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**SOCIAL/RECREATIONAL/SUPPORT GROUPS****Agua Classic**

AGUA Classic is a social group created by people on the autism spectrum for people on the autism spectrum to come together in an unstructured social setting. The group meets monthly, usually on the first Saturday or Sunday between 1:00 – 4:00 in the afternoon.

Location: The meetings are held at different locations throughout Los Angeles County.

Email: [aguaclassic@earthlink.net](mailto:aguaclassic@earthlink.net)

Web: <https://sites.google.com/site/aguaclassic/>

**Spark Social Club**

SPARK Social Club is a platform for autistic teens to explore and define their interests and relationships on their own terms. SPARK Social Club is a series of skills based workshops and social events to spark new personal interests and connections for teens with autism living in the Los Angeles community, ages 13-17. ALL abilities and communication preferences welcome.

Email: [info@sparksocialclub.org](mailto:info@sparksocialclub.org)

Web: <https://www.sparksocialclub.org/>

**Exceptional Minds**

Exceptional Minds is a professional training academy and studio for visual effects artists and animators with autism. Based in Los Angeles, we are a non-profit organization that transforms expectations through our mission of employability, self-sufficiency and inclusion. Our academy provides individuals on the autism spectrum with the technical and behavioral skills required for employment in the entertainment fields of animation and post production visual effects. Our studio contracts for paid industry digital arts projects—providing hands-on experience and employment opportunities for our artists. Our goal is to break the vicious stereotypes resulting in low expectations that burden those in our society with special needs. Our guiding principle is the quest for inclusion and opportunity.

Location: Sherman Oaks, CA.

Email: [info@exceptional-minds.org](mailto:info@exceptional-minds.org)

Web: <https://www.exceptionalmindsstudio.org/main.html>

**The Help Group's Advanced LA**

At Advance LA, we offer the answer to one of the most frequently asked questions by parents of teens and young adults with special needs, "What happens next?" Our personalized program provides clients

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Resources for Adults with Developmental Disabilities with autism spectrum disorder, ADHD, executive functioning difficulties and learning differences the experiences and opportunities necessary to lead a fulfilling adult life. We offer coaching services and support groups, as well as workshops and conferences for young adults, parents, and industry professionals.

Location: 13130 Burbank Blvd, Sherman Oaks, CA 91401

Email: [advancedla@thehelpgroup.org](mailto:advancedla@thehelpgroup.org)

Web: <https://www.advancela.org/>

### **Club L.A.**

An exciting social community for young adults ages 18 to 29 who have diverse challenges. It provides a great opportunity to make connections with other young adults with common interests and is structured to ensure a positive experience for all participants. Each month we offer a variety of activities for participants, including movie nights, bowling, anime events, gaming tournaments, hiking or nature walks, beach days, museums, and other local LA events. We're open to suggestions from our participants! There is a nominal fee to participate.

Location: Club L.A. events will occur throughout LA county

Phone: (818) 640-5163

Web: <https://www.advancela.org/club-la/>

### **DRC: Disabled Resource Center- Transitional Youth Group**

This group will empower young adults with disabilities to have fun, make new friends, find valuable entertainment, learn and claim your rights, develop more independent living skills, increase your self-confidence, and work together to help each other be more successful. Ages 14-24. Every Thursday from 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Location: 2750 E. Spring Street, Suite #100, Long Beach, CA 90806

Phone: (562) 427-1000

Web: <http://drcinc.org/programs/transitional-young-adult-groups/>

### **Exceptional Children's Foundation-Exceptional Community Connections**

This ongoing program provides clients with opportunities to participate in meaningful community-based service and volunteer activities as a vehicle to increase their socialization and engagement in the community. Partnerships and collaborative projects are in place with businesses and community service organizations in Inglewood, Culver City and West Los Angeles. Clients play a valued role in each of these communities while developing relationships with individuals and community-based organizations. One

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example of a volunteer opportunity includes clients working with Meals on Wheels, helping prepare and deliver meals to senior citizens and other home-bound community members who enjoy the companionship that comes from volunteer visits.

