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GREAT PATHS TO YOUR FUTURE



This booklet lists lots of ways to get the advice, education and experience you need to find and keep rewarding, exciting, and well-paid jobs and careers.

This information is meant to help you get started. Once you get into it, we think you will find even more options that we have not listed here. If possible, be sure to see a career adviser at your high school, college, or adult school. Many local community service centers also offer career counseling (see page 13).

This new, 4th edition of **GREAT CAREERS** features an extended section on apprenticeships programs, as well as many other newly-discovered opportunities. 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 (see pages 5+).

The Internet is a tool that will lead you to many, many opportunities. New choices come up every day! The public library is a great place to start. Most branches now offer free classes on how to use the Internet, as well as free Internet access. Most of the community organizations listed offer free Internet access and help, too.

If you know of a good education, career, or personal development opportunity that is not listed here, please let us know so that others will be able to find positive ways to transform their lives. Our contact information is on the back page.

Remember: It is not necessary to know or decide "right now" what you want to do with your whole life! Joining any of the programs listed below does not mean a lifetime commitment. Most of these opportunities do not require years of education and training. Many are short-term programs that will help you to support yourself while you get work skills and life experience. While you are working and learning, you'll find out what is important for you in a job, and what you really want from life. You will also be able to save money for college or other higher education.

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1. LEARN TO EARN

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 25.

Be sure to check out the special section on **apprenticeship programs** on page 3. 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, Job Corps, L.A. Urban League, Adult Education and Career Centers, ROP, SCROC, Mt. San Antonio Community College

(See page 25 for addresses and phone numbers)

Check it out: The Aviation Center
16550 Saticoy Street, Van Nuys, CA 91406,
(818) 785-7511 or (818) 365-9645, amtschool@aol.com

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

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

(See page 25 for addresses and phone numbers)

Barber—Cosmetologist

Community College Certificate Programs, Adult Education and Career Centers/ROP, (See page 25 for addresses and phone numbers); see apprenticeship listing on pages 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

(See page 25 for addresses and phone numbers; see also apprenticeship listing on pages 5-8)

Chef/Cook

Culinary (cooking) arts

Training Institutions: APC, Adult Education and Career Centers, ROP, SCROC, St. Joseph Center, Job Corps, Community College Certificate Programs

(See page 25 for addresses and phone numbers; see also apprenticeship listing on pages 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

(See page 25 for addresses and phone numbers)

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

(See page 25 for addresses and phone numbers)

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 (See page 25 for addresses and phone numbers; see also apprenticeship listing on page 7)

Medicine & Health

Nursing, sports therapy, medical office administration, paramedics, emergency medical technician, cosmetology

Training Institutions: Job Corps, LA County, LASD, Adult Education and Career Centers, ROP, SCROC, SEIU, YMCA, Community colleges certificate programs. (See page 25 for addresses and phone numbers)

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

(See page 25 for addresses and phone numbers)

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

(See page 25 for addresses and phone numbers; see also apprenticeship listing on page 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

(See page 25 for addresses and phone numbers)

*** NEW!****Inner-City Filmmakers**

Since 1993 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 more information call (310) 264-3392, innercityfilm@earthlink.net.

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, 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. See the Job Corps website at www.jobcorps.doleta.gov.

*** NEW!****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.

- 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

*** NEW!**

Los Angeles Youth Opportunities

“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:

Stand & Deliver

- Provides an inside track to health careers
- Allows you to take a step toward earning a rewarding career
- Helps you secure a better future for you and your family

During training, Stand & Deliver enrollees will be

- Exposed to healthcare occupations
- Assigned a mentor who works in healthcare
- Gain experience working in a hospital
- Assessed on healthcare career track
- Given technical assistance toward developing a professional portfolio
- 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.

Contacts:

(323) 266-7574 (East LA), contact person: Erica Palencia
(323) 971-7640 (South LA), contact person: Montely Wilson
(818) 361-1655 (Valley), contact person: Michael Lapid
www.layo.org/standdeliver.html

*** NEW!**

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 to YWS youth are:

- 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. 569. Corporations interested in participating in our internship program, please contact Director of Youth Workforce Services, Mario Prietto at mprietto@paralosninos.org.

