA.org website.

How to Register: The Ask the OC Experts Zoom Conversations are FREE to attend, but registration is required. To register, please visit TransitionCA.org. If you have questions, please email Linda O'Neal at oneal@chapman.edu or Arturo Cazares at acazares@rcocdd.com.

You will be sent the Zoom information prior to the meeting. We look forward to your participation.

10-20-22

1. Preparing for Employment & Using the RCOC Paid Internship Program (PIP)

EXPERTS:

Arturo Cazares: RCOC Director of Community Services, Regional Center of Orange (RCOC)

Carlos Fonseca: RCOC Employment & Day Services Coordinator, RCOC

Anita Kwon: RCOC Employment & Day Services Coordinator, RCOC

11-03-22

2. Preparing for Project SEARCH

EXPERTS:

Kathi Millett: Program Director, Goodwill of Orange County

Diana Nevarez: Program manager Project SEARCH, Goodwill of Orange County



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11-17-22

3. RCOC Self-Determination Program

EXPERTS:

Cathy Furukawa: Self-Determination Program Coordinator, RCOC

12-01-22

4. Transition Planning Questions: Open Session

EXPERTS:

Linda O'Neal: Transition Specialist, Thompson Policy Institute on Disability

Anita Kwon: RCOC Employment & Day Services Coordinator

Carlos Fonseca: RCOC Employment & Day Services Coordinator

12-15-22

5. Transportation to Work, Education Opportunities & Community Locations

EXPERTS:

Carlos Fonseca: RCOC Employment & Day Services Coordinator

Marta Gamez: North Orange Continuing Education (NOCE)

Monika Gulmesoff: NOCE

Anita Kwon: RCOC Employment & Day Services Coordinator

01-05-23

6. Work Incentives Planning & Assistance for Individuals Receiving SSI

EXPERTS:

Scarlett Von Thenen: Manager SCDD Orange County Office, State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD)

01-19-23

7. Getting Familiar with Programs & Services at North Orange Continuing Education (NOCE)

EXPERTS:

April Fante: DSS Program Manager, NOCE

Kim Thompson: DSS Counselor, NOCE

02-02-23

8. Getting Familiar with Adults with Disabilities Programs at Santiago Canyon College

EXPERTS:

Chrissy Gascon: Interim Dean Adult Education Programs, Santiago Canyon College

02-16-23

9. Getting Familiar with Adults with Disabilities Programs at Coastline College

EXPERTS:

Rachel Lopez: Special Programs Counselor, Coastline College

Katie Stubblefield: ID Professor/COAST Coordinator, Coastline College

03-02-23

10. Getting Familiar with Adults with Disabilities Programs at Saddleback College

EXPERTS:

Sue Donelson: Interim Adult Education Director, Saddleback College

Stacy Eldred: Professor Adults with Disabilities Program, Saddleback College

03-16-23

11. Transition Planning Questions: Open Session

EXPERTS:

Arturo Cazares: RCOC Director of Community Services, RCOC

Linda O'Neal: Transition Specialist, Chapman University Thompson Policy Institute

04-06-23

12. Disability Rights California Resources & Supports

EXPERTS:

Marcos Villa: Senior Advocate, Disabilities Rights California

05-04-23

13. ABLÉ Savings Opportunities

EXPERTS:

Arturo Cazares: RCOOC Director of Community Services, RCOOC

Linda O’Neal: Transition Specialist, Chapman University Thompson Policy Institute

05-18-23

14. State Council on Developmental Disabilities

Overview

EXPERTS:

Christine Tolbert: Advocate, SCDD Orange County

06-01-23

15. Department of Rehabilitation Services (Student & Adult)

EXPERTS:

Trinh van Erp: Staff Services Manager I/Team Manager, Department of Rehabilitation

06-15-23

16. Preparing to Live Independently with Support

EXPERTS:

Margot Johnson: Co-Director & Family, Diagnostic Center, South & Family

Leah Saitz: Supported & Independent Living Services Coordinator, RCOOC

If you have any questions regarding the Zoom Conversations, please call...

Arturo Cazares, Associate Director Employment at (714) 796-5183. 9-20-21