Location: 5350 Machado Road, Culver City, CA 90230

Phone: (310) 242-4443

Email: [hlewis@ecf.net](mailto:hlewis@ecf.net)

Web: <https://www.ecf.net/exceptional-community-connections/>

**Exceptional Children's Foundation-Developmental Activity Center**

The Developmental Activity Center (DAC) offers a five-day-a-week program for adults with moderate to profound developmental disabilities, including intellectual disability, Down syndrome, autism, cerebral palsy, and traumatic brain injury. The program provides training in self-help, vocational, recreational, and social skills, all with respect for each individual's ability level. A Certified Nurse Assistant on staff to oversee the overall health and well-being of program participants. Older clients may also participate in "Young at Heart" recreational, health, and fitness activities, which are specifically geared to aging adults and senior citizens with special needs. On-site practice is reinforced through community integration experiences including trips to the grocery store, community art fairs, the park, and a range of volunteer opportunities. The program operates with a 1-to-6 on-site and 1-to-4 off-site staff-to-client ratio, depending on participant needs for personal care and supervision.

Location: 5350 Machado Road, Culver City, CA 90230

Phone: (310) 892-0266

Email: [eszekunda@ecf.net](mailto:eszekunda@ecf.net)

Web: <https://www.ecf.net/adults/developmental-activity-centers/>

**L.A. Goal- Health and Wellness**

To promote a healthy lifestyle, L.A. GOAL offers Tai Chi, Yoga, dance, Zumba (dance exercise), "Healthy Lunch & Movie" days, health education workshops, and classes in personal safety, personal grooming, safe food handling, cooking, laundry skills, etiquette, and house cleaning. Most health and fitness classes are offered both during the week and on the weekends to accommodate all Members. All of our programs are interlocking pieces of our strategy to provide a healthy, nurturing environment that serves as a foundation for adults with developmental disabilities so they can explore their abilities and talents.

Location: 4911 Overland Avenue, Culver City, CA 90230-4202

Phone: (310) 838-5274

Web: <https://www.lagoal.org/health-and-wellness.html>

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**L.A. Goal- Creative Expression**

Visual arts, creative opportunities include written drama workshops, drama, improv, music, guitar, drumming/percussion, piano, and dance.

Location: 4911 Overland Avenue, Culver City, CA 90230-4202

Phone: (310) 838-5274

Web: <https://www.lagoal.org/creative-expression.html>

**L.A. Goal Social & Recreational**

L.A. GOAL Members plan and fund their own social activities. Our annual events include Karaoke Nights, a family picnic, Bowl-a-Thon, and the Thanksgiving Awards Luncheon. Weekends are filled with cooking, Tai Chi, yoga, art, drama, and music classes. We have a monthly Members' Meeting, dances, and movie matinees with healthy lunches.

Location: 4911 Overland Avenue, Culver City, CA 90230-4202

Phone: (310) 838-5274

Web: <https://www.lagoal.org/social--recreational.html>

**ICAN**

We provide quality recreational, employment, empowerment, and socialization programs for Southern California's adults with physical and developmental disabilities, meeting the needs of not just the individual, but his or her entire family. Our goal is to form friendships in an environment that is fun, safe, and leaves a lasting impression. We have many events we host as well.

Location: 219 N. Broadway, Redondo Beach, CA 90277

Phone: 310-374-8295

Web: [info@icanla.net](mailto:info@icanla.net)

**Therapeutic Recreation Program- Adult Day Club**

This program is designed for adults 18+ with developmental disabilities. We encourage participants to be themselves while building peer relationships. Some activities require \$ for admission for tickets, food etc. Registration is \$25. Participants get to enjoy various activities like crafts, field trips, physical activities, skill building etc.