For more details about Services available to youth through W.I.A., please visit www.lacity.org/wib.

Para Los Niños Headquarters, 500 Lucas Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90017, (213) 2504800, info@paralosninos.org

*** NEW!**

STREETLIGHTS

is a 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.

High School seniors that have excelled in shop classes 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.

Also available: careers in secretarial, office organization/management, promotion and phone work with considerable upside potential in the company. (Needs to have good typing and computer skills.)

Gabriel Marsh, (310) 936-7865, trmservicesinfo@yahoo.com, Todd Marsh, (310) 722-0112, toddmarsh@dtienergy.com
5325 Venice Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90019

Workplace Hollywood

Your start in the entertainment industries! Workplace Hollywood funds training delivered by non-profit service providers, and community colleges. It links the graduates of these programs to entry-level jobs leading to careers.

The programs are taught by working industry professionals to produce highly qualified and skilled individuals. The initial employment areas that Workplace Hollywood is focused on include paid high school and college internships, entry-level jobs and management positions.

1201 W. 5th Street, Ste T-550, Los Angeles, CA 90017, (213) 250-9921, ssimpsons@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.
www.ymca.net/employment, (213) 624-2348.

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.

2. 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 craftsperson or "journey person."
- 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 which are assigned to the Los Angeles and the Orange County Division of Apprenticeship Standards.

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) 5710449

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

San Bernardino and Riverside Counties
Barbers JAC
673 W. 5th Street
San Bernardino, CA 92401
(951) 371-7542

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) 744-3705

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

Chief of Party

(See Chainman)

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

LOS ANGELES/VENTURA CHAPTER

15854 Strathem St.
Van Nuys. CA 91406
(818) 908-6450

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, (818) 769-0007

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

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

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

Riverside Area Electrical JAC
1655 E Riverview Dr
San Bernardino, CA 91408
(909) 796-9340

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) 449-1869

**(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) 238-5050

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

CALIFORNIA MILLWRIGHT & MACHINERY
ERECTORS 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
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ENGINEERING APPRENTICESHIP
& TRAINING TRUST
2501 W. Third Street
Los Angeles, CA 90057
(213) 385-2889 x112

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
OPERATING ENGINEERS JAC
2190 S. Pellisier Place
Whittier, CA 90601
(562) 696-0611

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

LONG BEACH PLUMBERS JATC
1246 Locust Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90313
(562) 436-1082

Orange County Plumbers and
Steamfitters
3904 W. First Street
Santa Ana, CA 92703
(714) 775-5563

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

SHEET METAL WORKER

Orange-Inland JAC
11751 Monarch Street
Garden Grove, CA 92841
(714) 901-3281

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

**SOUND TECHNICIAN
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS
INSTALLER**

Riverside, San Bernardino, Mono and Inyo
Counties Sound Technician JAC
1655 East Riverside Drive
San Bernardino, CA 92408
(909) 796-9340

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

**TOOL & DIE MAKER
MAINTENANCE MECHANIC
MAINTENANCE ELECTRICIAN**

THE HON COMPANY
2323 E. FIRESTONE BLVD
South Gate, CA 90280
(213) 586-3278

You can find **additional apprenticeship programs** through labor unions in various trades in California. Check out www.unionjobs.com/trade.

*** NEW!** 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.cfm.

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. Visit: <http://adultinstruction.org/students/programs/apprenticeship/index.htm>, or call Anne Brophy at (213) 745-4451 for more information.

To view an alphabetical listing of crafts posting TRADES & APPRENTICESHIP Announcements nationwide go to www.unionjobs.com/alphalist

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.org

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.

Contacts: Ben Cone, (213) 316-2109; Nestor Barrero, (818) 777-3007; Scott Lichtig, Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP, (213) 680-5047; and www.crf-usa.org/internship/general_info.htm

3. OUTDOORS & ENVIRONMENT

Agriculture/Working with Animals

Growing food, plants, animal care.

