

ACCESS TO INDEPENDENCE



FEB. 2024 NEWSLETTER

Events

Dear Community,

We hope this message finds you well and filled with anticipation for the fantastic events lined up to empower and inspire. At Access to Independence, we are thrilled to share a sneak peek into the array of upcoming events and programs that are designed to enhance your experience and foster a sense of community.

To stay in the loop, we encourage you to visit our Access to Independence website and explore the "Events" tab. There, you'll find a comprehensive schedule for each month, detailing the exciting happenings that await. Whether you're passionate about community outreach, professional development, or simply looking for ways to connect with like-minded individuals, our events cater to a diverse range of interests.

To make your experience even more enriching, each event listing will include essential details such as time, location, and a brief overview of what to expect. We've also made it easy for you to reach out for more information – the contact details of the designated person or team will be readily available, ensuring you have all the support you need. So, mark your calendars and get ready to embark on a journey of learning, networking, and fun! Your active participation plays a pivotal role in making these events truly memorable, and we can't wait to see you there.

Thank you for being an integral part of the Access to Independence community. Together, let's embrace the opportunities that lie ahead and continue to build a supportive and thriving community!

Medi-Cal Renewals

Keep yourself and your family covered.



Free! Medi-Cal Application and Renewal Assistance



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San Diego, CA 92108

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Imperial Valley
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Medi-Cal Renovaciones
Protéjase usted y proteja a su familia.



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Keep your family covered.



Update your contact information so Medi-Cal can reach you when it's time to renew.

Medi-Cal renewals happen every year.

Keep your information up to date.



WE'RE HIRING

Are you ready to be part of something extraordinary? We are thrilled to announce that our wonderful organization is expanding, and we are on the lookout for passionate individuals to join our dynamic team!

Now Hiring:

1. **Program Manager (Location: Hawaii)**
2. **Long-Term Services and Supports Coordinator (Location: Hawaii)**
3. **Information and Assistance Coordinator (Locations: Escondido, CA, and Hawaii)**
4. **Community Organizing Coordinator (Locations: El Centro and San Diego)**

Why Join Us? At Access to Independence, we take pride in fostering a positive and collaborative work environment. Our team is not just colleagues; we are a family that supports and uplifts one another. By joining us, you'll become an integral part of an organization dedicated to making a meaningful impact on the lives of those we serve.

Benefits:

- Competitive salary
- Comprehensive health and wellness benefits
- Opportunities for professional development
- A supportive and inclusive workplace culture
- The chance to contribute to impactful programs and initiatives

How to Apply: Ready to take the next step in your career? You can apply for these exciting opportunities in two simple ways:

- Visit our Indeed job postings.
- Email your resume to jobs@accesstoindependence.org.

Don't miss the chance to be part of our incredible journey! We encourage candidates from diverse backgrounds to apply. Help us continue making a difference in the communities we serve.

If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to reach out to us at accessmedia@accesstoindependence.org

Join us in shaping a brighter future! We look forward to welcoming new members to our fantastic team.

TAX SEASON IS HERE!

AARP Tax Aid will be providing free tax assistance services in the Imperial Valley! Our team will be on hand to help you navigate through the tax preparation process, ensuring a stress-free experience for you.

Location: OPOP 230 S 5th St, El Centro

Days and Times: Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Service Details:

- Walk-ins are welcome!
- Appointments can be made by leaving a message at 760-353-2801.
- Someone from our team will promptly return your call.

Start Date: Beginning February 6th, our dedicated volunteers will be ready to assist you with your tax preparation needs.

Whether you have questions about deductions, need assistance with electronic filing, or simply want to ensure you're getting the maximum refund, the AARP Tax Aid team is here for you.

Take advantage of this valuable service and let us make your tax season a breeze. Don't forget to spread the word to friends and family who may benefit from this resource.





IMPERIAL COUNTY AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER (ADRC)

Connecting seniors, people with disabilities and caregivers with long-term care services and supports


We can assist you with:

- **Counseling Options**
- **Information & Assistance**
- **Transition**
- **Service Coordination**

We help seniors and people with disabilities find the support and care they need to live as independently as possible.



Se Habla Español

 **760-332-3213**

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*Conectando a personas mayores,
personas con discapacidad y
cuidadores a servicios de cuidados
alargo plazo y apoyo.*


Podemos ayudarle con:

- *Opciones de asesoramiento*
- *Información y asistencia*
- *Servicios de Transición*
- *Coordinación de servicios*

*Ayudamos a las personas
mayores y discapacitadas a
encontrar el apoyo y la atención
que necesitan para vivir de la
forma más independiente posible.*



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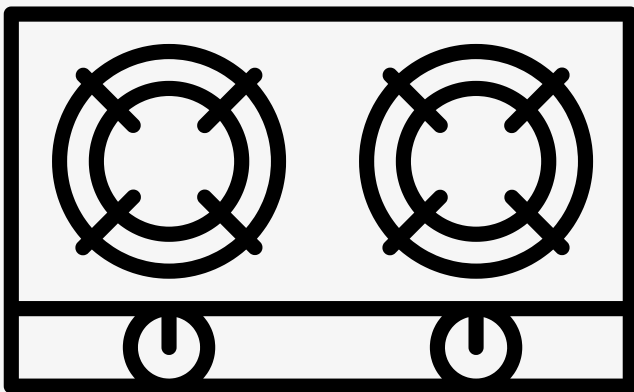
SCHEDULE A FREE GAS APPLIANCES SAFETY CHECK THROUGH SDG&E

In the colder months, the use of natural gas appliances like water heaters, furnaces and ovens can go up. Schedule a free gas appliance check with SDG&E to make sure your appliances are working properly and efficiently to help keep gas bills lower. Getting your appliances inspected is a great way to help prevent carbon monoxide poisoning too.

One of SDG&E's gas technicians will come to your home or business to inspect your natural gas appliances. There are several complimentary services:

1. Light and inspect gas pilot lights. Make sure pilot lights and burner flames are a clear blue.
2. Check that gas appliances are operating safely and efficiently and not emitting carbon monoxide.
3. Ensure gas furnaces are working properly and inspect the condition of the filter which improves the furnace's heating ability.

Visit sdge.com/GasCheck for details. You can schedule your appointment at sdge.com/MyAccount or on SDG&E's [mobile app](#). When in My Account, select "Services," "Services Overview" then "Gas Appliances Check." If you're in the app, select the "More" tab. From "Services," select "Gas Appliances Check." If you are an NEM customer, make sure to select your gas account before scheduling an appointment.



Access to Independence is seeking your input!

If you are between the ages of 14-24 and have a disability or you are a parent of a child with a disability, we want to hear from you! Your feedback will help us improve our Youth Program to benefit our community in a meaningful way. For San Diego residents, visit:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YouthandParentYouthSurvey2022TYR57K6> to complete a brief survey.

For Hawaii residents, visit:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HawaiiYouthSurvey2022CQDL5NK>

Access to Independence is Hiring!

Open positions: Independent Living Assistive Technology Coordinator Mission Valley, Program Manager Mission Valley, and Transition & Diversion Escondido Branch.

To apply, send your resume to jobs@accesstoindpendence.org

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