Location: 801 E. Carson Street, Carson, CA 90745

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Phone: (310) 835-0212 ext. 1470 or ext. 1465

Web: [http://ci.carson.ca.us/CommunityServices/Special\\_Needs.aspx](http://ci.carson.ca.us/CommunityServices/Special_Needs.aspx)

Email: [jwong@carson.ca.us](mailto:jwong@carson.ca.us) or [emalumal@carson.ca.us](mailto:emalumal@carson.ca.us)

**Malibu Jewish Center and Synagogue Presents: Hand in Hand**

Hand in Hand is an inclusion program that integrates youth of all abilities in an after school social program. Our program provides young adults with special needs an opportunity to socialize with mainstream peers, learn new skills, and have fun. One of the biggest challenges for children with special needs is to find appropriate programs that provide the support they need as well as opportunities to expand their world in a safe and fun environment, and our “buddy program” addresses those needs. We meet regularly every Thursday from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., and at other times for special field trips. Every week we develop creative and engaging programming for the children that is therapeutic or educational as well as entertaining. Our activities are a platform for social interaction, an opportunity to learn new skills, and, above all fun, for the participants. Hand in Hand accepts all children, regardless of their faith or affiliation.

Location: 24855 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, CA

Phone: (310) 456-2178

Email: [info@mjcs.org](mailto:info@mjcs.org)

Web: <https://mjcs.org/community/hand-in-hand/>

**Maagalim Community Circles**

A non-profit organization, providing social integration for youth and young adults with autism and other special needs, so they can create friendships, engage in activities and enjoy inclusive social events with an endless circle of support in a loving environment. We strive to create a compassionate community in which individuals with special needs are fully embraced as equal members, and to empower teen volunteers to become engaged and caring community leaders. Maagalim offers many classes such as interactive workouts, cachiball program, art & creativity classes’ sports, dance project, cooking club, baking, etc. For different age groups.

Location: 22717 Mobile Street, West Hills CA 91307

Email: [maagalimcircles@gmail.com](mailto:maagalimcircles@gmail.com)

Phone: (818) 253-9618

Web: <https://www.maagalimcircles.org/>

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**ETTA**

Serves people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and their families, and is one of the premier providers of such services on the West Coast. ETTA's services include residential housing, case management, employment training and placement, educational services and social services. They also have summer programs and day programs etc.

Location: 13034 Saticoy Street, North Hollywood, CA 91605

Phone: (818) 985-3882

Email: [info@etta.org](mailto:info@etta.org)

Web: <https://etta.org/>

**Shemesh Family Camp**

For families with teens and young adults (ages 13-25) with special needs. Respite and support for parents. Arts and crafts. Nature walks. Gardening activities. Outdoor cooking. And more.

Location: Gold Creek Center, located in the Los Angeles National Forest.

Phone: (818) 889-5500

Email: [info@shalominstitute.com](mailto:info@shalominstitute.com)

Web: <https://shalominstitute.com/our-programs/family-camps-programs/>

**Best Day Foundation**

Best Day Foundation is a volunteer organization that helps children and young adults ages 4 to 24+ with special needs build confidence and self-esteem through safe, fun, adventure activities like surfing, bodyboarding, kayaking, snow sports, and more. Please join us in creating special days for children with Autism, Down syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, blindness, cancer, spinal cord injuries, and other physical and developmental challenges.

