

WorkAbility I

December Newsletter

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WORKABILITY I IN THE COMMUNITY:

We were honored to receive a visit from Joe Xavier, California State Department of Rehabilitation Director, when he visited San Diego last week! Our program was selected as an example of effective procedures, partnerships and positive outcomes for Transition Age Youth (TAY) with disabilities. Karen Thompson met with Joe Xavier, at the Adult Transition program. They were joined by Jon Kirkham (state DOR CIO), Carmencita Trapse (San Diego DOR Administrator), Scott Jaeger (DOR Inland Office Manager), Dawn Dully (SPED Director San Marcos USD) and site staff and students. Joe toured the program and the resale store and learned about the Transition Services Taskforce, the W.E.S.T. program and the various services the WorkAbility program provides to Transition Age Youth.

PRESENTATION:

During the month of November, representatives from San Diego Regional Center and the Department of Rehabilitation attended the mod/severe SPED team meeting at San Marcos High School to inform regarding their services (the Mission Hills presentation will be scheduled for the spring semester).

Related note: Please remember to invite (with parent approval) agency representatives if the student is a client.

NEW AND RENEWED PARTNERHIPS: WorkAbility is delighted to add San Marcos Deli to its list of business partners for the Adult Transition program. If you haven't visited this hidden gem they are located at 125 Vallecitos De Oro; pop in for your morning coffee or a great lunch! Party City have a new manager and have recommenced their partnership with the WorkAbility program; great to have them back!

ATP: The Resale Store has moved location to the main ATP building on Mission Road. The store is up and running again. Thank you for supporting our students in this worthwhile endeavor.

TOHS: DOR Student Services are beginning the work placement process for the students who signed up for their services.

TRANSITION SERVICES TASKFORCE: The November meeting was attended by DOR and representatives from various vendored agencies and San Diego Workforce Partnership representatives including Interfaith Community Services and the YMCA. The Taskforce is collaborating to create forms that can be used by the SELPA to provide TAY agencies the information necessary to ensure smooth transition into adult services.

Referral for Services: teachers, SLP's, school Psych. personnel, students and parents - please self-refer or refer your students for WAI services ➡

WAI Transition Resources:

School site webpages: go to Departments - Special Education. NCCSE website: Transition Services Taskforce or <http://nccse.org/resources/transition-taskforce>

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APPRENTICESHIPS

Apprenticeships are a great option for students who wish to obtain certification in a trade but do not want to attend a community college or cannot afford college if they don't qualify for FAFSA .

While construction apprenticeships are the most common and have the most developed infrastructure, there are numerous other apprenticeships available that cover a diversity of career paths.

RESOURCES

Apprenticeships.Gov: <https://www.apprenticeship.gov/>

One-stop source for all apprenticeships. Students can research apprenticeships by keyword, location and distance.

State of California Employment Development Department - website link to apprenticeships:
<https://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/resources/training-and-apprenticeships.html>

Search by keyword and location.

CalApprenticeship.org: <http://www.calapprenticeship.org/>

Construction Apprenticeship websites include:

San Diego County Building & Construction Trades Council: <https://www.sdbuildingtrades.com/training-programs/apprenticeships/plumbers-and-pipefitters/>

Apprenticeship programs include:

[Air Conditioning & Refrigeration](#)

[Asbestos](#)

[Automotive](#)

[Boilermakers](#)

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