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1. GREEN JOBS, CAREERS, FUTURES

Green jobs/internships search

http://www.monstertrak.com/green_careers

***NEW**

Looking for a "Green Collar" job?

Environmental Career Center

www.environmentalcareer.com

Environmental Career Opportunities

www.ecojobs.com

Green Energy Jobs

www.greenenergyjobs.com

Green Jobs

www.greenjobs.com/public/index.aspx

Renewable Energy World

www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/home

Sustainable Business

www.sustainablebusiness.com/index.cfm/go/greendreamjobs.main

Tree Hugger

<http://jobs.treehugger.com>

Green Careers

www.greenbiz.com/green-careers

Environmental Jobs Directory

www.ecobusinesslinks.com/environmental_jobs.htm

American Solar Energy Society

www.aese.org

***NEW**

Communities for a Better Environment Southern California

"The mission of Communities for a Better Environment is to achieve environmental health and justice by building grassroots power in and with communities of color and working-class communities." They have internships and volunteer opportunities for youth.

Huntington Park: 5610 Pacific Boulevard, Suite 203 Huntington Park, CA 90255, Phone: (323) 826-9771, Fax: (323) 588-7079

www.cbecal.org/youth/activities.html

***NEW**

The Infrastructure Academy

The academy is exciting and inspiring one-year after-school program that provide hands-on real life experience, field trips, career preparation, and job placement opportunities for rewarding careers in industries that provide water, energy, and infrastructure in our communities, such as the LA Department of Water and Power. Their mission is to build a pipeline of diverse, well-qualified young people for the career opportunities of the green economy. Students can earn college credit, gain real-world hands-on experience, and learn about different technical and engineering careers. Cost free for students. Summer Internships are paid and are for related professional work. In addition, students will receive a stipend based on overall program attendance. The academy is scheduled to run in three different college sites after school. Students will assign only to one site that would be convenient for them to go after school. These sites are: Los Angeles Trade-Technical College, Cal. State University-LA, or Los Angeles Southwest College. The next programs go to the website: www.infrastructureacademy.org

***NEW**

North East Trees Youth Environmental Stewards Program

"...Its purpose is to develop Youth Stewards and Community Stewards within the various resource poor neighborhoods of Los Angeles who can plant and care for (steward) trees in their respective communities. This would especially apply to communities with higher percentages of At-Risk-Youth that have fewer trees and parks than other communities. The objectives are to:

- * Provide meaningful vocational education, training and a path to full time employment within the "Green Industry" for 16-24 year old At-Risk-Youth;
- * Provide education and training to develop Community Stewards in these same communities who can better assist with the development and management of neighborhood improvement projects
- * Substantially increase the number of healthy trees in these communities and urban park space in these communities

The youth stewards learn and employ skills in the disciplines of landscape design, arboriculture, watershed rehabilitation and urban forestry. This is a full time program – the students are expected to put in an eight (8) hour day, five (5) days per week over an eight (8) to 10 week period. The youth stewards who matriculate through the demanding program are awarded a Certificate of Completion. In addition, NET provides job search skill training and assistance in their search for long-term employment within the green industry. Recent graduates have signed up for employment with several other local, state and federal agencies.

570 W. Ave. 26, Suite 200, Los Angeles, CA 90065, Ph. (323) 441-8634, Contact us, www.northeasttrees.org

***NEW**

Project Amiga Youth/Adult Environmental Services in Landscaping

In our environment education area we work with youth and adults to train them in park development, parkland creation, and environmental service projects to enhance community livability. We are in the process of developing and expanding our Youth/Adult Environmental Services in Landscaping (YAESL) Program where our participants will research possible careers with a focus on the care and maintenance of the environment. An advisory committee of Green Collar Industry professionals and academics in the public and private sectors will serve as guest speakers and career awareness mentors. To further their professional capacity, participants will learn to translate their experience into professional skills and will be trained in job interview techniques. Ph. (626) 401-1395

www.projectamiga.org

***NEW**

The Solar Living Institute

"Internships last between 3-6 months. Interns live closely with each other, and are provided with rustic (basic) accommodations and a minimal seasonally adjusted food allowance." Located in Sonoma County, in Northern CA. www.solarliving.org

2. LEARN TO EARN

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Job skills and career development opportunities are offered in many different places, such as labor unions, community colleges, occupational centers, and private nonprofit, city, county, state, and federal agencies. Some programs can include travel, *and even free food and housing!*

Choose from the career or work areas below, and then contact the listed training institutions on page 28.

Be sure to check out the special section on **apprenticeship programs** on this page. Apprenticeships are a great chance to learn on the job while you train for lots of different careers. They include a salary and benefits, and after finishing the program you can be certain to get a well-paid job and use all the skills you learned.

Aviation, Flight School. Aircraft Mechanic

Aircraft mechanic, flying, CAD, electronics

Training Institutions: North Valley Occupational Center/Aviation Center Aircraft Mechanics Program, APC, Community College Certificate Programs, L.A. Urban League, Adult Education and Career Centers, ROP, SCROC, Mt. San Antonio Community College, (pg 28)

The Aviation Center: "Why pay \$25,000 or more for the same education you can have for under \$400?"

16550 Saticoy Street, Van Nuys, CA 91406,

(818) 785-7511 or (818) 365-9645, amtschool@aol.com

In addition, the directory www.At-LA.com lists 65 local flight schools at www.at-la.com/biz/@la-fly.htm#school

Clerical, Banking & Finance

Banking, accounting, entrepreneurship, computer applications, retail merchandising, office occupations

Training Institutions: APC, Community College Certificate Programs, Job Corps, L.A. Urban League, Adult Education and Career Centers, ROP, SCROC, TRM, YMCA (pg 28)

Barber—Cosmetologist

Community College Certificate Programs, Adult Education and Career Centers/ROP, (pg 28); apprenticeship listing (pg 5-8)

Carpenter/Electrician/Homebuilder/Plumber/Painter

Everything about building homes

Training Institutions: APC, Community College Certificate Programs, Job Corps, L.A. Urban League, Adult Education and Career Centers, ROP, SCROC, TRM, Venice Community Housing, YouthBuild (pg 28)

Chef/Cook

Culinary (cooking) arts

Training Institutions: APC, Adult Education and Career Centers, ROP, SCROC, St. Joseph Center, Job Corps, Community College Certificate Programs (pg 28); apprenticeship listing on pg 5-8

Computers

Computer repair, software development, networking, and more...

Training Institutions: APC, Job Corps, LA Urban League, Mexican American Opportunity Foundation, Bresee Foundation, Adult Education and Career Centers, ROP, Women at Work, Community College Certificate Programs (pg 28)

Government Services

Federal, State and City jobs in many areas such as environment protection, homeland security, health research, U.S. customs

Training Institutions: City/County of LA, ROP, SCROC, SEIU, State of California, U.S. Federal Government (pg 28)

Mechanic

Auto mechanic, CAD, electronics

Training Institutions: APC, Community College Job Training, Job Corps, L.A. Urban League, Adult Education and Career Centers, ROP, SCROC, Community College Certificate Programs, TRM (pg 28); apprenticeship listing on pg 7

Medicine & Health

Nursing, sports therapy, medical office administration, paramedics, emergency medical technician, cosmetology
Training Institutions: Job Corps, LA County, Adult Education and Career Centers, ROP, SCROC, SEIU, YMCA, Community colleges certificate programs. (pg 28)

Multimedia/Graphic Artist

Photography, graphic and web design, fashion design, printing, floral design,
Training Institutions: APC, Inner City Filmmakers, Adult Education and Career Centers, ROP, SCROC, Community College Certificate Programs, Streetlights, Workplace Hollywood. (pg 28)

TV—Film—Radio

Film, radio and TV production
Training Institutions: APC, Inner City Filmmakers, ROP, SCROC, Streetlights, St. Joseph Center, Workplace Hollywood, Community College Certificate Programs (pg 28); apprenticeship listing on pg 8

Teaching /Child Care

Teaching, child care, etc...
Training Institutions: APC, LAUSD Career Ladder, Job Corps, LA's Best, Adult Education and Career Centers, ROP, SCROC, Community College Certificate Programs, SEIU, YMCA (pg 28)

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Inner-City Filmmakers

ICF has been guided by its founding goal of providing free year-round professional, technical and business skills training and paid work opportunities to low-income inner city students where they can gain knowledge, perfect skills and develop their potential to the fullest extent. Inner-City Filmmakers selects graduating seniors from high schools and social service agencies throughout Southern California. These diverse inner city students are bright, creative, resilient, hardworking, dependable and financially needy. Learning teamwork, developing leadership skills and having a sense of accomplishment provides a solid foundation for students' future success. Over 72% of ICF graduates have continued on to higher education often with scholarships to NYU, UCLA, UCSB, USC, and UC Berkeley, while continuing to be involved with the ICF Program. For info. (310) 264-3392, www.innercityfilmmakers.com

www.jobcorps.doleta.gov

Los Angeles Urban League

Mission: To enable African Americans and other minorities to secure economic self-reliance, parity, power and civil rights through advocacy activities and the provision of programs and services in our uniquely diversified city and region. LAUL has been at the forefront of identifying and addressing issues concerning African Americans and other minorities in this city for more than 80 years... Through job training, job placement, youth development and educational programs, the Los Angeles Urban League has empowered individuals and changed lives in ways once thought impossible. www.laul.org

- Main Office: 3450 Mount Vernon Drive Los Angeles, CA 90008, (323) 299-9660, info@laul.org
- West Adams / Baldwin Hills Center, 2900 S. Crenshaw Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90016, (323) 732-7867
- Milken Family Literacy & Youth Training Center, 5414 Crenshaw Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90043, (323) 292-8111
- Worksource Business and Career Center, 12700 S. Avalon Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90061, (323) 600-1106
- Worksource Business & Career Center, 264 E. Monterey Rd., Pomona, CA 91766, (909) 623-741

Los Angeles Youth Opportunities

JOB CORPS

"Job Corps is a no-cost education and vocational training program ...that helps young people ages 16 through 24 get a better job, make more money and take control of their lives." At Job Corps, students enroll to learn a trade, earn a high school diploma or GED and get help finding a good job. When you join the program, you will be paid a monthly allowance; the longer you stay with the program, the more your allowance will be. Job Corps supports its students for up to 12 months after they graduate from the program. A Job Corps center is a great place to complete an education, learn a marketable trade, and make lifetime friends and graduate with a good job in hand. Each Job Corps center is unique. They all, however, feature campus-like settings with dormitories where students live, and where meals are also provided: all for free. If you or someone you know is interested in joining Job Corps or would like more information please call (800) 733-JOBS (800) 733-5627). An operator will provide you with general information about the program, refer you to the admissions counselor closest to where you live and mail you an information packet.

Stand and Deliver

It takes a special kind of person to work in healthcare—one compassionate enough to interact with patients yet skilled enough to perform tough duties. Whether a young person has always dreamt of a career in healthcare or just recently developed an interest: Services available to YWS youth are:

- Provides an inside track to health careers
 - Helps you secure a better future for you and your family
 - Assigned a mentor who works in healthcare
 - Assessed on healthcare career track
 - Given technical assistance toward developing a professional portfolio
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- Exposed to healthcare occupations
 - Leadership development through Power of One Youth Advisory Council
 - Gain experience working in a hospital
 - Assisted with employment and career development

Program Requirements: Age 17-24, City of Los Angeles resident, out-of-school, income eligibility requirements

Mentorship: Each participant partners with an industry professional who guides and encourages the enrollee throughout the program. Following the guidelines of the renowned John Hopkins Mentorship model, Stand & Deliver combines hands on experience with the insight of an assigned mentor. www.layo.org/standdeliver.htm

Para Los Niños Youth Workforce Services

"YWS" extends...services to teens and young adults seeking academic encouragement and employment skills training as they prepare for the working world. Para Los Niños is the lead agency in a network of reputable youth service providers who are committed to supporting youth as they mature and gain experience. Assigned a Career Advisor, each youth develops goals and activities which build off of their strengths and abilities and which guide them in the direction of their dreams. Services available:

- Career exploration and personalized guidance
- Employment and work readiness training
- Paid and unpaid work experience, including internships, apprenticeships, and job shadowing
- Development and improvement of skills needed to get and keep a job
- Training through local skill or occupational centers
- Job search and application assistance for older youth
- College preparation – assistance with selection and applications
- Assistance with applying for college financial aid
- Individual and group counseling through El Centro de Ayuda
- Leadership development through Power of One Youth Advisory Council
- Computer skills training
- Individualized Tutoring
- Access to Alternative High School services, diploma programs, and GED completion

Please call Youth Workforce Services for information, and to make referrals, at 213.623.8446 ext. 407. Office, 500 Lucas Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90017, (213) 2504800, info@paralosninos.org, www.paralosninos.org/pp/com.php/page/p/workforce_services

STREETLIGHTS

Nonprofit job training, job placement and mentoring program which provides opportunities for employment in the entertainment industry for economically or socially disadvantaged young minority men and women. Staffed by experienced industry professionals, STREETLIGHTS' mission is to promote ethnic diversity in the entertainment industry while helping the students overcome any barriers to employment. The ultimate goal is to assist the graduates in career advancement; establishing themselves in the departments that interest them, and for which they show aptitude. With each step forward, they become closer to attaining social and economic parity for themselves and their families. Raleigh Studios, 650 N. Bronson Avenue, Suite B108 Hollywood, CA 90004, (323) 960-4540, www.streetlights.org

TRM Services and DTI Energy, Inc.

