

EMPLOYMENT & ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY RESOURCE FAIR

FREE ENTRY

Join us to celebrate and bring awareness to Disability & Employment Awareness month! Learn about different assistive technologies and local resources available in the community! There will be informational booths and resource tables from other organizations/agencies and employers and job seekers.

♦ **OCTOBER 25, 2023**
9 AM – 12 PM

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
2895 S. FOURTH STREET, EL CENTRO,
CA92243



Don't miss this opportunity to jumpstart your career! We look forward to seeing you.



For more info:

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Upcoming Events

Escondido Branch

Event #1: Benefits Counseling Program

Description: Join us and learn about how to seek and apply for benefits as well as how to self-advocate for yourself! Learn all about the application process for Social Security, CalFresh, Utilities, Section 8, In-Home Services and Supports (IHSS), Public Transportation and Healthcare!

Date: Contact Vivian for date!

Time: Contact Vivian for time!

Location: 235 W. 5th Ave. Suite 110, Escondido, CA 92025

Contact: Vivian Radam, LTSS, 619-704-2435, vradam@accesstoindpendence.org

Event #2: Adaptive Sports & Recreation

Description: You are invited to join Access to Independence in our new Adaptive Sports & Recreation program! Come get involved in our wheelchair sports that include basketball, rugby, and power soccer!

Date: Fridays and Sundays - Wheelchair Sports Open Gym

Time: Friday from 1:30 - 3:30 PM and Sunday from 10 AM - 12 PM

Location: Junior Seau Beach Community Center, 300 North Stand, Oceanside, CA 920254

Contact: Hermes Castro- (619)704-2058, hcastro@accesstoindpendence.org

Event #3: Emergency Preparedness

Description: Are you prepared for when an emergency strikes? You are invited to participate in our Emergency Preparedness training to develop an emergency plan for how you will evacuate and/or shelter in place during a natural disaster such as a fire, earthquake, or another pandemic!

Date: Every 2nd Tuesday of the Month

Time: 1 PM

Location: 235 W. 5th Avenue Suite 110 Escondido CA 92025

Contact: Vivian Radam, ILSC, 619-704-2435, vradam@accesstoindpendence.org

Event #5: Transition & Diversion

Description: Are you ready to transition out of a residential medical institution into your own independent home? This program is for you! Let Access to Independence advocate beside you in order to transition into your community successfully!

Date: Call to schedule an appointment!

Time: Call today

Location: 235 W. 5th Ave Suite 110, Escondido, CA 92025

Contact: Suly Jimenez, Transition & Diversion Coordinator, 760-704-2058
sjimenez@accesstoindpendence.org

Upcoming Events

Escondido Branch

Event #6: Disability Support Group

Description: Our Disability Support Group aims to provide a platform for people living with disabilities to engage around different topics related to coping, overcoming hurdles, and sharing both positive and negative experiences. We invite our consumers to engage with us in a non-judgmental virtual atmosphere to enjoy a meaningful interaction with a diverse group of individuals!

Date: Every Last Friday of the Month

Time: 1 PM - 2 PM PST

Location: 235 W. 5th Ave. Suite 110, Escondido CA 92025

Contact: Vivian Radam, ILSC, (619) 704-2435, vradam@accesstoindpendence.org

Event #7: Voting Advocacy

Description: Join us and get information on voting registration, ensure that your voting location is fully accessible, learn about absentee ballot procedures and MORE!!

Date: Every 3rd Thursday of the Month

Time: 1:30 pm-2:30 pm PST

Location: 235 W. 5th Ave. Suite 110, Escondido, CA 92025

Contact: Suly Jimenez, Transition & Diversion Coordinator, 760-704-2058, sjimenez@accesstiondependence.org

Event #8: Day Habilitation

Description: Join us for the first workshop in our Day Habilitation series. This workshop to learn to identify conflict and different styles of resolving it when communicating with landlords, employers, friends, family and more.

Date: Every 3rd Wednesday of the Month

Time: 1 - 3 PM

Location: 235 W. 5th Ave. Suite 110, Escondido, CA 92025

Contact: Vivian Radam, ILSC, 619-704-2435, Vradam@accesstoindpendence.org

Upcoming Events

Imperial Valley Branch

Event #1: Employment & Assistive Technology Resource Fair

Description: Join us to celebrate and bring awareness to Disability & Employment Awareness month! Learn about different assistive technologies and local resources available in the community! There will be informational booths and resource tables from other organizations/agencies and employers and job seekers.

