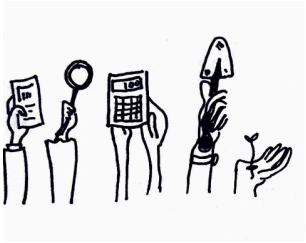
Project YANO

Project on Youth & Non-Military Opportunities



Alternative Training and Job Placement Resources

Region: San Diego County, California

Information on choices students have for education, training and potential job opportunities that are varied and can align with their distinct passions. Last revised Sep 2026.

I. California Conservation Corps

The California Conservation Corps is a workforce development program that offers young men and women, ages 18 to 25, the chance to serve their state and become employable citizens through life skills training and hard work in environmental conservation, fire protection, and emergency response. Benefits include scholarship money, GED program, and health coverage. http://www.ccc.ca.gov/

- San Diego County Office: 401 W. 35th St., Suite A, National City, CA 91950
- (619)-409-4382

II. State of CA Employment Development Department

A website providing labor market information for job seekers on wages, training/apprenticeships, job directory, resume building, and benefits. http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/customers/job-seekers.html

III. On-the-Job Training

A site that provides labor information and training videos for those seeking employment, ranging from technical training resources to career pathway information. https://ojt.com/

IV. Community College & Vocational Education Programs

These programs offer more than 300 career education certificate and degree programs across San Diego County. They include hands-on training while building the comprehensive skillsets needed for success in the jobs of today and well into the future.

- **Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District (GCCCD)**
  8800 Grossmont College Drive,
  El Cajon, CA 92020
  (619) 644-7010
  http://www.gcccd.edu

- **Palomar College**
  1140 West Mission Road,
  San Marcos, CA 92069
  (760) 744-1150
  http://www.palomar.edu

- **Cuyamaca College**
  900 Rancho San Diego Parkway,
  El Cajon, California 92019
  (619) 660-4000
  http://www.cuyamaca.edu

- **Grossmont College**
  8800 Grossmont College Drive,
  El Cajon, CA 92020
  (619) 644-7000
  http://www.grossmont.edu

- **Mira Costa College (see campuses below)**
  http://www.miracosta.edu

  - **Oceanside Campus**
    1 Barnard Drive,
    Oceanside, CA 92056
    (760) 757-2121 or (888) 201-8480

  - **San Elijo Campus**
    3333 Manchester Avenue,
    Cardiff, CA 92007
    (760) 944-4449 or (888) 201-8480

  - **Technology Career Institute Campus**
    2075 Las Palmas Drive,
    Carlsbad, CA 92011
    (760) 795-6820 or (888) 201-8480

- **San Diego Community College District (SDCCD, see campuses below)**
  3375 Camino Del Rio South, San Diego, CA 92108
  (619) 388-6500
  http://www.sdccd.edu

  - **San Diego City College**
    1313 Park Boulevard, San Diego, CA 92101-4787
    (619) 388-3400
    http://www.sdcity.edu

  - **San Diego Mesa College**
    7250 Mesa College Drive, San Diego, California 92111-4998
    (619) 388-2600 or (858) 627-2600
    http://www.sdmesa.edu

  - **San Diego Miramar College**
    10440 Black Mountain Road, San Diego, CA 92126-2999
    (619) 388-7800
    http://www.sdmiramar.edu

- **Southwestern College**
  900 Otay Lakes Road, Chula Vista, CA 91910-7297
  (619) 421-6700
  http://www.swccd.edu

V. Continuing Education San Diego Community College District (SDCCD)

A multicultural institution composed of non-credit continuing education campuses that share a commitment to access and excellence. Their webpage reads, “San Diego Continuing Education commits to student success and community enrichment by providing accessible, equitable, and innovative quality education and support services to diverse adult learners in pursuit of lifelong learning, training, career advancement, and pathways to college.” https://www.sdcce.edu

- **Harbor View Campus**
  1901 Main Street, San Diego, CA 92113
  (619) 388-1910

- **Educational Cultural Complex (ECC)**
  4343 Ocean View Blvd.,
  San Diego, CA 92113
  (619) 388-4956