Paid-On-the-job training for young adults who currently may not be thinking of college and would like to make a good career in construction and mechanical contracting, technology, and alternative clean energy. Contact: SethMarsh@trmservices.com or Todd Marsh at 323-930-1106 (office) or 310-722-0112 (cell)

Workplace Hollywood

Your start in the entertainment industry! Workplace Hollywood partners with Hollywood CPR and the Los Angeles Community College District to train for "below the line" crafts jobs. It links the graduates of this program to entry-level jobs leading to careers. The program is taught by working industry professionals to produce highly qualified and skilled individuals. Workplace Hollywood also works in specific high schools on an entertainment industry work-based learning program. It also helps diverse students find paid high school and college internships, and offers counseling and guidance to people thinking about a career in the industry. 1201 W. 5th Street, Ste T-550, Los Angeles, CA 90017, (213) 250-9921, info@workplacehollywood.org, www.workplacehollywood.org

YMCA

Many YMCA employees start their careers as member-service coordinators, swim instructors, lifeguards, health and fitness trainers, childcare and camp counselors, community outreach directors, and sports directors. YMCAs also offer opportunities in human resources, finance, computers, facility management, marketing and public relations, fundraising and just about any other field you can think of. Select a program area that interests you and learn more about YMCA staff experiences. (213) 624-2348 www.ymca.net/employment.htm

PLUS: Community Colleges Certificate Programs

You don't have to aim for a college degree to take advantage of the **many job skills trainings at your local community college**. Ask your high school counselor where your local community college is, or visit the web site of all California community colleges at www.cccco.edu/find/alphabetical.htm you can also call their office at (916) 445-8752, www.cccco.edu/find/alphabetical.htm

3. GET PAID TO LEARN

Apprenticeships: *Paid on-the-job training leading to certification in various well-paid Professions/Trades*

This training tradition has been around for a very long time. It prepares people for well-paid careers in the skilled trades and crafts (for example, electrician, carpenter, mechanic, etc.). The apprenticeship programs can run from 2 years to 5 years depending on the type of work. An apprentice is an individual who learns great job skills in a structured and highly disciplined training program. There are a few differences between college and an apprentice program:

- An apprentice is an employee who receives hourly pay and other benefits while learning a craft or trade.
- Most of the training is on-the-job, and also has classroom instruction.
- The apprentice works side-by-side with an experienced craftsman or "journeyperson."
- Employers (management) and workers (labor) work together to design the length and structure of apprentice training in the particular trade.
- After finishing the program you can be certain to get a well-paid job and use all the skills you learned.

Below you will find a list of apprenticeship programs. Please use this list to locate the program of your choice. Then contact the Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee by telephone to determine:

1. The requirements for entry.
2. The length of the training.
3. The days and time that the committee accepts application.
4. The documents that the committee wants you to bring with you when applying.

All apprenticeship programs consist of on-the-job training and supplemental/related instructions. You will be paid a wage during the period you receive the on-the-job training.

Acoustic Installer

So. California Acoustical Installer
2831 W. First Street
Santa Ana, CA 92703
(714) 571-0449

Barber

Los Angeles County Barbers and
Cosmetologist JAC
630 Shatto Place
Los Angeles, CA 90005
(213) 487-7070 x7028

Orange County Barber and Cosmetology
8530 Stanton Ave
Buena Park, CA 90622
(714) 995-4601

Bricklayer

Bricklayers & Allied Crafts JAC
12921 Ramona Blvd. Ste G
Irwindale, CA 91706
(626) 856-5750

Masonry Industry Training Association
PO Box 9966
Moreno Valley, CA 92552
(909) 793-0599

Brick Tender

Southern California Laborer JAC
22815 Frampton Ave
Torrance, CA 90501
(310) 257-8004

Cabinet Maker

Los Angeles County Cabinet and Store
Fixture JAC
10015 Rose Hills Road, Suite 100 Whittier,
CA 90601
(562) 699-0419

**CABLE SPLICER
LINEMAN**

CITY OF PASADENA JAC
100 N Garfield Ave
Pasadena CA 91109
(626) 744-4467

Carpenter

Southern California Carpentry JATC
533 S Fremont Ave, Suite 401
Los Angeles, CA 90071-1706
(213) 739-9343

Gold Coast Carpenters
412 Dawson Drive
Camarillo, CA 93012
(805) 482-1905

Carpet Installer

Southern California Floor &
Decorative Covering Crafts JATC
14906 Spring Avenue
Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670
(562) 623-9244

Cement Mason

Southern California Cement Masons
1333 S Mayflower Ave, Ste 350
Monrovia, CA 91016
(626) 256-7674

Chainman

Southern California Surveyors JAC
4295 Jurupa Street, Suite 101
Ontario, CA 91761
(909) 331-3191

Construction Craft Laborers

Laborers Southern California JAC
1385 W Sierra Madre
Azusa, CA 91702
(626) 610-1700

Cook

Culinary UAC or Orange County
Orange Coast College
2701 Fairview Rd
Costa Mesa, CA 92628
(714) 432-5835 x27

COSMETOLOGIST

COSMETOLOGY AND BARBERING
9050 Telegraph Road. Ste.201
Downey, CA 90240
(562) 862-1090

COSMETOLOGY UAC

189 N. Gaffey, Ste P
San Pedro, CA 90731
(310) 547-3711

Orange County Barber and
Cosmetology JAC
(See listing under Barber)

DRYWALL FINISHER

LOS ANGELES DRYWALL FINISHER
2077 Yates Avenue
City of Commerce, CA 90040
(323) 727-2811

Southern California Drywall/Lather
2831 W. First Street
Santa Ana, CA 92703
(714) 571-0449

ELECTRICIAN

IBEW LOCAL UNION NO. 40
5643 Vineland Avenue
North Hollywood, CA 91601
(818) 762-4239

LOS ANGELES COUNTY ELECTRICAL
6023 S. Garfield Avenue
City of Commerce, CA 90040

(323) 221-5881

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
ELECTRICAL
530 East Main Street
Santa Maria, CA 93454
(805) 348-1200

MOTION PICTURE ELECTRICIAN
15503 Ventura Boulevard
Encino, CA 91436
(818) 995-0900

VENTURA COUNTY ELECTRICAL
201 Bernoulli Circle-Unit "A"
Oxnard, CA 93030
(805) 604-1155

SAN LUIS COUNTY ELECTRICAL
6363 Edna Road
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Orange County Electrician JAC
717 Lyon Street
Santa Ana, CA 92705
(714) 245-9988

Southern California ABC, Inc.
EUAC
1400 N Kellogg Dr
Anaheim, CA 92807
(714) 779-3199

**ELECTRIC LINE MECHANIC
STATION ELECTRICIAN
OPERATOR**

WATER SYSTEMS ANALYST
CITY OF GLENDALE JAC
613 E Broadway, Room 100
Glendale, CA 91206
(818) 548-2110

**ELECTRONIC MECHANIC
ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN
ELECTRONIC REPAIRER**

**FIREBRICK REPAIRER
TRUCK MECHANIC**
OWENS ILLINOIS
2901 FRUITLAND AVE.
Los Angeles, CA 90058
(323) 582-1594

ELEVATOR CONSTRUCTORS

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
ELEVATOR
CONSTRUCTORS
100 South Mentor Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91106
(626) 449-4404

**(FIRE/LIFE/SAFETY)
PROTECTIVE SIGNAL
INSTALLER**

WESTERN BURGLER AND FIRE
ALARM
3401 Pacific Avenue, Suite 1C

Marina Del Rey, CA 90292
(800) 809-0280

FLOOR WORKERS
LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOR WORKERS
JATC
10015 Rose Hills Road
Whittier, CA 90601
(562) 695-0571

Glazier

Southern California Glazier &
Glassworkers JAC
11366 Markon Drive
Garden Grove, CA 92841
(714) 894-4094

Ironworker

**Field Structural and
Reinforcing**

5555 Fresca Dr
La Palma, CA 90623
(714) 228 9744

Lather/Drywall

(See Drywall)

Lineman

Cal-Nevada Line Constructors JATC
9846 Limonite Ave
Riverside, CA 92509
(951) 685-8658

LINE MECHANIC

CITY OF BURBANK ELECTRICIAN
164 W Magnolia Blvd.
Burbank, CA 91502
(818) 238-5020

MACHINIST

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
TOOL & DIE, MOLD MACHINIST
& METAL WORKING
13230 E. Firestone, Suite A
Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670-7083
(562) 404-4295x10

Meat Cutter

Orange County and Harbor Area Meat
Cutters JAC
United Food and Commercial Workers,
Local #324
8530 Stanton Ave
Buena Park, CA 90622
(714) 995-4601 x292

MILLWRIGHT

CABINET MAKERS JATC
10015 Rose Hills Rd
Whittier, CA 90601
(562) 695-0571

**HEAT & FROST INSULATORS
& ASBESTOS WORKERS**

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HEAT & FROST
INSULATORS & ASBESTOS WORKERS

670 E. Foothill Blvd., #3
Azusa, CA 91702
(626) 334-6884

**INTERCOMMUNICATION
& SOUND ELECTRICIAN**

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
INTERCOMMUNICATION & SOUND
6023 S. Garfield Ave.
City of Commerce, CA 90040
(323) 221-5881

**LANDSCAPE & IRRIGATION
FITTER**

LANDSCAPE & IRRIGATION FITTER
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA JATC
142 W. Pomona Avenue
(626) 301-0531

**OPERATING & MAINTENANCE
ENGINEER**

OPERATING & MAINTENANCE
ENGINEERING APPRENTICESHIP
& TRAINING TRUST
2501 W. Third Street
Los Angeles, CA 90057
(213) 385-2889 x112

PAINTER

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PAINTERS
& DECORATORS JA&TC
2077 Yates Ave
City of Commerce CA 90040
(323) 727-2811

Southern California Painting &
Decorating Contractors of America
1405 Warner Ave
Tustin, CA 92780
(714) 258-8370

Pavement Striper

Southern California Pavement Striper
1074 East La Cadena, Dr #9
Riverside, CA 92501
(951) 248-4337

PILE DRIVER

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PILE
DRIVERS
728 N Lagoon Ave
Wilmington, CA 90744
(310) 830-5300

PIPEFITTER

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY
PLUMBING
3710 Broad St.
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
(805) 543-2416

PLASTERER

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
PLASTERING INSTITUTE AT&JAC
1610 W. Holt Ave
Pomona, CA 91768
(909) 865-1773

Southern California Plastering
JA&TC
2831 West First Street
Santa Ana, CA 92703
(714) 571-0449

Plaster Tender

Southern California Plaster
Tender
1074 East La Cadena Dr #4
Riverside, CA 92501
(951) 248-4337

PLUMBER

GLENDALE, BURBANK, SAN
FERNANDO VALLEY & ANTELOPE
VALLEY PLUMBERS AND
STEAMFITTERS
1305 N. Niagara Street
Burbank, CA 91505
(818) 848-1386

POMONA VALLEY PLUMBERS
& STEAMFITTERS JAC
4959 Palo Verde, Suite 200C
Montclair, CA 91763
(909) 625-2493

VENTURA COUNTY PLUMBING
& PIPEFITTING JAC
1955 N. Ventura Avenue
Ventura, CA 93001
(805) 643-6345

Orange County Plumbers and
Steamfitters
3904 W. First Street
Santa Ana, CA 92703
(714) 533-8109

San Bernardino and Riverside
Counties Plumber & Steamfitter
JAC
223 S Rancho Ave
Colton, CA 92324
(909) 825-0359

Southern California Associated
Builders and Contractors
Plumbers
1400 N Kellogg Drive
Anaheim, CA 92807
(714) 779-3199

PLUMBER/PIPEFITTER

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY PIPE
TRADES JAC
93 Thomas Road
Buellton, CA 93427
(805) 688-1470 x7714

**POWER PLANT MECHANIC
POWER PLANT OPERATOR**

GLENDALE WATER & POWER
634 Bekins Way
Glendale, CA 91201
(818) 548-2148

**REFRIGERATION & AIR
CONDITIONING FITTER**

AIR CONDITIONING & REFRIGERATION
JATC
2220 S. Hill
Los Angeles, CA 90007
(213) 747-0291

Inland Refrigeration JJATC
223 S Rancho Ave
Colton, CA 92324
(909) 825-0359

ROOFER/WATERPROOFER

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ROOFERS
WATERPROOFERS JAC
9901 Paramount Blvd., Suite 211 Downey,
CA 90240
(562) 927-2544

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
SHEET METAL JA&TC
633 North Baldwin Park Blvd.
City of Industry, CA 91746
(626) 968-3340

TRI-COUNTIES SHEET METAL& AIR
CONDITIONING
2500 Channel Drive
Ventura, CA 90303
(805) 648-2220

Orange County Sound Technician
717 Lyon Street
Santa Ana, CA 92705
(714) 245-9988

SPRINKLER FITTER

SPRINKLER FITTERS UA LOCAL709
12140 Rivera Road, Suite #B
Whittier, CA 90606-2602
(562) 907-7622

**STEAMFITTER & INDUSTRIAL
PIPEFITTER**

STEAMFITTERS & INDUSTRIAL
PIPEFITTERS JATC
18355 S. Figueroa Street
Gardena, CA 90248-4217
(310) 323-4475

Orange County Plumbers and Steamfitters
JATC
3904 W First Street
Santa Ana, CA 92703
(714) 775-5563
San Bernardino and Riverside Counties
Plumber & Steamfitter

