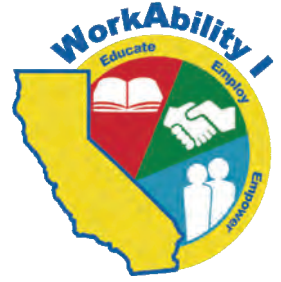




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“Working with all stakeholders, the WorkAbility program ensures that SJUSD students with disabilities gain the confidence, skills, career awareness, and work experience necessary for transition and postsecondary success.”

SJUSD WorkAbility Newsletter **October 2016**

A Message from our Administrator

Please see the attached fall WorkAbility Updates letter for important information regarding our staff and grant implementation. Please note that we are seeking teachers, parents and community members to participate on our SJUSD WorkAbility Advisory committee; the next meeting is on December 19.

Program Goals Update:

- **WorkAbility grant:** Our 2016/17 grant has been slightly increased this year. We will serve at least 250 8th graders, 990 high school / transition students, and provide paid work experience to at least 247 students.
- **Department of Rehabilitation Transition Partnership Program ‘TPP’ contract:** we have started accepting 2016/17 referrals. Our 2016/17 goal is to ensure that at least 10 of our TPP participants are hired, and we have made great progress with 7 TPP candidates hired to date.

Thanks to all who support our programs! WorkAbility does ‘Work’! Do not hesitate to contact our office if you have questions or concerns.

Julia Arreguin, Ed.D.
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CONGRATULATIONS & GOODBYES

WorkAbility is experiencing several staff changes this year.



Donna Merrick

Congratulations & Goodbye to YET I Job Developer Debbie Barnard who transferred to a YET II position with SJUSD ROP. We are pleased to congratulate Donna Merrick who will step into the full time position vacated by Debbie (covering Bella Vista, Casa Roble, La Vista, Mesa Verde, and San Juan High schools).

We are sad to say goodbye to Larry Lim, our TPP job developer who accepted a position with Elk Grove

Unified as an ROP Job Developer. This move will save Larry a couple hours a day in commute time, and we wish him well.

WorkAbility will hire staff to cover our 2 vacancies, and hope to have a complete team by mid-November.



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New and Returning Business Partners

WorkAbility welcomes new business partners this year. TopGolf in Roseville, A1 Janitorial in Citrus Heights, and Dirt Busters on the corner of Garfield and Madison. We Welcome back Rite Aid, Best Buy, Fallas, Smart & Final, Grocery Outlet, CVS Pharmacy, Old Navy, Walgreens, Ace Hardware, PetSmart, Mtn. Mike's, and Dunnenback Stables at Cal Expo . All tried and true supporters of WorkAbility. If you happen to stop by these business please say Thank You for offering opportunities to our students.

School Happenings

Bella Vista - Contracts are coming in. Many Individual workers have been identified. Individual workers are placed at Laurel Ruff Office and Bella Vista Custodial. Working on Speakers for this school year. Setting up a field trip to Sierra College (along with Casa Roble and La Vista.)

Casa Roble - Groups are in place at Walgreens, Ace Hardware, and CVS. A Career Exploration class is under way.

Del Campo - WorkAbility now has office space at Del Campo! We have one worker who found their own job at Country Club Lanes.

El Camino - Team is identifying candidates for paid work experience. Career assessments are under way.

Encina - Students are excited to be paid this year. A group walking to Rite Aid calls their walk "The Money Walk". We also have several Individual workers.

Laurel Ruff — over 45 students have been placed at a variety of sites (A1 Janitorial, Aegis, Burlington Coat Factory, Cal Expo, Dirt Busters, Eskaton, Fallas, Mountain Mikes, PetSmart, Smart & Final, etc.)

LaVista — a group has started at Fallas

Mesa Verde — groups to be determined

Mira Loma - Individual workers have scheduled interviews; groups are working at Aegis, Fallas & CVS.

Rio Americano - We have group & individual workers at Fallas, and groups pending at PetSmart & Rite Aid.

San Juan - San Juan seems to be embracing WorkAbility this year and is getting a healthy start now that Job Developer Donna has taken over her new position.

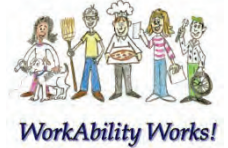
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Fall 2016

TO: SJUSD WorkAbility students/ parents/guardians
 FROM: Julia Arreguin, Administrator, SJUSD WorkAbility Program
 RE: WorkAbility Updates

Julia Arreguin

SJUSD WORKABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – 2016/17 quarterly committee meetings scheduled on Sept. 19, Dec. 19, Feb. 27 and May 22 from 3:30 to 5PM at Laurel Ruff school. The WA1 advisory committee reviews the WorkAbility budget and makes recommendations for grant implementation (e.g. how many hours will we pay students; what is the best use for discretionary funds – buses, teacher subs, etc.). Email JArreguin@sanjuan.edu if you plan to attend.