Location: Los Angeles Area

Phone: 800-309-2815

Email: [info@bestdayfoundation.org](mailto:info@bestdayfoundation.org)

Web: <https://bestdayfoundation.org/locations/los-angeles-county-ca/>

**Golden Heart Ranch**

GHR has a strong emphasis on person-centered plans. We provide meaningful classes, programs and social events that encourage and facilitate vocational and independent living skills for everyday life. Our

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Ranchers, aka “clients” have the opportunity to choose from individualized jobs that in turn promotes an important sense of accomplishment which we believe is the key to spiritual and social growth. Golden Heart Ranch combines the need for relaxation, fun and entertainment with skill-building activities... a perfect combination for continual social and emotional growth. (Up to 22 years old)

Location: 703 Pier Ave Ste. B 194, Hermosa Beach, CA, 90254

Email: kero@goldenheartranch.org

Web: <https://www.goldenheartranch.org/the-ranch>

### **Holding Hands Inc. - SEED Adult Social Skills Group**

Holding Hands has developed an adult social skills relationship-based program centered on the following 5 principles: Self-Advocacy, Empowerment, Education, Ability, and Support. S.E.E.D.S. is a 16-week comprehensive social skills training program designed for high-functioning adults between the ages of 19-40 years old with social-emotional deficits. In addition to the 16-week curriculum lessons, each client will have the opportunity to meet with his/her therapist for a total of 6 one-on-one sessions to work on his/her individual needs, individual goals, or areas of concern. The program utilizes evidence-based practices with ecological valid topics.

Location: 2115 Beverly Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90057

Phone: 323-938-3434

Web: <https://holdinghandsinc.com/seed-adult-social-skills-group/>

### **The Miracle Project- Musical Theater Mondays**

The Miracle Project and Kids Like Me present musical theater classes ending with a performance. Students will collaborate to create an original musical based on the interests of the participants. As seen in the HBO double Emmy award winning documentary, AUTISM: The Musical. Student ages 7-22 | Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced | Speaking and Non-Speaking.

Location: The Help Group: 4173 Inglewood Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90066

Email: [tpeters@thehelpgroup.org](mailto:tpeters@thehelpgroup.org)

Web: <https://www.themiracleproject.org/programs/>

### **AbilityFirst**

Provides a variety of programs designed to help people with disabilities achieve their personal best throughout their lives. Our person-centered programs are grounded in individual choice, autonomy and community participant. They empower individuals with autism, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome and other intellectual/developmental disabilities to discover what is important to them in their lives and to

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develop the skills that are important for them to achieve their goals. AbilityFirst provides different opportunities to adults such as social recreation, supported employment, etc.

Location: Various Los Angeles Locations.

Phone: 626-396-1010

Email: [info@abilityfirst.org](mailto:info@abilityfirst.org)

Web: <https://www.abilityfirst.org/programs/#adults>

### **The Arc- Community Integrated Training Program (CIT)**

The Arc's Community Integrated Training Program (CIT) is one of The Arc's newest services. The services focus on participants between the ages of 22 – 49 with an emphasis on exploring the community. This expanding services offers opportunities in the arts, culture education, hobby development and community experiences. The participants gather in their own "Drop In Center" on The Arc campus, plan their day and then participate in the community utilizing one of The Arc's company vehicles. Activities include: Los Angeles and Orange County museums, libraries, cultural centers, and places of interest, craft activities and a variety of activities based on the wants of participants.

Location: 12049 Woodruff Ave, Downey, CA 90241

Phone: 562-803-4606

## **EMPLOYMENT**

*Although some of the programs above may also offer Employment programs, here are more Employment Programs/Support you might be interested in.*

### **Department of Rehabilitation**

The California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) works in partnership with consumers and other stakeholders to provide services and advocacy resulting in employment, independent living, and equality for individuals with disabilities. DOR administers the largest vocational rehabilitation and independent living programs in the country. Vocational rehabilitation services are designed to help job seekers with disabilities obtain competitive employment in integrated work settings. Independent living services may include peer support, skill development, systems advocacy, referrals, assistive technology services, transition services, housing assistance, and personal assistance services. We believe in the talent and potential of individuals with disabilities. We invest in the future through creativity, ingenuity, and innovation. We ensure our decisions and actions are informed by interested individuals and groups. We pursue excellence through continuous improvement. We preserve the public's trust through compassionate and responsible provision of services.

Location: Visit <https://www.dor.ca.gov/Home/FindAnOffice> to find an office near you.