223 S. Rancho Ave
Colton, CA 92324
(909) 825-0359

**TILE FINISHER & MARBLE
FINISHER, TILE SETTER**

TILE & MARBLE FINISHERS JAEC
TILE LAYING INDUSTRY JAC
SAN DIEGO TILE INDUSTRY JAC
9730 E. Garvey Ave
S. El Monte, CA 91733
(626) 329-0850

**TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM
ELECTRICIAN**

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
SYSTEMS ELECTRICAL JAC
6023 S. Garfield Avenue
City of Commerce, CA 90040
(323) 221-5881

You can find additional apprenticeship programs **through labor unions in various trades in California.** Check out www.unionjobs.com/trade or to view an alphabetical listing of crafts posting TRADES & APPRENTICESHIP Announcements nationwide go to www.unionjobs.com/alphalist

You can also visit Career Voyages—a related government sponsored site that allows you to **view videos of different careers**, www.careervoyages.gov/apprenticeship-main.cm

LAUSD Division of Adult and Career Education also has an apprenticeships department that can help you get going in the right direction, right at your local adult school. Call, Anne Brophy at (213) 745-4451 for more information www.adultinstruction.org/students/programs/apprenticeship/index.htm

Construction

***NEW Construction Worker Fundamentals Program and “We Build” Pre-Apprenticeship Program**

The “We Build” Program through its partnership with the Century Community Training Program (CCTP) provides locals LAUSD District residents with an opportunity to enroll in a comprehensive, eight-week pre-apprenticeship training program. CCTP offers building trade construction training for individuals interested in beginning a career in construction. Pre-apprenticeship training provides trainees with a comprehensive overview and hands-on experience in over 20 different construction trades. Employability plans will

LAUSD Division of Adult & Career Education Construction Pre-Apprenticeship Training Centers:

- East LA Occupational Center, 2100 Marengo St. L.A. CA 90031, 323-223-1283
 - East LA Skills Center, 3921 Selig Pl. L.A, CA 90032, 323-224-5970
 - LA Technology Center, 3721 W. Washington Blvd. L.A., CA 90018, 323-732-0153
 - Harbor Occupational Center, 740 N. Pacific Ave. San Pedro, CA 90731, 310-547-5551
 - Maxine Waters EPC, 10925 S. Central Ave. L.A., CA 90059, 323-564-1431
 - North Valley Occ. Center, 11450 Sharp Ave. North Hills, CA 91345, 818-365-9645
 - West Valley. Occ. Ctr., 6200 Winnetka Ave. Woodland Hills, CA 91367, 818-346-3540
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- Must submit “We Build” Program Intake/Referral Form
 - Must live within the Los Angeles Unified School District map service area
 - Must be 18 years old or older
 - Must possess a valid California Driver’s License and Social Security Card

Paid Internships

Learning on the job

About.com: Resource site with links to many internship search sites: <http://usgovinfo.about.com>.

Environmental Careers Organization: Providing environmentally related paid internships. www.eco.org/internships

Idealist: Over 46,000 nonprofit and community organizations in 165 countries, which you can search or browse by name, location or mission. The best nonprofit career center on the Web, with hundreds of job and internship listings! Go to www.Idealist.org

Youth Internship Program (Constitutional Rights Foundation)

The Youth Internship Program (YIP) places qualified urban students as paid interns in law firms, businesses, government offices, and non-profit organizations. Open to sophomores and juniors during their out-of-school months, the program is offered three times a year to accommodate students in Los Angeles' year-round school systems. Each paid internship program lasts seven weeks. Interns work at job sites for six out of the seven weeks. During the first and last week and every Friday of each program, participants take part in educational seminars. Contact: (213) 487-5590, crf@crf-usa.org, www.crf-usa.org

4. OUTDOORS & ENVIRONMENT

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Agriculture/Working with Animals

Growing food, plants, and animal care.

Training Institutions: California Conservation Corps, Adult Education and Career Centers, ROP, SCROC, TRM Community College Certificate Programs. (pg 28)

Alternative Farming

For a good clearinghouse of information on options for obtaining training in sustainable farming, contact the Alternative Farming Systems Information Center (AFSIC). Their website lists an abundance of resources for both college-focused and community oriented training opportunities. AFSIC National Agricultural Library, <http://afsic.nal.usda.gov>

Alternative Fuels Technology

National Alternative Fuel Training Consortium (NAFTC) has a great program at Rio Hondo College in Whittier, CA. With rising gas prices, alternative fuel technology has a bright future with many jobs. Learn more at www.naftc.wvu.edu and www.riohondo.edu

Artscorps

A variety of youth-centered arts and environmental programs. Got to www.artscorps.org

The Environmental Careers Organization

This organization is a clearinghouse for information about environmental internship opportunities and a lot more. The opportunities are for people already in college. "The Complete Guide to Environmental Careers in the 21st Century"—which you can read right off their website—is a great source of information about environmental, conservation and sustainability careers. <http://eco.org>

Green Jobs

A good web site for green dream jobs (click on "Dream Jobs") is www.sustainablebusiness.com

Landscaper/Ranger/Park & Forest work

Landscaping, working in forests and parks, creating and maintaining urban green spaces.

Training Institutions: California Conservation Corps, Adult Education and Career Centers, ROP, SCROC, Community College Certificate Programs. (pg 28)

North East Trees

This program provides ongoing training and employment for youth, using urban forestry (tree planting and park construction projects) as the vehicle for skill training, teamwork and personal responsibility. Youth in this program learn about the environment, develop employment skills, contribute to their communities and earn a paycheck. Our mission is to connect people to our natural lands and waterways by designing and building environmentally sustainable open space projects, and through education and conservation planning. NET is dedicated to designing, constructing, preserving, protecting and restoring green space in the Los Angeles urban region and surrounding communities. North East Trees, 570 West Avenue 26, Ste 200, Los Angeles, CA 90065, (323) 441-8634, www.northeasttrees.org

Sierra Club (various programs):

Building Bridges to the Outdoors

The Sierra Club is deeply committed to ensuring that outdoor-education opportunities are available in communities nationwide so that every child has the chance to have an outdoor experience. 1414 K St, Suite 500, Sacramento CA 95814, (916) 557-1100 x116, <http://sierraclub.org/youth/intro>

Sierra Student Coalition (SSC)

SSC is a broad network of high school and college students from across the country working to protect the environment. The SSC is the youth-led chapter of the Sierra Club, the nation's oldest and largest grassroots environmental organization, www.ssc.org

Building Bridges to the Outdoors Environmental Youth Leadership Trainings

Check for upcoming dates!

Students from California, New Mexico and throughout the United States will convene to participate in an intensive, educational and energizing week-long residential program, designed to provide participants with grassroots advocacy and organizing training. Students will also participate in environmental justice site visits, take part in challenging and rewarding outdoor activities and hear from environmental leaders from across the world. The EYLT will help create future environmental and community leaders by introducing, inspiring and educating youth, especially underrepresented minorities, about the significant and contemporary environmental issues facing their local communities. ***There is no tuition fee for the Los Angeles or New Mexico programs** due to a partnership with the Building Bridges to the Outdoors project of the Sierra Club. However, these two programs are restricted to students 18 and over; preference will be given to local and minority youth. www.sierraclub.org/youth

TreePeople

TreePeople is a nonprofit organization that has been serving the Los Angeles area for over three decades. Simply put, our work is about helping nature heal our cities. We offer sustainable solutions – an ecosystem problems, focusing on three areas:

1. Training and supporting communities to plant and care for trees
2. Educating school children and adults about the environment
3. Working with government agencies on critical water issues

Generation Earth's new environmental action program is designed for teen groups such as Scout Troops, After School Programs, and Eco-Clubs. This program offers two different action guides that provide teens and group leaders the information they need to not only learn about a specific environmental issue, but also to explore what is happening in their immediate environment, use technology, explore careers in the environment, and finally take action."

12601 Mulholland Dr, Beverly Hills, CA 90210, (818) 753-4600, info@treepeople.org, www.treepeople.org

Student Conservation Corps

"Nature's on the line. Our national parks, forests and other public lands need care and protection. Your skills, your knowledge, and your commitment can make a difference". Conservation Corps Interns, available in 50 states, spend 3-10 months living and working with others on critical conservation projects such as restoring wilderness, building sustainable communities, and providing environmental education. Expenses are paid, the work and the friendships are real, and the benefits to our world are undeniable. Paid staff positions that allow you to give back while getting ahead are also available, at competitive salaries, to trained people over 21 to lead summer crews of 6-8 high school students into front country or backcountry trail work, habitat restoration and more in America's national parks and forests. Office: 655 13th Street Ste 100, Oakland, CA 94612, (510) 832-1966, www.thesca.org

World-Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms (WWOOF)

WWOOF helps individuals find organic farmers in countries around the world. Students or others join a WWOOF organization in a particular country of interest and are then put in contact with host farms to make particular arrangements. See listings for organic farms at www.wwof.org

Youth Environmental Alliance Program

The Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust (LANLT) invites youth ages 14-20 to apply to the Youth Environmental Alliance program. LANLT is in search of youth who will develop youth-oriented programming and live in the communities where LANLT parks are located: Downtown & South L.A., Panorama City, and San Pedro.

What will the YEA Program Include?

- Forming leadership teams of youth, ages 14-20
- Explore environmental justice through research of their communities
- Explore city, county and local organizations' resources near park sites
- Exposure to life/career options in community planning and social justice
- Organizing a Youth Environmental and Health event
- Certificate of Completion from Youth Environmental Alliance program
- Letter of recommendation from Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust
- Creating recommendations for youth programs at local LANLT parks

What are the benefits of participating in the YEA Program?

- 10 high school units from L.A. Trade-Technical Community College
- 3 college course credits from L.A. Trade-Technical Community College
- Community service/service learning credits from LANLT
- Create a portfolio documenting the process of the training program
- Gain research skills in community mapping and development of databases
- Gain leadership skills as a team builder, organizer, and a community voice

5. SEE THE WORLD

Flight Attendant/Pilot/Travel Agent/Hotel

Hotel, airline (pilot, flight attendant, ticket agent), train operator, careers on boats/ships

Training Institutions: APC, Adult Education and Career Centers, ROP, SCROC, Community College Certificate Programs, Job Corps (pg 28)

Trains/Ships

Railway jobs, careers on boats/ships

Training Institutions: APC, Adult Education and Career Centers, ROP, SCROC, Community College Certificate Programs, Job Corps (pg 28)

Truck Driver

Training Institutions: APC, Adult Education and Career Centers, ROP, SCROC, Community College Certificate Programs (pg 28)

Helping People Around the World

1. SCI-LTV USA International Volunteer Service www.sciint.org
2. AFS-USA Intercultural Programs www.afsc.org/usa
3. Operation Crossroads Africa www.operationcrossroadsafrica.org
4. Outward Bound (for those seeking a physical and mental challenge.) For example, go to a beautiful island nation like Sri Lanka and build schools. They help low-income volunteers cover – 10 – – www.outwardbound.org

Backdoor Jobs; Intentional Communities; World Wide Opportunities for Organic Farming

These three web sites have great contacts if you want to “get away from it all.” Spend time with like-minded people from around the world, in places around the world. Visit www.backdoorjobs.com, or www.ic.org or www.woof.org

6. BE A HERO

Firefighter

Training Institutions: L.A. City and County Fire Departments (pg 28)

***NEW**

El Camino Fire Academy

“The Academy’s core content has been consistent in meeting the highest level of firefighter training. The requirements for physical fitness for each recruit are both strenuous and demanding and only exceeded by the academic standards where excellence is expected, not just requested. www.elcaminofireacademy.com

Program Coordinator: Chief Ken Mays, kmays@elcamino.edu

Program Assistant: Deborah Zavala, dzavala@elcamino.edu

Fire and Emergency Technology Office: (310) 660-3600

Wildland Firefighter Apprenticeship Program

Training Curriculum

The Basic Academy consists of 160 hours of formal instruction. The formal curriculum consists of the following:

- Academy Orientation
- Nutrition, Wellness and Physical Fitness
- S-190 Introduction to Fire Behavior (final exam only)
- S-131 Advanced Firefighter
- L-280 Followership to Leadership
- Basic Fire Prevention
- First Responder Medical and CP
- Map Reading and Compass Use
- Communications and Radio Use
- Hand tool Use
- Fire Shelters and Entrapment Avoidance
- Weather Observations
- Human Factors
- Tactical Decision Making, Sand table Exercise

California Geographic Area Interagency Wildland Fire Training program: www.nationalfiretraining.net/ca/logistics.html

There are nine Training Centers that serve the Wildland Fire training needs of the California Geographic Area. Contact:

LA County Director of Training: Battalion Chief John Tripp, (818) 790-6434

ICS/NWCG Training Coordinator: Fire Captain, Nick Duvally (nduvally@lacofd.org)

County of Los Angeles Fire Department, (818) 949-4950, Fire Captain, Daryl Coe (dcoe@lacofd.org)

Lifeguard/Rescue Swimmer

City of Los Angeles

Course designed for individuals interested in becoming L. A. City lifeguards. Students are trained in Red Cross safety courses, given swim conditioning, and interview training in preparation for upcoming lifeguard tests. <http://laparks.org/dos/aquatic/aquatic.htm>