Training Institutions: California Conservation Corps, Adult Education and Career Centers, ROP, SCROC, TRM Community College Certificate Programs. (See page 25 for addresses and phone numbers)

*** NEW!**

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. Alternative Farming Systems Information Center National Agricultural Library <http://afsic.nal.usda.gov>.

*** NEW!**

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 o www.artscorpsla.org.

*** NEW!**

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. ECO's book, "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. Go to www.eco.org, click on "Publications," and then click "Read it on-line."

*** NEW!**

Green Jobs

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

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, TRM Community College Certificate Programs. (See page 25 for addresses and phone numbers)

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, info@northeasttrees.org

*** NEW!**

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.

<http://sierraclub.org/youth/intro>

1414 K St, Suite 500, Sacramento CA 95814, (916) 557-1100 x116, amit.rana@sierraclub.org

Sierra Student Coalition- "Student-Run Arm of the Sierra Club"

SSC Summer Programs:

The SSC's Student Environmental Leadership Trainings, led by the nation's top student organizers, are week-long sessions where you'll learn to develop effective groups and tackle serious environmental issues. By the end of the week, you'll be prepared to take what you have learned and put it into action on campus and in your community!

Here's what you'll learn:

- ORGANIZING 101
- CAMPAIGN PLANNING
- COMMUNICATION SKILLS
- GUEST SPEAKERS

Building Bridges to the Outdoors Environmental Youth Leadership Trainings

Check <http://sierraclub.org/youth/intro.asp> 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 (see below). However, these two programs are restricted to students 18 and over; preference will be given to local and minority youth.

*** NEW!**

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 to urban 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

TreePeople's Teen Leadership Program:

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 Internships are available in all 50 states. Conservation Corps Interns 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.

Jay Watson, 655 13th Street Ste 100, Oakland, CA 94612, (510) 832-1966, www.thesca.org/conservation_careers

*** NEW!**

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.

*** NEW!**

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 at ArtShare L.A.
- 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

For more information contact LANLT at (213) 572-0188, www.lanlt.org
Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust, 315 W. 9th Street 1002 Los Angeles, CA 90015, tburman@lanlt.org

4. 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 (See page 25 for addresses and phone numbers; see page 2 under Aviation for more information)

Trains/Ships

Railway jobs, careers on boats/ships

Training Institutions: APC, Adult Education and Career Centers, ROP, SCROC, Community College Certificate Programs, Job Corps (See page 25 for addresses and phone numbers)

Truck Driver

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

(See page 25 for addresses and phone numbers)

Helping People Around the World

1. SCI-LTV USA International Volunteer Service www.sciint.org
2. AFS-USA Intercultural Programs www.afs.org/usa
3. Operation Crossroads Africa www.operationcrossroadsafrica.org
4. Program of Global Studies LIU 718 780-4320
5. Outward Bound (for those seeking a physical and mental challenge) www.outwardbound.org. For example, go to a beautiful island nation like Sri Lanka and build schools. They help low-income volunteers cover expenses.

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.

5. BE A HERO

Firefighter

Training Institutions: L.A. City and County Fire Departments

(See page 25 for addresses and phone numbers)

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
- * Wildland Fire Skills:
 - o Map Reading and Compass Use
 - o Communications and Radio Use
 - o Handtool Use
 - o Fire Shelters and Entrapment Avoidance
 - o Weather Observations
 - o Human Factors
 - o Tactical Decision Making, Sandtable Exercise

California Geographic Area Interagency Wildland Fire Training program: <http://nationalfiretraining.net/ca/catrain>.

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

For more information contact:

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

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

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

Lifeguard/Rescue Swimmer

City of Los Angeles:

www.laparks.org/dos/aquatic/lifeguard_training.htm and (888) LA-PARKS

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.