Date: 10/25/2023

Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM PST

Location: Department of Social Services. 2895 S. Fourth St. El Centro, CA 92243

Contact: Judith Brown, LTSS Coordinator, 760-618-0467, jbrown@accesstoindependence.org.

Susana Garcia, Transition & Diversion Coordinator, 760-965-4199,
sgarcia@accesstoindependence.org



Access to independence provides 40 families who have received our services with a care basket for the holiday season. A \$50 donation will provide a family of 4 with a complete holiday meal but any donation will help us reach our goal of \$2000.

Please make your donations out to:

8885 Rio San Diego Dr. Suite 135 San Diego, CA 92108
(619) 293-3500

Your gift is tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by the law.

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WE'RE HIRING

ACCESS TO INDEPENDENCE

PROGRAM MANAGER

Program Manager - Hawaii

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The Program Manager at Access to Independence is responsible for handling several programs and all program-related projects to ensure that they are in line with the stated goal(s) of the branch and organization. Goals include local and state-wide systemic issues. For this purpose, the Program Manager must be aware of local and statewide issues that affect people with disabilities, have the capacity to organize, train consumers on effective organizing practices, and affect change through demonstrable outcomes. The Program Manager provides quality control for the organization's programs through methods that include supervising and training staff and volunteers, monitoring program activities, and ensuring intended outcomes are met. The Program Manager is the front-line representative of the branch they manage, develops strong relationships with local leaders, reports on new trends and local and statewide funding resources that will benefit the local branch. The Program Manager supports the organization's strategic direction and manages short and long-term goals. The Program Manager directly supervises and evaluates the performance of branch staff. Program Managers must be analytical about systemic issues, must demonstrate excellent communication and interpersonal skills to communicate problems and potential solutions. The Program Manager works collaboratively with the Director of Programs in the development of all new programs that includes elements of grant writing, fundraising, and data analysis relevant to the needs of all branch programs.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in a social service field
- 5 years management experience
- 3-5 years working for a non-profit charitable organization
- Proven fundraising experience
- Proven stakeholder engagement
- Competency in Microsoft applications using Word, Excel, and Outlook

WE ARE HIRING

More Open Positions!

We will be posting several more open positions within the next couple of weeks. Visit our website at

www.accesstoindependence.org, under the menu, click on 'Careers' to view a list of our open positions and their job descriptions. To apply, send your resume to jobs@accesstoindependence.org



Quote

“The secret to a successful hire is this: look for the people who want to change the world”

- Marc Benioff



REV UP YOUR CURIOSITY AT THE SAN DIEGO ELECTRIC VEHICLE DAY EVENT

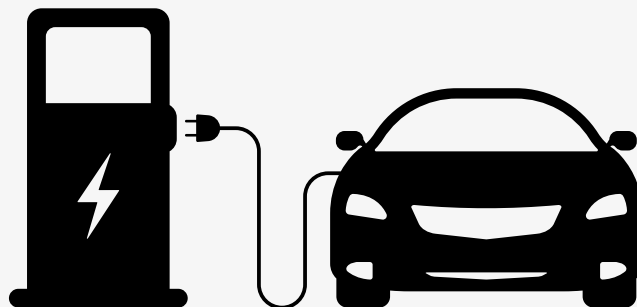
Are you eager to explore the latest electric vehicle (EV) models and their impressive features? The 11th annual San Diego Electric Vehicle Day event features test drives of the newest EVs, a showcase of electric vehicles, good food and family entertainment. Get ready for an electrifying experience!

This year's event is set to make history as the largest of its kind in the region, offering a lineup of over 50 EVs for test drives and exhibition. The new venue at Snapdragon Stadium provides significantly more space than the previous location ensuring ample room for test drives, vehicle displays and a host of family-friendly activities. Join us for an unforgettable day of EV exploration.

Date and Time: Saturday, October 14th, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Location: Snapdragon Stadium, 2101 Stadium Way, San Diego, CA 92108

Admission: Free



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: Long-Term Supports & Services Coordinator - Imperial Valley

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

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