County of Los Angeles

The Los Angeles County Lifeguard Service employs 132 year-round lifeguards (chiefs, captains and ocean lifeguard specialists) and over 650 hundred seasonal lifeguards. Responsible for providing ocean lifesaving protection for over 72 miles of Southern California coastline, the Los Angeles County Lifeguards perform over 10,000 ocean rescues a year. The service is also entrusted with protecting and serving an estimated fifty-five million beachgoers a year. In addition, County lifeguards provide around the clock paramedic services to the residents of Catalina Island. All four-section headquarters (located at Zuma Beach, Santa Monica, Marina Del Rey and Hermosa Beach) are year round, 24-hour service operations. Aiding the effectiveness of the lifesaving operation is the service's use of a wide range of equipment that includes:

- 10 Baywatch rescue boats
- 56 four-wheel drive emergency lifeguard trucks
- 7 four-wheel drive command vehicles
- 1 four-wheel drive underwater rescue recovery van
- Baywatch Rescue Boat
- The preventing and making of ocean rescues
- Rescuing and assisting disabled boaters
- Providing emergency medical assistance to beachgoers
- Finding and returning lost children
- Working with law enforcement agencies to provide a safe beach environment
- Maintaining a constant monitoring of the ocean for the public's protection and for environmental concerns

Los Angeles County Lifeguards also respond to downed aircraft in the ocean, boat and pier fires, and when necessary, perform ocean and lake recovery operations of deceased victims. (310) 939-7200, 2300 Ocean Front Walk, Venice, CA 90291

Los Angeles Trade Tech College Aquatics Certificate

TradeTech provides a broad range of training for those wishing to enter the aquatics industry or to become a leader in it. Lifeguard training includes swimming pools, waterfront areas, and head lifeguard components. Instructor training and certification includes swimming, water aerobics, lifeguard training, first aid and CPR. Training in springboard diving, skin diving, water polo and biathlon training provides additional flexibility for those seeking aquatic careers. To apply, fill out an application and bring it to the LATTC Admissions and Records Office located in building R-102. Call (213) 341-1111 or www.lattc.edu

Paramedic/Emergency Medical Technician

Training Institutions: Job Corps, LA County, LASD, Adult Education and Career Centers, ROP, SCROC, TRM Community College Certificate Programs, SEIU, YMCA (pg 28)

Emergency Medical Services (Los Angeles County)

The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Section is responsible for paramedic training, certification, equipment, quality improvement, and legal aspects for all basic and advanced emergency medical services. In addition, one registered nurse is in charge of quality improvement and a second nurse directs EMS continuing education. <http://fire.lacounty.gov/EMS/EMS.asp>

Special Ops

Special Operations is responsible for providing many highly specialized services in support of the LA County Fire Department's daily mission in Los Angeles County and preparation in the event of a major disaster, including terrorism incidents involving mass casualties, locally or anywhere in the world. With many specialized resources in its arsenal, the Special Operations Bureau is ready to respond to a wide variety of scenarios on any continent. <http://fire.lacounty.gov/SpecialOps/SpecialOps.asp>

7. EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES

Career/Job Training and Counseling

Get What You Need...Get Educated

Get Experienced

Get Employed

PLACES TO CALL

The following are places to call for help getting jobs around Southern California. These centers offer different services, but they usually include:

- Career counseling and vocational assessment to help you discover your career interests/abilities
- Job search workshops
- Job listings and job Internet access
- Vocational library
- Interview preparation
- Resume writing assistance
- Job training and re-training options
- Referrals to classroom training and employer-based training

Most programs are free or very low cost. Centers are usually open during regular business hours.

America's Career InfoNet

Find pay and employment trends, work requirements, state by state job conditions, millions of employer contacts nationwide, financial aid information, and the largest job help library online: You will find many free online quizzes which you can fill out to find out which jobs match your personality and interests. www.acinet.org/acinet

Also try the Los Angeles Times' great career planning, job and education web site: www.careerbuilder.com

Plus: Internet sites for career decision-making, training and more: www.nacac.com/w_career.html

Backdoor Jobs

This web site lists many summer and short term jobs in various fields. A great way to try a new career. www.backdoorjobs.com

Bresee Foundation

Computer technology, general education, and job training.

184 Bimini Place, Los Angeles, CA 90004 (213) 387-2822, www.bresee.org

California Employment Development Department (EDD)

The EDD has a lot of good information on job training, searching, and more. Click www.edd.ca.gov/jsrep/jsloc.htm

Career Planning Centers

Private, nonprofit, community-based organization offering one-stop career services. Call for appointment and schedule of activities.

- Career Planning Center, 1623 S. La Cienega Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90035, (310) 273-6633
- Marina Del Rey/Mar Vista One-Stop Career Center, 13160 Mindanao Way Ste 240, Marina Del Rey, CA 90292, (310) 309-6000
- Antelope Valley One-Stop Career Center, 190 Sierra Court, #B-8, Palmdale, CA 93550, (661) 538-2121

Chicana Service Action Center

Job-training and placement services for low-income people. Men and women of all nationalities may apply. 315 W. 9th St., Los Angeles, CA 90015, (213) 629-5800, www.nclr.org/content/affiliates/detail/1008

City of Los Angeles One-Stop Workforce Development Centers

Assistance for qualified adults with job search, training and placement. Programs for youths and older persons are also offered, and some services are available to the general public as well. Contact: 800-FOR-A-JOB, www.cityofla.org/PTC

EDD Job Sea – 12 – – ishops

Job Search Workshop is one or a series of job search training sessions for individuals from various occupational backgrounds. An EDD employee with expertise in job seeking techniques leads the group through practical exercises on topics such as marketing their skills through an application and resume, locating and developing job openings, effective interviewing techniques, and tips for retaining a job. The workshop setting also provides an opportunity for the participants to share techniques they have found effective in looking for a job. Find your nearest EDD Job Service location for more information at www.edd.ca.gov/jsrep/jsloc.htm

Job Starts

Nonprofit organization helping people and their families in South-Central Los Angeles to be economically stable through work.

3010 W. 48th St., Los Angeles, CA 90043, Phone: (323) 291-2812, call for appointment

Mexican American Opportunity Foundation

401 N. Garfield Ave., Montebello, CA 90640, Phone: (323) 890-9600, www.maof.org

Orange County One-Stop Career Centers

- Orange County Youth Center North: 1811 W. La Habra Blvd., La Habra, CA 90631, (562) 905-7076
- Santa Ana Work Center 1000 Santa Ana Blvd Ste 103, Santa Ana CA, 92701, (714) 565-2661

Venice/Oakwood Jobs Programs

- The Job Bank, a Santa Monica/Venice-based employment service, offering workshops on resume writing and ways to search for jobs, training opportunities, monthly bulletin for employers listing jobs for local workers. (310) 822-8687
- St. Joseph Center Restaurant Training Program. Regular classes in food service, with certification and jobs placement help. (310) 396-6468 ext. 354
- Venice Community Housing Corp. builds affordable housing and offers construction jobs training program for at-risk youth. 720 Rose Ave., Venice, CA 90291 (310) 399-4100
- Venice Skills Center offers job-training and job-placement assistance. Call (310) 392-4153, ext 108. Fees range from free to \$35, plus small material fees.

Ventura County One-Stop Job and Career Center

Offers training to adults who are long-term unemployed (14 weeks or more), laid-off, poor; older workers (55 years and older); and summer and year-round youth programs. Also helps in finding employment after completion of training.
Oxnard One-Stop, 635 S. Ventura Road, Oxnard, CA 93030, (805) 382-6500

Verdugo Jobs Center

One-stop employment center providing help to job seekers and employers. 1255 S. Central Ave., Glendale, CA (818) 409-0477

Women at Work

Job and career center focusing on concerns of women, but men are welcome. Clients range from entry level to professional.
50 N. Hill Ave., Suite 300, Pasadena, CA 91106 (626), 796-6870 www.womenatwork1.org

Youth Employment Opportunity Program (EDD)

LA Metro Job Service. Sindy Martinez, (213) 833-7914 and Carolina Mendoza, (213) 833-7916. 315 W 9th Street, Suite 200, Los Angeles, CA 90015. This program is specifically geared towards high risk youth 15 to 21 years.

YWCA

Many local YWCAs offer job search assistance and career counseling that includes career assessment (testing), individual career counseling, career change groups, job search support groups and resume assistance. Services provided include:

- In-depth case management support
- Occupational and soft-skills training internships and other structured work experiences
- Job retention and wage progression services
- We also partner with many community and government organizations and some of the nation's leading employers to deliver innovative and effective employment solutions.

Contact your local YWCA for more information: (213) 365-2991, www.ywca.org

Starting Your Own business

California Small Business Development Center

Counseling and training of small-business owners and prospective entrepreneurs.

- Eastern Los Angeles County SBDC, 300 W. 2nd St. Suite 203, Pomona, CA 91766, (909) 629-2247
- North Los Angeles County SBDC, 5121 Van Nuys Blvd., 3rd Floor, Van Nuys, CA 91403, (818) 907-9922
- Westside SBDC, 3233 Donald Douglas Loop South Suite C, Santa Monica, CA 90405, (310) 398-8883
- Glendale SBDC, 330 N. Brand Blvd. Suite 190, Glendale, CA 91203, (818) 552-3254

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City of Los Angeles Youth Opportunity System

(YOS) provides career education and supportive services to youth in the Los Angeles area. YOS offers a direction to the future by preparing youth 14 to 21 years of age, for the careers of tomorrow: (213) 629-5800, www.lacity.org/cdd/you_index.html

L.A. Youth at Work

L.A. Youth at Work is a public private partnership that places youth in private sector employment. Call (213) 847-1584 for more information www.layouthatwork.org

Studentjobs.gov

Find out more at www.studentjobs.gov

Teens 4 Hire

A website just for teens seeking jobs. www.teens4hire.org

Youth Employment Opportunity Program (YEOP)

This program provides special services to youth, ages 15 to 21, to assist them in achieving their educational and vocational goals. Services include peer advising, referrals to supportive services, workshops, job referrals and placement assistance, and referrals to training and community outreach efforts. The Youth Employment Opportunity Program is available in neighborhood EDD Job Service locations: Contact your nearest EDD Job Service location for more information. See this webpage for the phone numbers and street addresses: www.edd.ca.gov/jobs_and_training/services_for_youth.htm

Youth Fair Chance Plus

Youth Fair Chance Plus is designed to increase the rate of school completion and provide the resources necessary to prepare community residents for social and business success. Services are provided at no cost to qualified youth. You may qualify if you are between the ages of 17 and 30-years old, and live in the area bounded by Florence, 104th St., Vermont and Central Avenue. For more information call Youth Fair Chance Plus (213) 789-9950.

Youth Opportunities Unlimited, Inc.

Contact Person: James L. Watson, (213) 789-4977, Youth Opportunities Unlimited (YOU), Inc. provides program activities consisting of employment and training, education development, youth and family development, recreational and cultural activities, and neighborhood revitalization. www.youincla.org/main.php

Youth Opportunity Center

Offers the following services to youth ages 14 to 24:

- Information on employment opportunities and assistance preparing for job interviews
- Work experience/internship training programs
- Access to personal computers with internet connection, photocopiers, telephones, and fax machines
- Workshops (including work-readiness training)
- Information on training programs, volunteer opportunities, and community resources
- Academic/career advisement and tutoring

Career Transition Center-Youth Opportunity Center, City of Long Beach, (562) 570-4700, (800) 292-7200, www.occcorps.org

Youth Opportunity Movement

The vision of the Youth Opportunity Movement is that all youth, particularly those who are out of school, acquire the necessary skills and work experience to successfully transition into adulthood, careers, further education and training. For more information, go to the website which also includes info about a great college research and reading center they have in East LA: www.layo.org

Career/Job/internship search online resources

***NEW** <http://www.monstertrak.com/seeker>

***NEW** <http://www.careerbuildercollege.com/>

***NEW** <http://www.cbaanetwork.com/Default.aspx> (Career Builder African American Network)

***NEW** www.empleoscb.com/Default.aspx (Career Builder Latino Network)

***NEW** www.summerjobs.com Offers summer jobs and seasonal staff positions with camps, amusement parks, resorts, national parks, hotels, environmental organizations and more.

***NEW** www.whodouwant2b.com Information to assist students in making high school and community college course selections and identifying career options in career technical educational categories.

***NEW**

CoolWorks.com: Jobs In Great Places

All the employers and jobs listed on our site are grouped by location (e.g. States, National Park) or by category (Ski Resorts, Lodges, Camps, and so on). We have a few special categories such as Jobs on Water for raft, fishing, and river guide jobs, cruise ships and other jobs where you'll get to play in the water. Older and Bolder is aimed at the adventurous, retired types. Internships, Volunteer opportunities, and Teen jobs are also included.

In addition to our general categories, we have three types of Highlighted Job listings:

- Help Wanted Now lists jobs that need to be filled within thirty days.
- Seasonal Pros are seasonal jobs that require previous skills, education, or training and includes seasonal management positions.
- Careers are year-round, full-time positions wi – 14 – – .

Most of the links on our site take you directly to the employers' recruiting page. Read about the jobs and follow their instructions to apply. Many have online applications, some have applications to print, fill out and mail in, and others just have contact information. Highlighted jobs have application instructions at the bottom of the page." www.coolworks.com/resumes/default.asp

***NEW**

America's Career Info Net

(U.S. government site, with many useful resources): www.careerinfo.net/crl/library.aspx

***NEW**

The State of California's WorkSmart website

"WorkSmart is designed to help you prepare for and find a new job. Get more information at: http://www.worksmart.ca.gov/worksmart_main_menu.html

WorkSmart Topics:

- * Getting Job Ready - Get yourself ready for that new job with these tips on making a good impression, finding child care, arranging transportation, planning to arrive on time, and adopting a good attitude.
- * Job Titles - Provides full descriptions of many entry-level jobs to help you decide what kind of job you might want.
- * How To Find A Job - After you have found a job title you are interested in, this section will help you with your job search. There are referrals to put you in touch with One-Stop offices and on-line services such as CalJOBS.
- * Tips For Success - Make the most of your job search opportunities. Be prepared! Fill out an application that will help you beat the competition. Rehearse for the job interview - be ready with questions of your own. Learn how to prepare a resume."