County of Los Angeles:

www.lacoafd.org/Lifeguards, (310) 939-7200, 2300 Ocean Front Walk, Venice, CA 90291

Chief Lifeguard: Mike Frazer, Assistant Chief: Phil Topar

The Los Angeles County Lifeguard Service employs 132 year-round lifeguards (chiefs, captains and ocean lifeguard specialists) and over 650 hundred seasonal lifeguards (recurrents). 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 Los Angeles County Lifeguard Service's responsibilities include:

- * 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.

Los Angeles Trade Tech College Aquatics Certificate 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 LATTTC Admissions and Records Office located in building R-102. Call (213) 763-5300 or visit www.latttc.edu for more information.

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

(See page 25 for addresses and phone numbers)

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. www.lacofd.org/EMS

Special Ops

www.lacofd.org/SpecialOps

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.

6. 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. Call to check.

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. Try it, it's fun! 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

*** NEW!**

Backdoor Jobs

This web site lists many summer and short term jobs in various fields. A great way to try a new career. Visit 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 for all the info.

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.

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. Website: www.cityofla.org/PIC (includes links to employment websites throughout the nation)

Phone: 800-FOR-A-JOB (for 310, 213 and 818 area codes only)

EDD Job Search Workshops

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

Orange County One-Stop Career Centers

- Orange County Youth Center North: 1811 W. La Habra Blvd., La Habra, CA 90631, (562) 905-7076
- South Orange County Regional One-Stop: 23456 Madero St., Suite 150, Mission Viejo, CA 92691, (949) 588-3915

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) 450-9095
- 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 91204 (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: www.ywca.org, (213) 365-2991.

STARTING YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Get help from these local sources:

California Small Business Development Centers

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

YOUTH-ORIENTED OPPORTUNITIES/PROGRAMS

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: www.lacity.org/cdd/you_index.html, (213) 629-5800

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

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/jsrep/jsloc.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.longbeachworkforce.org, www.longbeach.gov/cd/workforce/youth_opportunities

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 YO! Site at www.layo.org or go to www.layo.org/contact.html to find local neighborhood contact phone numbers. See this webpage for info about a great college research and reading center they have in East LA: www.layo.org/bhccprp.html

7. CREATIVE ARTS

*** NEW!**

ArtsCorpsLA

Over the last ten years ARTScorpsLA 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

*** NEW!**

Art Share LA

801 East 4th Pl., Los Angeles, CA 90013, (213) 687-4278

Art Share's mission is to shape lives through art, education and community action. Art Share offers free art classes with incredibly talented artists. Art Share's current programming includes:

- **GIFT (Gang Intervention for Teens)**

... to help rehabilitate troubled youth and give them an alternative to gang involvement...Upon completion of the first part of the program the students then "graduate" into an art program. The classes...include: an intensive creative writing workshop where a book is published upon completion; a theater class where they write, rehearse and perform an original play the create, completing a mural or large scale art project in their community; photography and a film class where the goal is to complete a film on a topic relevant to their day to day lives such as racism. English teachers, art specialists, mentors, tutors, social workers, case managers, and probation officers all work hand in hand to help elevate the lives of our students.

- **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. All of the classes are conducted by certified English teachers and talented art professionals.

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

F.A.C.T. (Families And Communities Together) 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 Los Angeles area and are the parents of youth ages 12-20, please contact Ricardo Perez at (213) 687-4278

- **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.

*** NEW!**

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

8. CHANGE YOUR LIFE

Tattoo Removal: See listing of Homies Unidos, Homeboy Industries, CleanSlate on the following pages.

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

It is the mission of CleanSlate to assist in the healing of gang and non-gang members both externally and internally. We want 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. Contact Marianne Diaz, Director & Founder Gang Recovery & Tattoo Removal Program, at (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 for 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. By integrating their work site training with academic studies, Corps members are better equipped to secure a job and advance in their future workplaces.

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 and visit 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 and email: schoolcontest@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. Contact www.nclr.org/content/programs, (800) 731-0002.

