

WorkAbility I

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Partnership

WorkAbility was very busy placing students in jobs in September. We have a total of 54 students who started their WorkAbility I placements in September or will start this month! In addition, numerous students have sought WorkAbility's assistance in applying to businesses for direct hire placements.

ATP: when Angela Castro's students are not busy at their respective work sites, they are running their Resale Store. They currently have a 50% sale running. Please support our students by visiting their beautiful store: 9:00am -2:00pm 460 W. Mission Rd. #135 (physically on Marcos St.)

FHHS and TOHS: Several students are receiving direct WorkAbility I, DOR Student Services and We Can Work services (including job placements) at both schools.

SPED Team Meeting Presentations:

SMHS Oct 30th - Department of Rehabilitation Student Services (presented to **MHHS** in September).

MHHS: Oct. 30th Palomar College Occupational and Non-credit Programs and Workforce Development and Extended Education. **SMHS:** TBD

REFERRAL FOR SERVICES: teachers, SLP's, school Psych. personnel, students and parents - please self-refer or refer your students for WAI services: contact information below.

WAI WEBSITE LINKS: transition resources can be found on the school site webpages under Departments - Special Education and on the NCCSE website: Transition Services Taskforce: <http://nccse.org/resources/transition-taskforce>

SENIORS: The WorkAbility I (WAI) Program Aides at Mission Hills High School (Vanessa Lona) and San Marcos High School (Melissa Clark) have completed (or are in the process of completing) their one-to-one Senior Consultations and questionnaires; copies of the questionnaires are provided to case load managers. This process assists WorkAbility in identifying the seniors' needs and identifying the field trips, resources, referrals and assistance that will best serve in moving them toward their post-secondary goals.

PRESENTATIONS: Seniors at Mission Hills High School and San Marcos High School will be invited to attend two presentations this month:

MHHS Oct. 5th/**SMHS** Oct. 8th: FIDM (Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandizing): Staying Ahead of Today's Job Market

MHHS Oct. 19th/**SMHS** Oct. 22nd: Associated Builders and Contractors—Careers in construction and apprenticeships

FIELD TRIPS: we will be taking our seniors on 4 field trips this year:

MHHS Feb. 6th/**SMHS** Feb. 7th: Palomar College and the Disabilities Resource Department

SMHS Feb. 20th/**MHHS** Feb. 21st: MiraCosta College and the Disabled Students Programs & Services Dept.

SMHS Mar. 6th/**MHHS** Mar. 13th: California Conservation Corps. and MiraCosta College's Technology Career Institute

MHHS Mar. 28th/**SMHS** April 11th: 4 north county post-secondary programs funded through the San Diego Workforce Partnership - in one morning!

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Program Spotlight

*** NEW SDWP TRANSITION SERVICES TASKFORCE PARTNER PROGRAMS - see below!**

San Diego Workforce Partnership (SDWP)

<https://workforce.org/>

The San Diego Workforce Partnership (SDWP) funds job training programs; they are the local Workforce Development Board designated by the County of San Diego.

- SDWP provides targeted employment services designed to help our eligible graduating and adult students (Adult Transition program).
- SDWP's six career centers provide employment services, including career assessment, job training and job search assistance.
- SDWP also funds youth programs that provide work-readiness training to youth from low-income households as well as youth who are at risk of dropping out of school. SDWP also administers youth employment programs.

Funded programs include:

- **Career centers:** offering job search and career development resources regardless of income or background at no cost.
- **CONNECT2Careers** and **CONNECT2Careers STEAM** (science, technology, engineering, art and math): online portal filled with thousands of local job and internship opportunities. They also provide in-person training opportunities for building résumés, practicing elevator pitches, preparing for interviews and learning about the local labor market. When students sign up they get their own Peer Job Coach who they can call, text, or direct message for help on a job search.
- **Independent Living Skills:** Tier 1, ILS, provides case management and supportive services in the areas of housing, employment and education. Tier 2, provides workforce services, provides intensive work-readiness classes and workshops, career exploration and job shadowing experiences, internships and job placement services, and assistance with vocational and post-secondary preparation.
- **RISE Up retail training:** a 15-module training program and credential that prepares job seekers for positions in retail

SDWP Services for Out-Of School Youth

POPULATION SERVED: Youth ages 16–24 who are not currently enrolled in school, including high school dropouts, youth with disabilities, those involved in the justice system, homeless, runaways, foster youth, pregnant or parenting or requiring additional assistance to participate in education and employment.

PURPOSE: Workforce development for educational and employment services for out-of-school youth and young adults. Provide access and entry into post-secondary education and/or occupational/technical skills training and career pathways. These programs work in partnership with training institutions, community colleges and/or four-year colleges and universities that lead to post-secondary degrees and/or industry recognized certifications.

*** NORTH COUNTY SERVICE PROVIDERS:** Access, Inc.; Interfaith Community Services; YMCA San Diego (North).

These north county service providers are funded through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. Commencing this year, we will be partnering with these entities (including our existing partner - the North County Coastal Career Center) to facilitate introductions and access to their services. To ensure our students are aware of all north county services that may assist them in reaching their post-secondary goals, we are adding a field trip which will incorporate an introduction to all four sites and services. Details regarding these individual programs will be the subject of future *Programs in the Spotlight*.