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Phone: 1-916-324-1313

Web: <https://www.dor.ca.gov/Home/Programs>

**Disability Community Resource Center**

The Employment Services Program is offered through a partnership with the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) to assist people with disabilities in obtaining gainful employment. DCRC's staff provides job readiness training, assistance with resume preparation, job search outreach and guidance, help with interview techniques and job openings referrals. Employment services are offered in English and Spanish to members referred to DCRC by the DOR.

Location: Various Los Angeles Locations.

Web: <https://www.dorc.co/services/employment-service/>

**The Wiley Center- Employment Readiness Program**

The PVT program (PVT) provides a weekly pre-vocational training program for teens and young adults with ASD and other diagnoses which result in social cognitive deficits. Participants engage in 9 months of shared exploration, discussion, and skill development followed by 4-6 weeks of intern experience. During the 10 months, participants are exposed to three clusters of skills that are critical for promoting independence and fulfilling lives; daily living, social and vocational skills. This is accomplished through 2 hours of job club meetings and 1 hour sessions during the intern experience. Groups are limited to a maximum of 20 participants for each 10 month session. Staff to participant ratio is 1:5. Our center realizes the direct relationship between job skills and appropriate workplace social interaction. The PVT program approaches job training with an emphasis on social skills needed for success in the workplace.

Location: 5761 Buckingham Pkwy, Culver City, CA 90230

Phone: (310) 649-6199

Web: <http://thewileycenter.org/prevocational-training-program/>

**Goodwill Southern California**

At Goodwill Southern California, we are pleased to offer outstanding training programs, job placement services and opportunities within our organization and with employers throughout the community, to individuals with disabilities. Goodwill has a work activity program, supported employment, employment services, etc.

Location: Various Los Angeles Locations.

Phone: 323-539-2057

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Web: <https://www.goodwillsocal.org/career-services/disability-services/>

**Coding Autism**

Coding Autism is building the first autism specialized coding academy, pairing online coding education, community, and an autism-savvy support team to help transition autistic talent into our technology workforce. We provide project-based and in-demand coding curriculums, experienced mentors, and on-call tutoring and soft skills support to help provide autistic students an alternative form of education that is catered to their strengths.

Email: [info@codingautism.com](mailto:info@codingautism.com)

Web: <http://www.codingautism.com/>

**California MENTOR**

Our Supported Employment program offers vocational training and other job-related resources to help adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities achieve goals and thrive in the working world. We carefully match individuals with employers based on interests and skills and provide full training and job assistance to ensure continued success. Individuals meet with a job developer, who assesses their unique skills and interests to develop a personalized employment plan. Our program also helps employers hire capable workers and make a positive impact on the community. We offer support and guidance to help employers successfully integrate individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities into the workplace.

Location: Various Los Angeles Locations, visit <https://www.ca-mentor.com/locations/> to find a location near you.

Web: <https://www.ca-mentor.com/adult-services/employment-services/>

**Easterseals**

Across the country, we're helping people with disabilities, older workers, and veterans find and hold meaningful employment. We do this by helping all individuals identify job skills necessary for today's workforce through person-centered employment services, and connecting them to other supports like assistive technology and accessible transportation.

Location: Various Los Angeles Locations, visit <https://www.easterseals.com/connect-locally/> to find a location near you.

Web: <https://www.easterseals.com/our-programs/employment-training/>

**Social Security Administration- Ticket to Work**

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Social Security's Ticket to Work program supports career development for Social Security disability beneficiaries age 18 through 64 who want to work. The Ticket program is free and voluntary. The Ticket program helps people with disabilities progress toward financial independence.

Phone: 866-833-7842

### **Communities Actively Living Independent & Free (CALIF)**

An independent living center, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that provides advocacy programs and services for people with disabilities primarily residing within the 50 zip codes of Los Angeles County covering south and central Los Angeles and neighboring communities.