***NEW**

Work For Progress

"A new nonprofit that focuses on helping people get connected to the progressive campaigns that are working to make a difference in our country...to help invigorate our country's political blood... We can help you get connected with the progressive campaigns that are working for a better tomorrow." 303-623-4900 • F 720-306-3699 • support@workforprogress.com, www.workforprogress.com

***NEW**

LA Youth at Work/Hire LA's Youth

The City of Los Angeles and the Office of the mayor present nine diverse youth programs that strive to provide employment opportunities to youth and young adults from ages 14-24. Want a Job? GET READY...Attend a JOB SKILLS WORKSHOP to learn the skills you need to get and keep a job. It's only a few hours and it's free! Prove you're ready.... The WORK READINESS CERTIFICATE proves you've mastered the necessary skills to enter the workforce. Get the job! The certificate gives you access to HIRING EVENTS and job listings for dozens of L.A. employers. www.layoutatwork.org/hirela/Welcome.html

***NEW**

Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

Do you care about animals? Then consider a job or career with the SPCA, <http://spcala.com/careers/careers.shtml>
5026 W. Jefferson Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90016, Phone: (888) SPCA-LA1, Fax: (323) 730-5333, Email: info@spcala.com

Teaching/Childcare

***NEW**

Call Me MISTER- A Scholarship Teaching Program

"The mission of the Call Me MISTER (acronym for Mentors Instructing Students Toward Effective Role Models) National Initiative is to increase the pool of available teachers from a broader more diverse background particularly among the state's lowest performing elementary schools. Student participants are largely selected from among under-served, socio-economically disadvantaged and educationally at-risk communities...The project provides:

- Tuition assistance through Loan Forgiveness programs for admitted students pursuing approved programs of study in teacher education at participating colleges.
- An academic support system to help assure their success.
- A cohort system for social and cultural support.

Call Me MISTER" was developed by some of our state's visionary educational leaders who sincerely believe we can build a better tomorrow by getting you involved today." For more info: email: MISTER@clemsun.edu 1-800-640-2657

Mail: Call Me MISTER- 203 Holtzendorff, Clemson University Clemson, SC 29634, www.callmemister.clemson.edu

8. CREATIVE ARTS

ArtsCorpsLA

Over the last ten years ARTS CorpsLA has:

- Impacted 20,000+ Community members through community empowering initiatives
- Served 10,000+ children, youth and families through arts, environmental and education programs
- Supported 5,000+ community volunteers
- Impacted 5,000 teens through Youth Arts Programs

- Employed 250 community youth through Youth Training Programs
- Distributed 109 scholarships to community youth for higher education

Spiraling Orchard Park, 1246 Court Street, Los Angeles, CA 90026, (213) 481-8013, www.aclaparks.org

Art – 15 –

Art Share's mission is to shape lives through art, education and community action. Art Share offers free art classes with incredibly talented artists. 801 East 4th Pl., Los Angeles, CA 90013, (213) 687-4278, www.artsharela.org Art Share's current programming:

- **BLAST (Building Language and Art Skills Together)**

... an innovative, six-week course designed to improve literacy levels and address the needs to at-risk, immigrant children and youth by fusing English Language instruction with art classes. Art Share's bilingual instructors apply a specific curriculum that inspires students to improve their vocabulary and grammatical skills while involved with art projects that encourage expression and creativity.

- **FACT (Families and Communities Together)**

F.A.C.T. is a program for the entire family that uses cognitive behavior interventions to address serious high-risk behavior and educational performance problems in our youth. The primary goal of the FACT program is to impact our youth's behavior and empower our parents to resolve future difficulties as a family and as a community by reducing the rate of high-risk behavior. If you are interested in participating in the next session, live in the East LA area and are the parents of youth ages 12-20

- **The Community Beautification Program**

The community Beautification Program bridges communities by creating ambitious art projects designed and installed by at-risk youth from different schools, neighborhoods, and ethnic backgrounds under the guidance of professional artists.

Literacy, Arts, Culture, Education and Recreation (LACER)

Now in four Los Angeles middle schools, the award-winning LACER after school programs provides thousands of youth a safe and productive place to be after school. They select between a multitude of offerings in theater, music, dance, and the visual arts. Taught by professional artists, the free classes are created to correlate with the core middle school subjects of English, math, science, and social studies. In addition, LACER provides daily homework assistance, a comprehensive literacy and writing program, recreation, a reading program called Junior Greats, and the innovative Math Busters.

1718 N. Cherokee Ave., Ste A, Hollywood, California 90028, (323) 957-6481, www.lacerstars.org

*NEW

Self Help Graphics

"...provides children and adult art programs lead by local artists and community members. Classes are added as they are available... Self Help Graphics & Art has been dedicated to providing free and affordable youth & adult art programming to the community it serves for over 30 years. Many artist who have grown up with Self Help Graphics & Art programs come back to volunteer and share their love of community and art with the next generation of young energetic artists." See their website for schedule of classes and events: www.selfhelpgraphics.com

*NEW

Young Warriors/Tia Chucha's Centro Cultural

"...Young Warriors is currently a project of Tia Chucha's Centro Cultural. Founded by two youth by the names of Mayra Zaragoza and Brain Dessaint, Young Warriors goals are to become a youth center unlike no other, a youth center for youth by youth that is open 24/7 to be able to offer endless love and support for all youth out there. We plan to do this by offering a space to youth where their are able to express their passions to the full extent. Whether it is graffiti, music, art, tattooing, drawing, poetry, journalism, and photography, ect. And at the same time educating them about their culture and creating a conscious mind about their future." Learn more about this program: www.tiachucha.com or www.myspace.com/youngwarriors_1

9. CHANGE YOUR LIFE

B.U.I.L.D. - Brotherhood Unified for Independent Leadership Through Discipline

Aquil Basheer, Executive Director, 1409 W. Vernon Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90026, (323) 295-1904, takechargeinc@aol.com

CleanSlate

The mission of CleanSlate to assist in the healing of gang and non-gang members both externally and internally. Also to understand the past and build a new future through counseling and tattoo removal for a segment of our population that is financially challenged and socially oppressed. Director & Founder Gang Recovery & Tattoo Removal Program,(866) 4-NO-TATS, www.cleanslatela.org

Homeboy Industries

Homeboy Industries mission is to assist at-risk and former gang involved youth to become contributing members of our community. Free programs—including counseling, education, tattoo removal, job training and job placement—enable young people to redirect their lives and provide them with hope for their futures. 1916 East 1st Street, Los Angeles, CA 90033, (323) 526-1254, outside of CA: (800) 526-1254, www.homeboy-industries.org, info@homeboy-industries.org

Homies Unidos

Homies Unidos is a community-based organization committed to developing creative alternatives to youth violence and drugs through access to alternative education, leadership development, self esteem building, and health education programs. 1625 West Olympic Blvd Suite 706, Los Angeles, CA 90015, (213) 383-7484, www.homiesunidos.org

Los Angeles Conservation Corps

This program provides people ages 18 to 23 with a combination of paid employment training, academic enrichment and personal development experience each year. These young people perform advanced community and environmental service work like rebuilding playgrounds, reducing fire hazards, removing graffiti and leading environmental education activities for students at local schools. All of the work opportunities developed by LACC are designed to provide an environmental or community service that the young people can take pride in once it is completed. Major projects include the Adult Corps include recycling and recycling education programs, Trees for a Green LA program, park renovation work, and a variety of tree planting programs. As part of their training, Adult Corps participants also attend our accredited charter high school diploma program. If you want to apply to this program, please download an application from website, or write to: LACC, P.O. BOX 15868, Los Angeles, CA 90015, (213) 747-1872 x308, email: info@lacorps.org or www.lacorps.org

MONDIALOGO Intercultural Dialogue and Exchange

Mondialogo seeks to promote intercultural dialogue, understanding and exchange among young people. Ages 14 to 18 years. A partnership between DaimlerChrysler and the United Nations (UNESCO). Learn more at www.mondialogo.org

Mosaic Multicultural Foundation

Their conferences involve story, poetry, dance, song, living rituals, and intense dialogues on race, class, rage, gender concerns, and the mythological and imaginative response to war, violence, depression, hate, and more... Besides mentors, therapists, and community activists of all races, colors and creeds, we also bring active gang members from Watts, East LA, Chicago, the Bay Area, St. Louis and other cities. Other Mosaic Programs include "Voices of Youth, Voices of Community" (poetry workshops and community presentation with troubled youth); "The Poetics of Peace" (community events using poetry, story, song, and ideas to gather energy and people against war); and "Walking With" (where we help young prison offenders with court advocacy and prison life with books, correspondences, and legal assistance—limited to young people who have taken part in our conferences and training). 4218 1/2 SW Alaska Suite H, Seattle, WA 98116, (206) 463-5882, www.mosaicvoices.org

National Council of La Raza/Americorps

NCLR seeks to increase the number of Latinos involved in national service in their communities. NCLR AmeriCorps strengthens communities through projects that address education, public safety, the environment, and other unmet human needs. NCLR AmeriCorps members serve at local nonprofits, public agencies, and faith-based organizations. Through their service, members gain valuable job skills and experience, and life skills like teamwork and communication; they learn to set goals, and to challenge themselves. Members also earn an education award to pursue a college education or pay back student loans. www.nclr.org/content/programs

People's Guide to Welfare, Health and other Services

The Peoples' Guide gives practical information about how to get food, money and other help from government programs and community services. The People's Guide also gives advice on what to do if you are treated unfairly or do not receive what you are entitled to by law. Get all the info at www.peoplesguide.org

Place Called Home

A Place Called Home, 2830 S. Central Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90011, (323) 232-7653, www.apch.org, info@apch.org

- Bridge to the Future/Mentoring
- Creative Expression
- Dance & Yoga
- Music
- Visual Arts & Sewing
- Health, Nutrition and Well-Being
- Nutrition
- Counseling
- Educational Services
- AEW/Jefferson Adult School
- Read To Achieve
- Back to Basics
- Computer Literacy
- Youth Leadership
- Shaheen Scholarship
- Positive Energy
- Gang Prevention & Intervention
- Sports & Recreation
- Health Initiatives

*** NEW!**

Project LEAD/Girls Club of Los Angeles

Project LEAD is a youth development initiative designed to promote positive, healthy lifestyles in youth and encourage responsible decision-making and the development of life skills that lead to self-sufficiency. Services offered:
School Based - Washington High School - 9th grade boys & girls:

- GCLA offers a school based teen pregnancy prevention program. This program provides:
- Comprehensive Sexuality Education (i.e. goal setting, decision making, reproduction, and teen pregnancy) to the 9th grade health classes.
- Service Learning Club available for students to learn about the community and participate in projects.
- Annual Teen Rally exposing student to school and community resources.

Gender Specific Community Service Program-girls 14 to 18:

Reduce delinquency and recidivism, promote pro-social behavior, strengthen the family and parenting practices, promote school success and employment practices, and give females the opportunity to learn skills in a gender appropriate environment. Serves girls at risk and on probation through the following components:

- Parent Orientation/Support Workshops (parenting skills, communication)
- Mentoring Activities (group activities, career/academic development, field trips)
- Empowerment Workshops (goal setting, decision making, assertiveness)
- Mother (or significant female family members)/Daughter Activities (intervention meetings, cultural opportunities)

2057 W. Century Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90047, (323) 754-2122 x10, (323) 754-4353 gcla@girlsclubla.org or www.girlsclubla.org

Rock Corps

Rock Corps works around a simple concept, "You've got to give to get." In this case, Give four hours of volunteer work, and get a ticket to a concert. There are some great bands on tour this summer and tickets can be hard to get and expensive. Why not join Rock Corps and do some good for your community and for your self? Visit www.boostmobilerockcorps.org to learn more, find your volunteer opportunity, and get your concert ticket. Rock Corps has been read all over the US yet, so contact Rock Corps at info@rockcorps.org or (888) ROCK-889 to get it started in your area. Rock on!

Teens on Target, Los Angeles

"You're the first person who gave me hope that I could change – because you used to be like me, and you changed. I never had hope before." —17 year old gang member speaking to L.A.TNT staff

Trains young adults who have experienced violence in their own lives to become peer educators and advocates in the field of violence prevention. Through peer education, they educate and train young people from some of the most life-threatening neighborhoods of Los Angeles to enable them to participate in making their lives, their neighborhoods and their communities safer and healthier. More info at www.youthalive.org/tnt.html, (310) 885-3585 or mail@youthalive.org

Women Helping Women Services

Counseling talk line, individual and group counseling, assistance with basic needs, scholarships for women returning to school. (323) 655-3807 and (877) 655-3807 (toll-free)

Youth Policy Institute

YPI is a non-profit organization providing technology based training and education solutions for low-income communities in Los Angeles. Programs include after school tutoring, college preparation, and helps adults find stable jobs at decent wages.

