



JOIN US FOR THE... “ASK THE OC EXPERTS” ZOOM CONVERSATIONS



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These conversations will take place most Thursdays of each month from September 2020 through June 2021 between 11:30 AM-12:30 PM. The Zoom information for each conversation will be distributed to those who have registered with RCOC. During the first part of the hour the experts will share topic information and the remaining time will be used for Zoom participants to ask questions and discuss the topic. Questions may be submitted before the Zoom meeting or asked during the meeting.

HOW TO REGISTER: Send your name, email address and the (#) of the session(s) you would like to participate in to...

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Please register for one or more session(s) at any time between 8/24/20-6/9/21. You will be sent the Zoom & call-in information prior to the meeting. Additionally, you will be sent instructions on submitting questions for the expert(s). We look forward to your participation.

#	TOPICS	EXPERTS	TITLES	ORGANIZATIONS	DATE
1	Person Centered Planning	Cristina Mercado	o Person Centered Thinking Coordinator	Regional Center of Orange County (RCOC)	9/3/20
2	Developing Individual Transition Plans	Julie Ornelas-Smith Dane Cangro Karena Gibbs	o Transition Specialist o WorkAbility I & TPP Director o Administrator	Anaheim UHSD Tustin USD Irvine USD	9/10/20
3	Employment Programs offered through the RCOC	Arturo Cazares Carlos Fonseca	o Associate Director Employment o Employment & Day Services Coordinator	RCOC	9/17/20
4	Work-Based Learning Experiences (Part 1) ✓ WorkAbility I ✓ Transition Partnership Project (TPP) ✓ Community-Based & Virtual Job Shadows	Ray Bueche Renee Melton Amy Tingirides	o Esperanza/SVUSD Coordinator/Administrator o Career Link Supervisor o Transition Services Coordinator	SVUSD Esperanza Learning Center Irvine USD Laguna Beach USD	9/24/20
5	Parents Helping Parents Prepare for Employment (IDD Focus)	Sandy Martin Arturo Cazares	o RCOC Board of Director & Family o Associate Director Employment	Parent RCOC	10/1/20
6	Virtual Learning/Assistive Technology	David Ferrell	o Educational Technology Specialist	Irvine USD	10/8/20
7	Transition into Adult Services	Arturo Cazares Carlos Fonseca	o Associate Director Employment o Employment & Day Services Coordinators	RCOC	10/15/20

8	New Employment Training Programs (STEPS & AB1111 Grant Programs) in the OC	Chris Stoner Nakia Thierry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Project Coordinator ○ Administrative Manager 	Goodwill Industries of OC & AJCCC (American Job Center of CA) OC Community Services	10/22/20
9	Work Incentives Planning & Assistance for Individuals Receiving SSI	Nick Herringer Austin Nobles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Certified Benefits Planner & Program Manager ○ Work Incentive Planner 	Project Independence Department of Rehabilitation	10/29/20
10	North Orange Continuing Education (NOCE) Disability Support Services (DSS)	Adam Gottdank April Fante	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Director, Disability Support Services ○ DSS Program Manager 	North Orange Continuing Education	11/5/20
11	Getting Familiar with Adults with Disabilities Programs at Santiago Canyon College	Chrissy Gascon Angela Guevarra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Interim Dean Adult Education Programs ○ Associate Professor/ Faculty Coordinator 	Santiago Canyon College	11/12/20
12	Getting Familiar with Adults with Disabilities Programs at Coastline College	Rachelle Lopez Katie Stubblefield	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Special Programs Counselor ○ ID Professor/COAST Coordinator 	Coastline College	11/19/20
13	Getting Familiar with Adults with Disabilities Programs at Saddleback College (This session is not confirmed.)	Sue Donelson Stacy Eldred	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Adult Education Director ○ Professor Adults with Disabilities Program 	Saddleback College	12/3/20
14	Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) Student Services	Trinh van Erp Arturo Hernandez Tiffany Huynh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Staff Service Manager ○ Senior Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors 	DOR Anaheim	12/10/20
15	Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) Adult Services	Sandy Fagan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Staff Service Manager ○ 	DOR Laguna Hills	12/17/20
16	Getting Ready for Project SEARCH	Rick Adams Kathi Millett	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ VP Human Services ○ Program Director 	Goodwill of Orange Co.	1/14/21
17	Disability Rights California Resources & Supports	Rebecca Hoyt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Senior Advocate 	Disability Rights California	1/21/21
18	ABLE Act (Achieving a Better Life Experience) Savings Program	Jyusse Corey Linda O'Neal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Peer Advocate ○ Transition Specialist 	RCOC, Thompson Policy Institute & SDSU Interwork Institute	1/28/21
19	Parents Helping Parents Prepare for Employment (Autism Focus)	Cheryl Cohen Linda O'Neal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parent ○ Transition Specialist 	Parent CU Thompson Policy Institute (TPI) & SDSU Interwork Institute	2/4/21
20	Orange County Local Partnership Agreement Universal Referral Process	Karena Gibbs Julie Ornelas-Smith Linda O'Neal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Administrator ○ Transition Specialist ○ Transition Specialist 	Irvine USD Anaheim UHSD CU TPI, SDSU & RCOC	2/11/21
21	Work-Based Learning Experiences (Part 2) ✓ WorkAbility I	Ray Bueche Renee Melton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Esperanza/SVUSD Coordinator/Administrator ○ Career Link Supervisor 	SVUSD Esperanza Learning Center Irvine USD	2/18/21

