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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
3. RCOC Self-Determination Program
EXPERTS:
Cathy Furukawa: Self-Determination Program Coordinator, RCOC

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

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

6. Work Incentives Planning & Assistance for Individuals Receiving SSI
EXPERTS:
Scarlett Von Thenen: Manager SCDD Orange County Office, State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD)

7. Getting Familiar with Programs & Services at North Orange Continuing Education (NOCE)
EXPERTS:
April Fante: DSS Program Manager, NOCE
Kim Thompson: DSS Counselor, NOCE
8. Getting Familiar with Adults with Disabilities Programs at Santiago Canyon College
EXPERTS:
Chrissy Gascon: Interim Dean Adult Education Programs, Santiago Canyon College

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

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

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

12. Disability Rights California Resources & Supports
EXPERTS:
Marcos Villa: Senior Advocate, Disabilities Rights California
13. ABLE Savings Opportunities
EXPERTS:
Arturo Cazares: RCOC Director of Community Services, RCOC
Linda O’Neal: Transition Specialist, Chapman University Thompson Policy Institute

14. State Council on Developmental Disabilities Overview
EXPERTS:
Christine Tolbert: Advocate, SCDD Orange County

15. Department of Rehabilitation Services (Student & Adult)
EXPERTS:
Trinh van Erp: Staff Services Manager I/Team Manager, Department of Rehabilitation

16. Preparing to Live Independently with Support
EXPERTS:
Margot Johnson: Co-Director & Family, Diagnostic Center, South & Family
Leah Saitz: Supported & Independent Living Services Coordinator, RCOC

If you have any questions regarding the Zoom Conversations, please call...
Arturo Cazares, Associate Director Employment at (714) 796-5183. 9-20-21