Location: 634 S. Spring Street, 2nd Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90014

Phone: 213-627-0477

Web: <https://califilc1.wixsite.com/califnew/services>

### **The Arc- Supported Employment Program**

The Arc's Supported Employment Program is a unique way for employers and individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities to come together in an employment setting. We prescreen potential candidates for employment and match the needs of an employer in the community. Once the match has been made and a person is hired, a job coach is sent to train and assist both the person hired and the new employer.

Location: 12049 Woodruff Ave, Downey, CA 90241

Phone: 562-803-4606

Web: <https://www.thearcaoc.org/supported-employment/>

### **The Arc- Career Development Center**

The Arc's Career Development Center is an excellent place for Participants to get the training they need to find and keep a job in the community. Program participants work in groups of 6 with their Employment Trainer on the following activities; Community Safety, Learning To Ride The Bus, Filling Out Job Applications, Practicing Interviewing Skills, Computer Skills, Resource Mapping, Job Field Exploration, Customer Service, Community Employer Outreach, Janitorial Training, General Office Skills (filing, sorting, faxing, answering phones), Using Time Clock Systems, Job Fairs. Training is provided both on site and in the community and when the individual is ready, the job search begins! Career Development Center Participants who are hired in the community transfer over to our supported employment program where they receive on the job training from their Job Coach.

Location: 12049 Woodruff Ave, Downey, CA 90241

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Phone: 562-803-4606

Web: <https://www.thearcaoc.org/employment-services/>

**New Horizons- Employment Services**

Through this program which includes Supported Employment, Pathways, Direct Placement, and External Situational Assessment, clients are placed in competitive paying jobs at local community businesses. At no cost to the employer, professional job coaches work alongside New Horizons' clients providing training and assistance to help them learn the job and perform up to the employer's standards and expectations. The California Department of Developmental Services has recognized New Horizons as Los Angeles County's most effective service provider in placing clients in local businesses through its Employment Services program, with nearly 300 clients currently employed at over 200 different businesses.

Location: 15725 Parthenia St., North Hills, Ca 91343

Phone: 818-894-9301

Web: <https://newhorizons-sfv.org/programs/work/employment-services/>

**Liberty Employment Services**

Our mission is to provide employment services and support for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and empower them to reach their greatest potential.

Location: 5777 West Century Blvd., Suite 1490, Los Angeles, CA 90045

Phone: (310) 910-0406

Email: [information@liberty-corp.org](mailto:information@liberty-corp.org)

**Bridges (From School to Work)**

The Bridges staff works one-on-one with enthusiastic and capable young people upon exiting high school, helping them to successfully enter the workforce in a job that fits their interests and ability, while planning for long term vocational growth.

Location: Los Angeles

Phone: 213-347-0042 x27

Email: [therese.lyons@marriott.com](mailto:therese.lyons@marriott.com)

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**Project SEARCH**

The Project SEARCH Transition-to-Work Program is a unique, business-led, one-year employment preparation program that takes place entirely at the workplace. Total workplace immersion facilitates a seamless combination of classroom instruction, career exploration, and hands-on training through worksite rotations. The program culminates in individualized job development.

Location: Various Los Angeles locations visit <https://www.projectsearch.us/find-a-program/> to find a program near you.

Web: <https://www.projectsearch.us/transition-to-work/>

**EDUCATION**

*All community colleges typically have a Special Resource Center\* (name varies). It is an office that assists students with disabilities. Please make sure to find this Center when enrolling to course in CC.*

**College 2 Career (C2C)**

College to Career is a program at West Los Angeles College, housed within the Disabled Students Program and Services (DSPS) department, which supports the learning needs and employment goals of individuals with an intellectual disability. The C2C is a program for individuals who wish to become college students or for current students enrolled in college courses at West Los Angeles College. The program supports education related to employment goals, with a strong focus on building skills leading to employment by the completion of the program and ability to work, with decreasing support, in an independent, integrated placement following the C2C program. The College to Career program is funded by Department of Rehabilitation.