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Transition Partnership Project (TPP) ✓ Community-Based & Virtual Job Shadows 	Amy Tingirides	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Transition Services Coordinator 	Laguna Beach USD	
22	Using the Orange County Transition Planning Resource Directory	Janice Almaraz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vocational Education Consultant 	Orange County Department of Education	2/25/21
23	Spirit League Sports & Additional Recreation Programs	Melissa Cory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Director & Parent 	Parent	3/4/21
24	State Council on Developmental Disabilities Services & Resources	Christine Tolbert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Advocate 	State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) Orange County	3/11/21
25	RCOC Comfort Connection/Family Resources Center	Kathleen McFarlin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Manager Family Support & Community Outreach, Comfort Connection 	RCOC	3/18/21
26	NOCE Services Supporting Inclusion (College 2 Career Program, IVES & Equity)	April Fante Marta Gamez Adam Gottdank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DSS Program Manager ○ DSS Student Services Specialist ○ DSS Program Coordinator 	North Orange Continuing Education	3/25/21
27	Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE)	Arturo Cazares Linda O'Neal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Associate Director Employment ○ Transition Specialist 	RCOC CU TPI, SDSU Interwork Institute & RCOC	4/15/21
28	Employment Preparation for Individuals with Autism	Tiffany Jameson Jessica Lee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Managing Partner ○ Executive Director 	Grit & Flow & Parent The Spectrum Works	4/22/21
29	Career Pathway Focus on Employment Preparation & Competitive Integrated Employment	Richard Rosenberg Linda O'Neal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Transition Specialist ○ Transition Specialist 	CU TPI, SDSU Interwork Institute & CSULA CU TPI, SDSU Interwork Institute & RCOC	4/29/21
30	How and When to Use Emergency Services ... Responding to Law Enforcement & First Responders	Stuart Haskins Sandra Perez	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Executive Director ○ Program Director 	Get Safe	5/6/21
31	WorkAbility I (K-12 Programs) &	Sherry Travis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ WorkAbility I Director 	Garden Grove USD	5/13/21
32	Mobility Training Program Job Access & Reverse Commute (JARC)/ Orange County Transit Authority (OCTA)	Monika Gulmesoff Marta Gamez, April Fante Adam Gottdank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ JARC/OCTA Program Coordinator ○ DSS Student Services Specialist ○ DSS Program Manager ○ Director DSS 	North Orange Continuing Education	5/20/21
33	Preparing to Live Independently with Support	Margot Johnson Leah Saitz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Co-Director & Family 	Diagnostic Center, South & Family RCOC	5/27/21

			o Supported & Independent Living Services Coordinator		
34	Affordable Housing	Leah Saitz Jack Stanton	o Supported & Independent Living Services Coordinator o Associate Director Supported & Independent Living Services	RCOC	6/3/21
35	NOCE Workforce (Workability III, College-to-Career, Ca Adult Ed Program, Ralphs Grocery Store Collaborative & Project SEARCH	Lorri Guy Adam Gottdank	o DSS Program Coordinator o Director, Disability Support Services	North Orange Continuing Education	6/10/20

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If you have any questions regarding the Zoom Conversations, please call...
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