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/C/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)

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

*** NEW!**

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 hasn't spread 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 talkline, 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.trodders.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
357 S. Westlake Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90057
(213) 413-2311

Behavioral Health Services, Inc.
3421 East Olympic Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA
(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
Women
(213) 626-3393

National Youth Crisis Hotline
Teenline
(800) 639-6095

FOSTER YOUTH –INDEPENDENT LIVING

LA County Foster Youth 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 Berisha Black at (626) 229-3829, BlackBB@dcsf.co.la.ca.us, www.ilponline.org

9. 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 and email: 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.

American Friends Service Committee

634 S Spring St, 3rd Fl, Los Angeles, CA 90014, losangeles@afsc.org, www.afsc.org/losangeles, (213) 389-1900

AmeriCorps: Are you up to the challenge?

Do something special, something unique, something exciting.

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.**

Contact www.americorps.org, (800) 942-2677.

*** NEW!**

Boojum Institute at Joshua Tree

The Boojum Institute offers four major types of programs:

- Outdoor Education courses for public and independent school students
- Leadership skills training and organizational development programs for youth and adults, including retreats and Challenge Course events
- Adventure Challenge Program courses for urban and rural youth at-risk populations
- Challenge Course (also known as Ropes Course) programs for groups pursuing individual development or team bonding

The Adventure Challenge Program for Youth At-Risk...provides an environment in which at-risk youth can build the healthy social skills that are critical in the development of their personal, academic and career potential. The primary objectives of the Program are to address barriers to achievement through group and individual exploration and to involve students in dynamic activities that help build self-confidence and self-esteem. We hope to infuse the students with a sense of their roles as productive and supportive adults within their communities.

www.boojum.org/contact_us, (760) 228-2311, P. O. Box 711, Pioneertown, CA 92268, info@boojum.org;

employment: employment@boojum.org

*** NEW!**

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/cfj_main

*** NEW!**

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.

Coalition Against Militarism In Our Schools

If you like this booklet, you'll like CAMS. CAMS promotes 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, and our Adopt A School Project. See our web site, email or call for more 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

You Can Make a Difference!

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:

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

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 school 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, layout@mailbox.lacity.org, (213) 978-1840

Community Coalition

8101 S. Vermont Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90044, sheilagh@ccsapt.org

Inner City Struggle

• **Leadership Development**

InnerCity 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

*** NEW!**

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

*** NEW!**

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 through the following programs:

- "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.espia.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.

Are you a college grad? Check out our career opportunities. Some of our current campaigns include:

- Combat global warming with Environmental Action
 - Protect wilderness with Sierra Club
- www.jobsthatmatter.org and (323) 848-7158

- 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 young adults to rebuild their communities and their own lives with a commitment to work, education, responsibility, and family.

Since 1994, 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

*** NEW!**

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.org

10. 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 WAY? (I 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

If you don't have "papers", there are a limited number of private scholarships. There is a good article on options at www.finaid.org/otheraid/undocumented.phtml.

11. ADDRESS 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
Los Angeles, CA 90017
(213) 241-4571
steven.brandick@lausd.net
www.certificated.lausd.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

The Aviation Center
16550 Saticoy Street
Van Nuys, CA 91406,
(818) 785-7511, (818) 365-9645
amtschool@aol.com
www.aircraftmechanicschool.com

ROP Los Angeles County

Education Center West
12830 Clark Avenue
Downey, CA 90242
(562) 922-6782

ROP - Regional Occupational Programs and Centers

333 S. Beaudry Ave (LAUSD)
18th Floor, Rm 156
Los Angeles, CA 90017
(213) 241-3162
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

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

TRM/DTI Service, Inc.

5325 Venice Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90019
trmservicesinfo@yahoo.com

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/ccweb

U.S. Federal Government

www.usajobs.opm.gov

Venice Community Housing Corp.

720 Rose Ave.
Venice, CA 90291
(310) 399-4100

Workplace Hollywood

www.workplacehollywood.org

Women at Work

50 N. Hill Ave, Ste 300
Pasadena, CA 91106
(626) 796-6870
www.womenatwork1.org

YMCA

www.ymca.net/employment,
(213) 624-2348

YouthBuild

www.youthbuild.com

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