Location: 9000 Overland Ave, Culver City, CA 90230 –Student Services Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor.

Phone: (310) 287-4439

Web: <http://www.wlac.edu/C2C/index.aspx>

Email: [c2cinfo@wla.edu](mailto:c2cinfo@wla.edu)

**Westside Extension**

Westside Extension a part of West LA College assists with the college's mission by providing a wide variety of short-term community services classes and contract training for the community, business, and industry. The program offers lifelong learning opportunities, and serves all ages, from young toddlers to seniors. Westside Extension is self-supporting, and operates much like a college within a college, developing classes, processing student registrations, hiring instructors, publishing class schedules and running classes. Extension's contract education program oversees fee-based training programs for schools, companies and organizations. Westside Extension is the primary vehicle for satisfying the college's mission of lifelong learning and serving the community. The program serves populations not

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Location: 9000 Overland Ave, Culver City, CA 90230

Phone: (310) 287-4475

Web: <https://westlac.augusoft.net/index.cfm?fuseaction=1003>

### **UCLA Extension Education-Pathway**

Pathway at UCLA Extension is a sequential program for students with intellectual and other developmental disabilities, offering a blend of educational, social, and vocational experiences, taught and supervised by experienced instructors sensitive to the individual needs of our students. On campus, Pathway students attend classes and participate with UCLA students in the many social, recreational, and cultural activities of a major university. To ensure that Pathway is the right fit for you, we invite you and your family to learn more about Pathway at UCLA Extension, and discover the difference a higher quality education program can make. Tours will take approximately 2-hours, which includes a virtual presentation and a brief walk on campus to observe student life. Please wear comfortable walking shoes.

Location: 10960 Wilshire, Suite 1600, Los Angeles, CA 90024 and 11020 Kinross Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024 (Two Buildings)

Phone: (310) 794-1235

Web: <http://education.uclaextension.edu/pathway/>

### **Miller Career and Transition Center**

The first career and transition center for interns in L.A.U.S.D. history. We provide employment-based training for special education interns with disabilities, aged 18-22 throughout the greater San Fernando Valley. We also provide on-the-job as well as on-site training preparing interns to transition into a variety of employment opportunities. Prior to placement, interns are assessed and screened for job readiness, interests and abilities. All placements are monitored by our job coordinator and supported by para-professionals familiar with the interns. Participating employers provide work-based learning environments, and funding for intern workers is generated by District and State Agencies.

Location: 8218 Vanalden Ave, Reseda, Ca. 91335

Phone: (818) 885-1646

Web: <https://mctc-laUSD-ca.schoolloop.com/>

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**Tierra Del Sol**

College. Internship. Employment: A naturally sought-after transition for most young adults in today's working world. A college education<sup>[SEP]</sup> proves to employers that an applicant is able to manage his/her workload, social life, and life changes successfully. It also shows that the applicant has the ability to succeed in a variety of environments: The home, the workplace, and the classroom. NEXUS 2.0: A College-to-Career Program Model is designed around integrated, college-level, and career-oriented coursework. With the right supports, NEXUS participants prove to themselves and future employers that they can succeed in the workplace, and in adult life. Tierra Del Sol supports more than 150 young adults annually to succeed in school at California State University Northridge, College of the Canyons and Los Angeles Valley, Mission, and Pierce Colleges as well as West Valley Occupational Center. NEXUS 2.0 is a three-phased model program which includes an intensive period of discovery, an extended time to conclude the educational path desired by each student and a short-term non-paid internship phase. This final one-year phase is intended to prepare newly launched college students into full immersion in the work environment to ensure a successful transition from student to employee.

Location: 9919 Sunland Blvd, Sunland-Tujunga, CA 91040

Phone: 1 818-352-1419

Web: <https://www.tierradelsol.org/college-to-careers/>