Youth Policy Institute, 634 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90014, (213) 688-2802, www.ypiusa.org

Other Places of Help to Change Your Life

New Directions For Youth
Luann Rollens
7400 Van Nuys Blvd., #203
Van Nuys, CA 91405
(818) 375-1000

Amer-I-Can
Jim Brown
269 South Beverly Drive, #1048
Los Angeles, CA 90212
(310) 652-7884
www.amer-i-can.org

Barrio Action Youth & Family Center
Tommy Membreno
4970 Huntington Drive S.
Los Angeles, CA 90032
(323) 221-0779

Big Homies
Vernon Andrews, Founder
10219 S. Western Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90047
(310) 936-8021 www.bighomies.org

City Camp
11220 South Central Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90059
(323) 564-4845

FOCUS, Youth Gang Services
London Carter
(310) 686-4935

Project Heavy West
1600 Sawtelle Boulevard #300
Los Angeles, CA 90025
(310) 477-1291

Goals For Life
Executive Director: Reggie Berry
12433 E Lambert Road
Whittier, CA 90606
(562) 698-1501 www.gflonline.org

Pico Youth and Family Center (PYFC)
Oscar De La Torre
828 Pico Blvd., #9
Santa Monica, CA 90405
(310) 396-7101 www.picoyouth.org

Sidewalk University
T. Rodgers
4911 August St., #4
Los Angeles, CA 90008
(323) 291-7923 www.trodgers.com/site/swu.htm

Soledad Enrichment Action Inc.
222 North Virgil Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90004
(323) 223-0116 www.seacharter.net

Watts Labor Community Action
Committee
Ralph Flores
10950 S. Central Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90059
(323) 357-6274 www.wlcac.org

YouthLink
www.youthsource.info/images/links.html

Counseling and Support

Angel's Flight Runaway & Homeless Youth Services Behavioral Health Services, Inc.
357 S. Westlake Ave 3421 East Olympic Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90057 Los Angeles, CA
(213) 413-2311 (323) 262-1786
www.bhs-inc.org

Ness Counseling Center, Inc.
8512 Whitworth Drive
Los Angeles, CA
(310) 360-8512
www.thenesscenter.org

Occupational Therapy Training Program
19401 South Vermont Avenue, Suite A-200
Torrance, CA 90502
(310) 323-6887

Crisis Hotlines

California Youth Crisis Line
(800) 843-5200

Los Angeles Commission on Assaults Against National Youth Crisis Hotline
Women Teenline
(213) 626-3393 (800) 639-6095

Foster Youth—Independent Living

LA County Foster Resources

Transitional Housing Program for Emancipated Foster/Probation Youth (THP-Plus) Contact your County/Provider Transitional Housing Placement Program: Pasadena Area: (626) 296-2641; Los Angeles: (213) 351-0105, (213) 351-0110 and (213) 351-0118

Independent Living Program

Help with transitional housing, transportation costs, insurance benefits, tuition and related school expenses, housing, room and board, and more for former and current foster youth. Contact (626) 229-3829, www.ilponline.org

10. YOUTH LEADERSHIP

MAKE YOUR COMMUNITY AND YOUR WORLD A BETTER PLACE!

Academy of Latino Leaders in Action

The organization offers a host of community empowerment programs including Parent Education and Leadership Development, Cultural and Arts Performance, Organizational Development for CBOs, Civic Education and Leadership Development, and Community Legal and Legislative Project programs. Programs are made available through workshops, seminars, and community forums and can also be tailored based on individual or group needs. ALLA aims to have speakers and presenters that are authorities in their field and are sensitive to the Latino community's diversity and unique characteristics. 821 W. Whittier Blvd. Suite 200-A, Montebello, CA 90280, (323) 725-0640

African American Parent Community Coalition for Educational Equity

This parent-run coalition organizes parents and students to increase access to quality education for youth of color, make college preparatory classes available to African American and Latino students and protects them from excessive suspensions and expulsions. Reach them at www.aapccee.org or info@aapccee.org

American Friends Service Committee

The American Friends Service Committee is a global Quaker peace, social justice and humanitarian aid organization. It offers volunteer and internship opportunities in program work and administration. At their Los Angeles office, AFSC's programs include Middle East Peace Education, Militarization of Schools, Community Reader, Art Exhibits, and Affirming Moral Values. Together with CAMS (see below), AFSC produces this booklet, Great Careers. 634 S Spring St, 3rd Fl, Los Angeles, CA 90014, losangeles@afsc.org, www.afsc.org/losangeles, (213) 489-1900

AmeriCorps: Are you up to the challenge?

You decide where and how to serve. Each year, more than 40,000 members serve with programs in every state in the nation. You can tutor kids in your own community, or build new homes for families far away from your home. Restore coastlines or help families traumatized by domestic violence. You might do the work yourself, or help others serve by organizing projects and recruiting volunteers. Whatever you do, there's an AmeriCorps challenge just waiting for you. Get an education, experience, and skills. You'll learn teamwork, communication, responsibility, and other essential skills that will help you for the rest of your life. And you'll gain the personal satisfaction of taking on a challenge and seeing results. You will be able to pay your bills. After successfully completing a term of service, AmeriCorps members who are enrolled in the National Service Trust are eligible to receive an education award. The education award can be used to pay education costs at qualified institutions of higher education or training, or to repay qualified student loans. The award currently is \$4,725 for a year of full-time service. A member has up to seven years after his or her term of service has ended to claim the award. Housing and food are provided during your service. www.americorps.org, (800) 942-2677.

Californians for Justice

A statewide grassroots organization working for racial justice by building the power of communities that have been pushed to the margins of the political process. We organize youth, immigrants, low-income people and communities of color in order to improve their social, economic and political conditions. CFJ's work for social change is rooted in three core principles:

- Community Action. We believe that people impacted by social injustice must drive the process of social change with their participation, power, ideas and vision for society.
- Solidarity. We believe that diverse communities, especially communities of color, must unite to achieve our shared goals and to support each other actively in our unique struggles.
- Human Rights. We believe that every person has a fundamental right to a dignified life free from poverty, discrimination and oppression based on race, gender, sexual orientation, immigration status, country of origin, or language.

200 Pine Ave, #502, Long Beach, CA 90802, (562) 951-1015, www.caljustice.org

City Year

City Year unites talented and diverse 17-24 year olds for a demanding year of full-time community service and leadership development. Make a difference in many cities around the country, incl. Los Angeles, by working with children in public schools and leading service projects in your community. Corps members earn an education award of \$4,725 upon completion of service. During the year, they receive a weekly stipend, and develop leadership skills. Learn more at www.cityyear.org/sites/los_angeles, and call City Year in Los Angeles at (213) 623-4412.

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Cesar E. Chavez Foundation Youth Board

"The Cesar E. Chavez Foundation Youth Board (CECFYB) was formed in 2006 as an educational network to provide space for discussion, collaboration, and skill advancement for students across 11 Los Angeles Unified School District high schools. CECFYB provides access to skill development in public speaking, leadership, and service-learning. Last year's CECFYB was instrumental in designing the educational equity survey and worked tirelessly to help collect and analyze over 2,000 responses. The 2007-2008

CECFYB looks forward to continuing the success of the first CECFYB and will meet once a month to explore diversity, coalition building, and to gain access to higher education access opportunities." 634 S. Spring Street, Suite 400, Los Angeles, CA 90014, P: 213-362-0260 F: 213-362-0265, www.chavezfoundation.org

Coalition for Alternatives to Militarism In Our Schools (CAMS)

If you like this booklet, you'll like CAMS. CAMS promote positive alternatives to violence and militarism in schools and society. We offer many opportunities for young people to develop leadership skills and participate in our ongoing work in many areas such as student clubs, peer education, Project Great Futures, and our Adopt A School Project. Contact information. CAMS, PO Box 3012, South Pasadena, CA 91031, (626) 799-9118, info@militaryfreeschools.org, www.militaryfreeschools.org

Chinatown Service Center (CSC) Youth Development Programs

Location: 727 N. Broadway Ste. 211, Los Angeles, CA 90012, (213) 972-8840, www.cscla.org, csc-info@cscla.org

CSC COMPUTER LAB: Learn skills in the following areas:

- Word Processing
- Spreadsheet Creation
- Slideshow Presentations
- Web Design
- Graphic Design
- Desktop Publishing
- Typing with Speed & Accuracy
- Résumé Creation & Job Search Skills
- Internet use
- Troubleshooting

Chinatown Service Center Youth Program offers resources, after-school activities, and educational programs designed to fulfill the basic needs for youth survival and healthy development. To make a difference, you can be part of this effort in the following ways:

• TEEN SMART

Educates and trains peer educators in reproductive health and community issues so they can outreach to other youth through presentations, health fairs and community festivals. Topics include safer sex, HIV/AIDS, STDs, birth control methods, reproductive anatomy, teen pregnancy prevention and healthy relationships.

• YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Consists of fifteen high schools age youths who were recruited for their leadership skills. They choose a community issue to work on and learn how to become active in affecting positive social change. Currently working on a mural project in Chinatown.

• LOS ANGELES CHINATOWN YOUTH COUNCIL

A voluntary group of youth who serve as a voice to represent the interests of the Chinatown community. The youth council develops and implements community projects to make a positive change in Chinatown.

• VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Provides education and training in both English Program and Chinese (Cantonese) to teens to help them become peer educators in violence-related issues, such as domestic violence and dating violence.

City Youth Council

The Youth Council is a group of young people who come together to represent and reflect the opinions and concerns of the youth of the City of Los Angeles by: promoting existing positive programs; designing and developing programs and activities that involve youth in the communities; advocating on behalf of youth; and involving young people in the governmental process.

One youth from each Council District is appointed by his or her City Councilmember to represent the youth in that district. A second youth from each district serves as an alternate. In addition to these young people, other young people from all over the city participate as at-large Youth Council members. Youth Council meetings are held on the second Saturday of every month at 10:00 AM at the offices of the Commission for Children, Youth and their Families, 200 North Spring Street, Room 2200, Los Angeles, CA 90012, layouth@mailbox.lacity.org, (213) 978-1840, www.ccyf.org/YouthCouncil

Community Coalition

The mission of this coalition is "To transform the social and economic conditions in South LA that foster addiction, crime, violence and poverty by building a community institution that involves thousands in creating, influencing and changing public policy." They do great work and have many opportunities for involvement. <http://cocosouthla.org>
8101 S. Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90044 | 323-750-9087 | Fax 323-750-9640

***NEW**

Habitat for Humanity Los Angeles (Youth United)

"The future is building a greater Los Angeles. Youth United is an initiative that mobilizes youth, ages 5-25, to fully fund and build a habitat home in their own community. Reasons to participate in Youth United:

1. Make the dream of owning a home come true for a family in need.
2. Earn requires community service hours for school while building a house from start to finish.
3. Develop leadership and construction skills that look great on college and job applications.
4. Work with a diverse group and make new friends.
5. Make a difference in your community.

For question about the program contact: Youth Programs Coordinator, (310) 323-4663 ext. 109, www.habitatla.org

Inner City Struggle

• Leadership Development

Inner-City Struggle develops strong youth and community leaders from Boyle Heights and East Los Angeles. Positive change in East LA will take thousands of people working together to improve the entire community.

• Education and Training

We believe that change happens when individuals, groups and communities are well trained and well organized. ICS uses popular education as a tool for building consciousness with youth and family members. We provide leadership training, knowledge, and skills necessary to win public policy changes through collective organizing efforts.

• **Contributing to the Building of Social Movement**

ICS believes many organizations are needed to improve the quality of life in our community and throughout the City of Los Angeles. ICS works in alliance with other organizations dedicated to social and economic justice.

2811 Whittier Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90023, (323) 780-7605, www.innercitystruggle.org

Khmer Girls in Action

Khmer Girls in Action's (KGA) mission is to contribute to the movement for social, economic and political justice by building a strong, progressive, and sustainable community institution led by Southeast Asian women and girls. Taking a comprehensive approach to youth development, KGA provides leadership skills and organizing work in partnership with cultural exploration and expression. www.kgalb.org 1355 Redondo Ave., Ste 9, Long Beach, CA 90804, (562) 986-9415, justice@kgalb.org, www.myspace.com/khmergirlsinaction

Public Allies

Public Allies advances diverse young leaders to strengthen communities, nonprofits and civic participation. Public Allies advances the skills, networks and experience of diverse young leaders as they strengthen communities, nonprofits and civic participation. Public Allies selects our communities' most promising young leaders, ages 18-30, who commit to a rigorous and rewarding ten-month program of full-time, paid apprenticeships in community organizations, team service projects and weekly leadership training. Since Public Allies Los Angeles opened our doors in May, 1999, our Allies have: (a) directly served more than 65,000 Los Angeles residents through projects in youth development, health, and community and economic development; (b) built the capacity of more than 50 local nonprofit organizations by creating, improving or expanding their services, and (c) joined a diverse network of resourceful, collaborative leaders who continue working to strengthen our community. 520 W. 23rd St., Los Angeles, CA 90007, (213) 741-2202, LosAngeles@publicallies.org, www.publicallies.org

Salvadoran American Leadership And Educational Fund (SALEF)

SALEF has built a foundation of education and youth programs that assist our future generations gain the necessary knowledge and skills for high school, college and beyond. SALEF supports the development of our youth and future leaders:

- "Fulfilling Our Dreams" scholarship fund, which awards scholarships to Salvadoran, Central American, and Latino high school and college students
 - "Paso Unido" Mentorship Program
 - The Civic Leadership Project (CLP) was established to increase the political and civic participation and provide leadership opportunities for Central Americans and other Latinos in California.
 - SALEF's Annual Educational and Cultural Youth Conference is designed to prepare and assist Central American and Latino students prepare to enter top colleges and universities.
- Individual college preparation and guidance
 - Internship opportunities for work experience and job skill development
 - Referrals for professional services
 - Advocating for students rights to a quality education and access to postsecondary education
 - Access to computers/internet and training
- 1625 W. Olympic Blvd., Ste 718, Los Angeles, CA 90015, (213) 480-1052, info@salef.org, www.salef.org