Department of Rehabilitation Transition Partnership Program 'TPP' - students who are candidates for competitive employment should connect with the DOR before graduating. TPP staff will prepare these students to find competitive employment (support will continue after graduation until the student is employed). The program accepts 25 referrals per year. Last year 10 students gained permanent post-secondary employment through this program.

STUDENT WAGES - are going up again; the only two wage options allowed via our grant are the California training wage \$9.00 for this school year, or the current minimum wage, \$10.00 through December 31, \$10.50 per hour as of January 1, 2017.

2016/2017 WorkAbility Staff Assignments (tentative- changes will be posted on website when finalized)

Name	Position	Schools	Phone	Email
Julia Arreguin	WorkAbility Administrator	district wide support	971-7586	JArreguin@sanjuan.edu
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Sandy McNulty	Youth Employment Tech (community based)	job development (El Camino, Encina, La Entrada, Laurel Ruff, Mira Loma, Rio Americano)	979-8981	smcnulty@sanjuan.edu
Donna Merrick	Youth Employment Tech (community based)	job development (Bella Vista, Casa Roble, Del Campo, El Camino, La Vista, Mesa Verde & New San Juan)	979-8786	donna.merrick@sanjuan.edu
Laura Smith	Youth Employment Tech (8th grade support)	all K -8 & middle schools; Encina & Ralph Richardson	979-8785	lausmith@sanjuan.edu
Jeanette Condon	Youth Employment Tech (HS based support)	Bella Vista Del Campo LaVista	979-8982	jcondon@sanjuan.edu
Jennifer Hall	Youth Employment Tech (HS based support)	Casa Roble Mesa Verde Mira Loma	979-8979	jennifer.hall@sanjuan.edu
TBD	Youth Employment Tech (HS based support)	Laurel Ruff & duties TBD		
Jan Schiavone	Youth Employment Tech (HS based support)	El Camino, La Entrada, Rio Americano, New San Juan	979-8787	jan.schiavone@sanjuan.edu
Larry Lim	Job Developer - Dept. of Rehab. Transition Partnership Program	DOR-TPP district wide support	979-8980	



Vocational Training / Work Experience Continuum - For 2016/17 we have updated our forms to make the continuum from unpaid VTE to paid work placement clearer.

- **Unpaid Vocational training experience:** student participates in unpaid vocational training experience 'VTE' as a first step
 - VTE typically occurs in a group setting with school staff support
 - can be on or off campus
 - usually incorporated into a High School course
 - no time limit (but time will be clearly noted on student agreement form)
 - off campus settings - students who complete the application process for paid work experience can be paid for at least 30 hours of this experience.
- **WorkAbility funded paid placement** - student must formally apply for a WorkAbility funded placement (submit Workability application packet (includes a resume, one or more letters of recommendation, a copy of attendance record).
 - students who complete the application process will be interviewed by WorkAbility staff
 - time limit to be determined for 16/17 school year, \$9.00 per hour
 - off campus placement can be during or outside of the school day
 - on campus placement allowed if work occurs outside of the school day
- **Individual placement** - Students who previously participated in a vocational training experience and are ready for a different or continued individual placement can forgo VTE and directly apply for a WorkAbility funded placement (student must submit Workability application packet that includes their resume, a letter of recommendation, and a copy of their attendance record); if the student is a candidate for direct employment by the employer WorkAbility may be able to extend the WorkAbility placement for additional hours (beyond 30) at \$10 per hour (increases to \$10.50 in January 2017)

TRANSITION ASSESSMENT

A major responsibility of Workability is to support annual transition assessment. Our team continues to streamline practice so we can help case managers gather unique annual information that will provide information necessary to craft best practice transition plans. The process should also help students and families proactively consider post-secondary plans. Several transition assessment tools are also posted on our district transition resource page. Completed assessment information will be available to IEP teams via SEIS.

Annual WorkAbility facilitated transition assessment sequence and timeline:

8th grade – will distribute the Workability designed 8th grade assessment in the spring (completed assessments will be uploaded to SEIS for 16/17 use)

9th grade – teachers can incorporate last year's 8th grade assessment into their IEP process (attached to the SEIS future IEP); will distribute the Workability designed 9th grade assessment in the spring (completed assessments will be uploaded to SEIS for 16/17 use)

10th grade – teachers should incorporate last year's 9th grade assessment into their IEP process (attached to the SEIS future IEP); will distribute a formal career interest assessments (CDM or Careers for Me) 2nd semester (WorkAbility will provide a formal summary that includes key info to be included in the IEP/ITP)

11th grade – teachers can incorporate last year's formal career interest assessment for IEPs in 16/17 ... and/ or use a Self-Advocacy or SCANS based self-assessments

12th grade – will distribute a formal career interest assessment (e.g. CDM) during the 1st semester that can be incorporated along with any 11th grade assessments into the final transition plan

Grade 12+ - YOUNG ADULT TRANSITION ASSESSMENT – students attending Laurel Ruff community transition programs complete this self-assessment annually.

EXIT SURVEY – distributed in the spring to all graduating / exiting students



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