- **CE at Mesa College**

- **North City Campus**
  8355 Aero Dr., San Diego, CA 92123
  (619) 388-1800

- **West City Point Loma Campus**
  3249 Fordham St., San Diego, CA 92110
  (619) 388-1873

- **Continuing Education Miramar Campus**
  10440 Black Mountain Road, Building A100

7350 Armstrong Place, San Diego, CA 92111
(619) 388-1950

- **Mid-City Campus**
  3792 Fairmount Ave., San Diego, CA 92105
  (619) 388-4500

San Diego, CA 92126
619-388-7825

VI. San Diego Job Corps Center

A no-cost education and vocational training program administered by the U.S. Department of Labor 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 HSE, and get help finding a good job. When you join the program, you will be paid a living allowance and be provided health care. Job Corps provides transition support when members graduate, plus job placement assistance for up to 6 months after they graduate. http://sandiego.jobcorps.gov (the San Diego Job Corps site) https://www.jobcorps.gov/about (Job Corps National & Regional)

- 1325 Iris Avenue, Imperial Beach, CA 91932
- (800) 733-5627

VII. AmeriCorps

Each year, AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps) offers thousands of opportunities for adults of all ages and backgrounds to serve through a network of partnerships with local and national nonprofit groups. Whether your service makes a community safer, gives a child a second chance, or helps protect the environment, you'll be getting things done through AmeriCorps! Members receive a living allowance, federal student loan deferment, and limited medical benefits. Upon service completion, participants are eligible for an award roughly equal to the maximum Pell Grant (up to $7,395 in 2026) to pay for college or educational training. https://www.americorps.gov

VIII. San Diego Workforce Partnership, Inc.

The San Diego Workforce Partnership creates opportunity through work, supporting job seekers and businesses with a robust suite of resources and services. http://workforce.org

- Job seeker services: (619) 319-9675 or hello@workforce.org

The following Career Center locations are from the S.D. Workforce Partnership, Inc. website September 2026. For walk-in hours, visit https://workforce.org/career-centers/

- **East County Career Center**
  Located in the PCG building, 151 Van Houten Ave., El Cajon, CA 92020
  Accepting walk-ins
- **North County Coastal Career Center**
  Located in North Coastal Live Well Center, 3708 Ocean Ranch Rd.,
  Oceanside, CA 92056
  Providing Virtual Services, By Appointment only
- **Metro Career Center**
  4389 Imperial Ave., San Diego, CA 92113
  Accepting walk-ins
- **South Bay Career Center**
  333 H St., Suite 1055
  Chula Vista, CA 91910
  Accepting walk-ins

IX. ACCESS, Inc.

ACCESS strives to help youths ages 17-24, who are out of school and at risk, further their educational and vocational goals as well as explore career options through internships and employment.
https://www.access2jobs.org

- 205 National City Blvd, National City, CA 91950
- (858) 560-0871 or info@access2jobs.org

X. Additional programs and directories

Career plans and resource programs specifically designed for youths

- USA Jobs
  http://www.usajobs.gov/StudentsAndGrads
- Young Workers
  https://youngworkers.org
- US Department of Labor
  - My Next Move
    https://www.mynextmove.org/
  - O*NET Interest Profiler
    https://onetinterestprofiler.org/

Internships

- California Academy of Sciences
  https://www.calacademy.org/paid-internships
- Browse Jobs, Salary Tools, Career Advice, Resume Writing Services, search internships.
  http://www.monster.com/

Apprenticeships

- US Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration
  http://www.dol.gov/apprenticeship/
- US Nationwide Apprenticeship Finder
  https://www.apprenticeship.gov/apprenticeship-job-finder
- Apprenticeship Training Resources
  https://www.khake.com/page58.html
- CA Department of Industrial Relations: Click on the “Apprenticeship” tap on home page
  http://www.dir.ca.gov/das
- San Diego City College Apprenticeship Programs
  http://sdcity.edu/academics/schools-programs/business-it-cosmo/apprenticeships.aspx

Careers in Peacemaking & Social Change

- Peaceful Careers http://peacefulcareers.org