SIPA: Search to Involve Pilipino Americans

SIPA provides youth, families and individuals with vital support. SIPA's programs are designed to provide community members of different backgrounds and ethnicities with the tools necessary to succeed. To that end, SIPA works diligently to emphasize the importance of higher education, leadership, and cultural and financial self-empowerment. SIPA Programs include: Counseling for individuals, families and groups, case management, community education, and after-school enrichment activities. For more information, please contact Lolita Lledo at (213) 382-1819 or llledo@espia.org, 3200 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90026, (213) 382-1819, www.esipa.org

South Central Youth Empowered Through Action (SC-YEA)

SC-YEA is developing the next generation of activists capable of leading their peers and impacting public policy in their schools and community. SC-YEA chapters on high school campuses act as a voice for South LA students (ask your local high school), and visit www.ccsapt.org

The Fund for Public Interest Research

Do you want to make a difference? Are you ready to roll up your sleeves and work on the most pressing environmental issues of our generation? Are you ready to stand up to the corporations that are compromising the integrity of our democracy? Apply for a job with us today... You will work in the political arena, getting your hands dirty, building organizations and fighting for the victories that put us on a more sustainable and more democratic course. In order to build the necessary citizen support, you will go out into communities and go door-to-door, or go into public places and talk with people about the issues, raise money, and build membership for the great organizations we work with. You'll also work with the media, help build coalitions with other organizations and mobilize activists to help us win our campaigns. Campaign staff will make \$350-550 per week. We offer leadership positions!. Field Managers

earn an additional \$50 to \$100 each week. Campaign Coordinators work closely with the directors to develop and implement winning campaign tactics. www.jobsthatmatter.org and (323) 848-7158. Current campaigns:

- Combat global warming with Environmental Action
- Protect wilderness with Sierra Club
- Fight discrimination with Human Rights Campaign
- Work for clean energy with the state PIRGs

YouthBuild USA

In YouthBuild programs, unemployed and undereducated young people ages 16-24 work toward their GED or high school diploma while learning construction skills by building affordable housing for homeless and low-income people. Strong emphasis is placed on leadership development, community service and the creation of a positive mini-community of adults and youth committed to success. Purpose: To unleash the positive energy of unemployed adults to rebuild their communities and their own lives with a commitment to work, education, responsibility, and family. Since 1991, over 40,000 YouthBuild students have produced over 12,000 units of low-income housing. Locations in Los Angeles:

- CPDC YouthBuild, 3774 Budlong Ave., Ste A, Los Angeles, CA 90007, (213) 280-0298
- PACE/SIPA YouthBuild, 1501 Wilshire Blvd., Ste 100, Los Angeles, CA 90017, (213) 353-1700, www.youthbuild.org

Youth Leadership Institute

Our goal is to provide middle and high school youth with organizing and advocacy skills so that they can mobilize and bring about change collectively. Our hope is that they will spread the knowledge among their peer groups, families and communities—creating a network of informed and responsible youth who demand excellence and high standards in their schools. The Youth Leadership Institute is a series of workshops presented to youth covering:

- Your rights as a student
- Your responsibilities as a member of your school community
- Why is student involvement important?
- Expecting the best from your instructor and yourself
- A-G requirements—What does this mean to me?
- Dispute Resolution Practices—What are my alternatives?
- Making a change—What does that mean to me?

Youth will define issues that affect them both short-term and long-term, and create methods of addressing the issues. This leadership training institute will provide youth with leadership and organizing skills that will benefit them throughout their lifetime. www.aapccee.org/youth_leadership.htm, email: info@aapccee.org

Young Visionaries Youth Leadership Academy

.....is an award winning nonprofit organization proudly serving the youth of San Bernardino County since 2001. Founded by brothers Terrance and Marqus Stone, the organization's purpose is to help enrich the lives of young people through life building activities and instruction in the areas of education, employment, health, mentoring, and community service. 2130 N. Arrowhead Ave., Ste. #112, San Bernardino, CA 92405, info@yvyla.org, (909) 881-3382, www.yvyla-ie.org

Mentoring, etc.

***NEW**

Aztec Rising

"Aztecs Rising promotes peace, self-sufficiency and quality of life for youth, adults and families through gang intervention, violence prevention, case management and job readiness services. Aztecs Rising seeks to break the cycle of violence in the community so that future generations can succeed. Through its innovative programs, Aztecs Rising helps youth and adults become successful, contributing members of their community. While similar in approach, each program of Aztecs Rising works with a unique population and our programs cooperatively work together to provide the best possible services to clients. Services are offered through three programs: Junior Aztec Fire Fuels Program, Aztec Fire Fuels Crew and L.A. Bridges II Gang Intervention Program." 3516 N. Broadway Ave., L.A., CA 90031 (323) 441-0185, fax (323) 441-0189, www.aztec.rising.org

***NEW**

La CAUSA

"La CAUSA, Los Angeles Communities Advocating for Unity and Social Action, is a youth leadership and community development organization for youth living in East Los Angeles. La CAUSA is dedicated to coaching youth through the process of their own self-empowerment while helping them address issues that are of most importance to them including:

- Earning their GED or High School Diploma
- Getting a well paid job
- Preparing for a college education
- Participating in meaningful leadership activities within their communities
- Nurturing a critical conciseness of the challenges faced by their community
- Developing the skills to take action in transforming these conditions

1117 Goodrich Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90022, (323) 887-2500, fax (323) 887-2506, www.lacausainc.org

***NEW**

LA Works

"Young people are our future. There is no greater mission for a community-dedicated WorkSource Center than to serve the youth of our surrounding communities in ways that prepare them for active participation in the workforce. The Youth Centers offer many resources for job search and secondary education information. This includes computers, scholarship and financial aid information, many exciting programs for young people, programs to enrich their educational experience and open doors to future educational and career opportunities. In-School Youth and Out-Of-School Programs:

- College Works
- College Bound
- WIA Work Experience

Main Location: 5200 Irwindale Ave., Irwindale, CA 91706, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm M-F (626) 960-3964, E-mail info@laworks.org, www.laworks.org

***NEW** **Peace4Kids**

"The mission of Peace4Kids is to provide foster children and youth in need of a sense of belonging, with a safe, nurturing environment through which they learn cooperation, conflict resolution, and build self-esteem. Through creative educational courses, athletic programs, life skills and mentorship, Peace4Kids assists youth in developing the knowledge and skills needed to become successful and self-sufficient adults. Since its inception in 1998, Peace4Kids has touched the lives of over 600 foster and at-risk youth in the South Los Angeles neighborhoods of Watts, Compton, South Gate, and Willowbrook. Each weekend, Peace4Kids provides an activity-based program designed to reach over 100 foster and at-risk youth in three age groups from ages 5-18. Through creative educational courses, field trips, group activities, life skills and mentorship programs, Peace4Kids assists youth in developing the knowledge and skills they need to become successful and self-sufficient adults. Peace4Kids is dedicated to empowering children to be leaders and promoting peace in their lives. Whether the children are cultivating the beautiful garden or participating in the seven-week creative education classes designed for each age group, Peace4Kids assists the children in achieving a great sense of accomplishment, a persistent work ethic and understanding of their responsibility to themselves and to their community..." www.peace4kids.org/index.html

1315 N. Bullis Rd., Suite 6, Compton, CA 90221, Phone:(310) 635-8500, Fax: (310) 635-8565, Email: info@peace4kids.org

***NEW** **Project Amiga**

Project Amiga is a community-based, nonprofit 501(c) 3, volunteer organization founded in 1989 in Los Angeles, California. For more than 15 years, the mission of Project Amiga has been to reach out to the residents of Los Angeles County and to address the high unemployment and school dropout rate among Latinos. Through Project Amiga's commitment, we will expand our services and assist teens, young adults and their families, affording them the opportunity for a better quality of life. Project Amiga's goals are to develop and promote programs that respond to the needs of the community in the following areas:

- Work habits, life skills, self-image/self-esteem, and computer-training programs for teens
- Parenting and teen financial management classes
- Literacy, English language skills, vocational computer training and job placement
- Employment and education guidance and upgrading skills
- Crisis management/intervention networks for gang, drug, tobacco and alcohol abuse
- Water and Power Conservation Awareness Workshops
- *Transportation assistance including free ride coupons, bus tokens and taxi vouchers

*San Gabriel Valley, 2001 Tyler Avenue, Suite 203, South El Monte, California 91733, Phone (626) 401 - 1395, Fax (626) 401-3707

*East Los Angeles, 2130 East First Street, 3rd Floor, Los Angeles, California 90033, Phone (323) 526 - 3025

*<http://www.projectamiga.org/program.asp>

***NEW** **The Find A Tree Program**

"Knowledge + Action= Your Dream The Find A tree program helps people live their dreams by 'finding their tree'. The program begins by assisting participants identify their gifts, interests and talents. Once a dream is determined, a plan of action is developed that features practical implementation steps. Participants are guided through the process of transforming their plan into a reality, and when appropriate, how to turn their interest and talent into a business. The Find A Tree program emphasizes what participants can begin doing today towards realizing their dream, rather than waiting. For students, the program connects students' dreams with school and their academic classes in order to increase motivation to learn and improve attitudes toward school. 6230 Wilshire Blvd., # 45, Los Angeles, CA, 90048-5014, 866-FIND-A-TREE (346-3287), Fax: (323) 263-0293, www.findatree.com/index.html

***NEW** **The WorkPlace CA**

"For your family member on parole, probation, HIV + returning from substance treatment, prison, hospitalization – or just needing a job, retention services, treatment reinforcement, housing (by referral), sober coaching, and/or more... since 1986 a better chance at SUCCESS...Services include:

- Liaison with Judges/Parole/Probation Officers and Medical Professionals;
- Individual Job re-Entry Planning (including Image issues and Resume preparation);
- Customized Job Development/Job Retention services
- Job entry maintenance is at the heart of what we'll be working toward
- Housing/Transportation/Counseling/Substance Treatment and Reinforcement/other needs met in house, or brokered cost-effectively in your community
- Free based on just the services your family member needs. Free confidential consultations
- Free services for Ticket-to-Work holders

When tax-funded, government programs are either not available or are not wanted (maybe they've been tried before, or maybe one-to-one intervention is what's wanted), give The WorkPlace CA a call." For Initial Consultation – Call Debra Macias 951-769-3536, John Janda 714-547-4734, Richard Silbas (hablo espanol) 714-972-2605, www.theworkplaceca.com

11. HIGHER EDUCATION

Revised and expanded



Community College

You don't have to aim for a college degree to take advantage of the **many job skills trainings ("certificate programs") at your local community college**. Ask your high school counselor where your local community college is, or visit the web site of all California community colleges at www.cccco.edu/find/alphabetical.htm. You can also call their office at (916) 445-8752.

Being a college or university student is a time in life where you can fully concentrate on learning what you enjoy, and what will help you to find a well-paid and meaningful career.

There are public and private colleges. They offer degrees in all areas of professional life. Degrees vary in time and money spent, ranging from a 2-year associate's degree for many skilled labor professions such as nursing or mechanic, to a 4-year bachelor's degree and beyond (master's and doctoral degrees).

Most colleges offer scholarships (free money you do not have to repay!), and all citizens or legal residents of the United States are eligible for government loans, such as the Cal Grant, Pell Grant, the Perkins Loan, the Stafford Loan, and others. A loan will get you through school. Once you get a job after graduation, you will have plenty of time to pay it back.

WILL "REAL LIFE" GET IN THE – 23– have a family, a job, etc.)

It doesn't have to....The good news is that many schools offer support services for working people, those with children, English language learners, and the disabled. For example, check out the Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC) Program at many community colleges. (Ask at your local campus). The EOC program provides counseling and information on college admissions to qualified adults who want to enter or continue a program of postsecondary education. An important objective of EOC is to counsel participants on financial aid options and to assist in the application process. The goal of EOC is to increase the number of adult participants who enroll in postsecondary education institutions. Their services include:

- Academic advice
- Personal counseling
- Career workshops
- Information on various educational opportunities
- Information on student financial assistance
- Assistance in completing applications for college admissions, testing and financial aid
- Coordination with nearby postsecondary institutions
- Media activities designed to involve and acquaint the community with higher education opportunities
- Tutoring and mentoring
- Assistance with child care

Remember: Hundreds of thousands of working people, people with kids, people learning English, and those with disabilities are in college and doing great!

Almost all colleges and universities have services like the EOCs. You can research what's available on the school's website, or ask the counseling or admissions office. Don't let the fear that your life makes college too hard stop you from giving it your best try! Remember: **You are not alone.**

COMMUNITY COLLEGE: A very smart place to begin your higher education

Less money, less stress!

Community colleges are also known as "2 year" colleges because you can get the so-called Associate Degree within 2 years. Community colleges are also a great springboard to a university ("4 year" college) to earn their bachelor's degrees. Community colleges tend to offer extra support for students who need help with academics, as well as working students and parents. They offer many excellent career certificate and licensing programs, and have the lowest costs.

Go here to access links to all of the many L.A. community colleges' websites: www.laccd.edu

L.A. community college offices to call for more information:

Los Angeles Southwest College, (323) 241-5321
Los Angeles City College, (323) 953-4000
East Los Angeles College, (323) 265-8650
Los Angeles Harbor College, (310) 233-4090
Los Angeles Mission College, (818) 364-7600
Pierce College, (818) 719-6404

Los Angeles Valley College, (818) 947-2553
Los Angeles Trade-Technical College, (213) 763-5300
West Los Angeles College, (310) 287-4501

Community College District Offices Outside L.A.

The Coast Community College District. Coastal Orange County, (714) 546-7600
North Orange County Community College District, (714) 808-4500
Rancho Santiago Community College Dist., Santa Ana, (714) 480-7300
San Bernardino Community College District, (909) 382-4000
The South Orange County Community College District, Irvine-Mission Viejo, (949) 582-4999
Ventura County Community College District, (805) 384-8300
Antelope Valley College, Lancaster, (661) 722-6300
Cerritos College, Norwalk, (562) 860-2451
Chaffey College, Rancho Cucamonga, (909) 987-1737
Citrus College, Glendora, (626) 963-0323
College of the Canyons, Santa Clarita, (661) 362-3280
College of the Desert, Palm Desert, (760) 346-8041

Copper Mountain College, Joshua Tree (760) 366-3791
Crafton Hills College, Yucaipa, (909) 794-2161
Cypress College, Cypress, (714) 484-7000
El Camino College, Torrance, (866) 352-2646
Glendale Community College, (818) 240-1000
Mt. San Antonio College, Walnut, (909) 594-5611
Mt. San Jacinto College, (951) 487-MSJC (6752)
Pasadena City College, (626) 585-7123
Rio Hondo College Whittier, (562) 692-0921
Riverside Community College, (951) 222-8000
Santa Monica College, (310) 434-4000

HOW CAN I AFFORD COLLEGE? I've heard that it's so expensive!

Here are a few MYTHS about the cost of higher education:

1. It's too expensive for low income people.
2. You have to borrow lots of money and go into debt to pay for it.
3. Financial aid and scholarships are only for top athletes, or people who got excellent grades in school.
4. Joining the military is the only way you can afford college.

And here are some FACTS:

1. You can find financial aid to lower or even eliminate the cost of your college education.
2. Financial aid comes in scholarships, stipends, grants or loans. Only loans require you to pay them back. Scholarships, stipends and grants are **free money!**
3. There are scholarships and financial aid opportunities for all – 24 – students, not just top athletes or straight "A" students.
4. There are many challenging, interesting and rewarding national and community service opportunities that will help you pay for college, plus you stay safe and keep your freedom.

One great way to get started is to head to your local college access program. **www.collegeaccess.org** has a list of local programs. The most important person in the process will be the Financial Aid Officer at the school you apply to, so relax, find your perfect school and worry about money later.

For students of Hispanic background, there are additional financial aid opportunities at **www.latinocollegdollars.org**. Also, California assembly bill 540 states that qualified immigrant students can now pay in-state tuition fees at California's public colleges and universities. See www.maldef.org for more information.

- * **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and Government Money:** Visit www.ed.gov/thinkcollege
- * **NEW Fastweb** (includes jobs and internships pages): <http://www.fastweb.com/fastweb/resources>
- * **The California Student Aid Commission** has many useful documents you can download free and a lot of good information. Call 1-888-CA-GRANT or visit www.calgrant.org or www.csac.ca.gov
- * **The Student Guide to Financial Aid** (updated each year) available free by calling (800) 433-3243 or at www.studentaid.ed.gov
- * **AmeriCorps, VISTA, and the National Civilian Community Corps** hire tens of thousands of people a year to do important, interesting work while earning money for college. Contact the Corporation for National Service, 1201 New York Ave NW, Washington, DC 20525, (800) 942-2677 or www.nationalservice.org

Other good college information and financial aid web sites:

www.fastweb.com
www.freescholarshipguide.com

www.icanaffordcollege.com
www.collegeispossible.org

www.college411.org

Watch out for "Scams" and "Identity Thieves" and check out the privacy statement to find out what they collect about you and what is done with the information. Some of the resources cost money, some are free, be careful; surf at your own risk.

Academic support

826 L.A.

"826LA is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting students ages 6 to 18 with their creative and expository writing skills, and to helping teachers inspire their students to write. Our services are structured around our belief that great leaps in learning can happen with one-on-one attention, and that strong writing skills are fundamental to future success. With this in mind, we provide drop-in tutoring, after-school workshops, in-schools tutoring, help for English language learners, and assistance with student publications. All of our programs are challenging and enjoyable, and ultimately strengthen each student's power to express ideas effectively, creatively, confidently, and in his or her individual voice." 826LA WEST, SPARC Building, 685 Venice Blvd. Venice, CA 90291, (310) 305-8418, 826LA EAST, 1714 W. Sunset Blvd., Echo Park, CA, 90026, (213) 413-3388, www.826la.org

***NEW**

A Better Chance

"...is the preeminent resource for identifying, recruiting and developing leaders among young people of color in the United States. Through a unique assessment model, A Better Chance refers academically talented students entering grades 6 through 11 to some of the nation's finest independent and public schools to be considered for placement and financial aid. Students who are successfully placed in one of our 300+ member schools become a part of the signature College Preparatory Schools Program, and receive access to expanded educational and leadership opportunities." University of Southern California 3601 South Flower Street, #201, Los Angeles, CA. 90089, (213) 743-1757, fax: (213) 232-3773, www.abetterchance.org

***NEW**

Cash for College and Career Conventions

See this website for dates of their free conventions and workshops with tons of great info on how to get money for college. www.lacashforcollege.org

Help With Finding Scholarships

***NEW**

KnowHow2Go

A great site with all kinds of interactive activities to help youth learn about all aspects of making college dreams into reality: And be SURE to visit this page for links to tons of other college-related sites: (A must see!) <http://knowhow2go.org/links.php>

***NEW**

Global Automotive Aftermarket Scholarships (GAAS)

Links qualifies students with many good scholarships in the automotive industry www.automotivescholarships.com/index.html

***NEW**

COFEM Scholarships for Undocumented Students

Scholarships from the Council of Mexican Federations in North America. Based on academic achievement, extracurricular activities, work experience, community involvement, and personal circumstances. See www.cofem.org or call 213-417-8380 for more information and applications.

***NEW**

L.A. City College's Workforce Readiness Academy

Offer skills certificates of competency and completion to help you get break into the job market, keep the job you get, and get on a career ladder. FREE OF CHARGE to qualified applicants ("limited income, economically disadvantaged, and other non-traditional college students"). Many good programs to choose from. Call 953-4000 ext. 2239, <http://workforce.lacitycollege.edu/>

***NEW**

The College Scholars Program

"The One Voice Robert W. Sanderson Scholars Program prepares and places low income inner city high school students in colleges throughout the United States..."

Our program provides each of our high school students with in-depth personal attention, encouragement and a vast array of professional services created to prepare and ready them for college admission and scholarship awards. With the current costs of attending college being about \$45,000 per year, our program makes it possible for low-income students to attend wonderful colleges on scholarships provided by the colleges themselves. Some of the colleges our students attend are: Amherst, Brown, MIT, Wellesley, Harvard, Yale, Swarthmore, Stanford, Wesleyan, Bowdoin and Williams. The total amount of scholarship monies awarded by the colleges to our students is now over \$15,000,000...Not only have all of our students been placed in wonderful private and public colleges, but also our success rate of students graduating from college is 95%. The national success rate for low-income minority students on scholarships throughout the United States is around 40%. One of the unique aspects of our program is that we carefully monitor and follow the progress of our students throughout their college careers. Many of our students require help with psychological and cultural adjustments to their new environments, advocacy in terms of academic accomplishments, course counseling, financial relief, general support and encouragement...Our program is particularly valuable given most of our students are the first in their family to graduate college." (310) 458-9961, 15th Street, Ste. C, Santa Monica, CA 90404

Starting in the 11th grade each of our students receives the following services on a personal basis without any cost to the student:

- ◆ Professional college advisement
 - ◆ Personal counseling
 - ◆ SAT preparation course (Kaplan)
 - ◆ College essay instruction and tutoring
 - ◆ Application and test fees
- As needed:

- ◆ Airfare and transportation
- ◆ Books, supplies and miscellaneous fees
- ◆ Clothing, personal items and emergency expenses

**I don't have a U.S. green card.
How can I go to college without**

paying a fortune?

***NEW**

S.U.R.G.E.

The purpose of S.U.R.G.E is to provide Cal State Los Angeles AB 540 students (non-resident students exempt from out of state tuition) with informational resources to guide their education. This includes researching information on scholarships and/ or internships that AB 540 students can apply to. S.U.R.G.E provides guidance, support, and creates a constructive learning environment and also encourages high school graduates to attend college. S.U.R.G.E. also has chapters at many other schools, and is growing rapidly. An excellent resource. www.calstatela.edu/orgs/surge/

***NEW**

**Coalition For Humane Immigrants Rights, Los Angeles (CHIRLA)
California Dream Network**

The California Dream Network is a statewide network of existing and emerging college campus organizations who actively address undocumented student issues and who work to create broader social change around immigration reform and access to higher education. CHIRLA: 2533 W. Third St., Ste. 101, Los Angeles, CA 90057, (213) 353-1333, www.chirla.org. CHIRLA's hotline provides a bi-lingual Spanish/English info and referral service: (888) 624-4752

The Koreatown Youth & Community Center

Programs and services for recently immigrated, economically disadvantaged youth and their families who experience coping and adjustment difficulties due to language and cultural barriers.

3727 West 6th Street, Ste 300, Los Angeles, CA 90020, (213) 365-7400, www.kycccla.org

Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF)

The Mexican American Defense and Educational Fund (is the leading nonprofit Latino litigation, advocacy and educational outreach institution in the United States.

634 S. Spring St., Los Angeles, CA 90014, (213) 629-2512, www.maldef.org

If you don't have "papers", there are a limited number of private scholarships.

There is also a listing of options at www.finaid.org/otheraid/undocumented.phtml

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12. ADDRESSES LISTING

Addresses for Learn to Earn, Outdoors and Environment, See the World, Be a Hero

Adult Education and Career Centers

<http://adultinstruction.org/students/index.htm>

(213) 62-LEARN

See ROP below for more info and all locations

APC - Apprenticeship Programs in California

www.calapprenticeship.org

Lists many Union apprenticeships

City of LA

Employment Opportunities
700 E. Temple Street, Rm 100
Los Angeles, CA 90012
(213) 847-9240, (213) 847-9424
LASystem@aol.com
www.lacity.org/lacity62.htm

Community Colleges Certificate Programs

www.cccco.edu/find/alphabetical
(916) 445-8752

County of LA

3333 Wilshire Blvd, Ste 100
Los Angeles, CA 90010
(213) 738-2084, (213) 738-2039
<http://dhr.lacounty.info>

Inner City Filmmakers

(310) 264-3992
innercityfilm@earthlink.net
www.innercityfilmmakers.com

Job Corps

U.S. Department of Labor
Frances Perkins Building

200 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20210
(877) US-2JOBS
<http://jobcorps.doleta.gov>

LA's BEST

Office of the Mayor
200 N. Spring Street, Suite M-120
Los Angeles, CA 90012
(213) 978-0801
www.lasbest.org

LA County Fire Department

Call this number to find training opportunities nearest you:
(323) 881-2308
www.lacofd.org

Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO
2130 W. James M. Wood Blvd

Los Angeles, CA 90006
(213) 381-5611

LA Fire Department
700 E. Temple St., Rm 150
Los Angeles, CA 90012
(213) 847-LAFD
www.cityofla.org/safety.htm
Los Angeles Urban League
3450 Mount Vernon Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90008
(323) 299-9660
www.laul.org

**Los Angeles Urban League
Automotive Training Program**
3833 South Crenshaw Blvd
Los Angeles, CA 90008
(800) 382-1358

LAUSD Career Ladder
333 South Beaudry Ave, 14th Floor
www.ropcenter.org

**SCROC - Southern California
Regional Occupational Center**
2300 Crenshaw Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90501
(310) 224-4200
www.scroc.com

**SEIU - Service Employees
International Union**
1015 Wilshire Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90017
(213) 482-6660, (800) LOCAL347
www.seiu.org
SEIU is one of the largest unions,
offering many training programs.

State of California
Go to www.ca.gov and click on "labor
and employment" for listings of local
State and Federal job opportunities

Streetlights

Los Angeles, CA 90017
(213) 241-4571
steven.brandick@lausd.net
www.certificated.lauds.k12.ca.us/ladder

**Mexican American Opportunity
Foundation**
401 N. Garfield Ave
Montebello, CA 90640
(323) 278-3691
www.maof.org/employe.html

Mt San Antonio Community College
100 Grand Ave
Walnut, CA 91789
(909) 594-5611
info@mtsac.edu
<http://aeronautics.mtsac.edu>

**North Valley Occupational Center
Aviation Center Aircraft Mechanics
Program**
Raleigh Studios
Dorothy Thompson, Director
650 N. Bronson Ave., Ste. B108
Hollywood, CA 90004
(323) 960-4540
Web: www.streetlights.org

St Joseph Center
204 Hampton Drive
Venice, CA 90291
(310) 396-6468 x301

The California Conservation Corps
4366 South Main Street
Los Angeles, CA 90037
(213) 744-2254, (800) 952-JOBS
elino@ccc.ca.gov
www.ccc.ca.gov/cccweb

TRM/DTI Service, Inc.
5325 Venice Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90019
trmservicesinfo@yahoo.com

The Aviation Center
16550 Saticoy Street
Van Nuys, CA 91406,
(818) 785-7511, (818) 365-9645
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