



# April is Autism Acceptance, Awareness, and Appreciation Month!



- This is a time to celebrate and support those on the Autism spectrum.
- To understand differences and wholly accept those on the spectrum.
- Unite together for the Autism community and push for more support.
- Educate and inform the broader community about systemic issues across support needs.
- Amplify all voices.
- Increase awareness about the gaps in services and resources.

Today more than ever, the autism community needs support, kindness and compassion.

## Dressed For Success!



## Employment Services

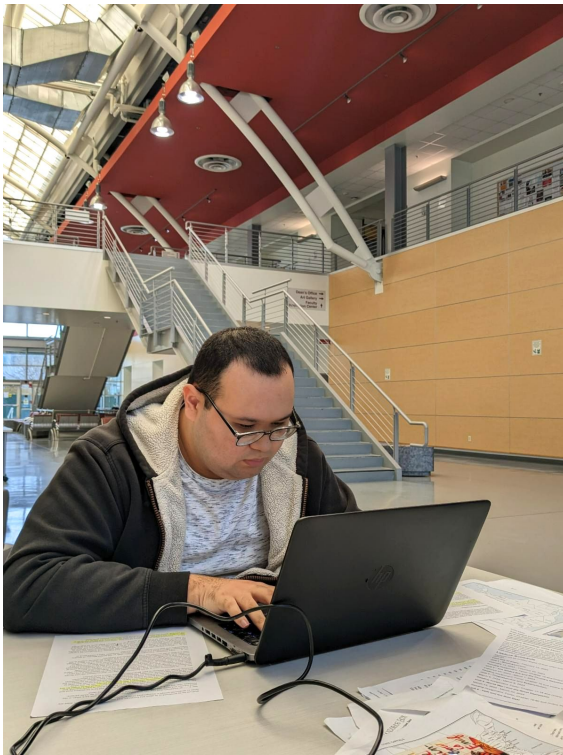


## SCRS-IL Regional Consumers Participate in Glendale Community College and Pasadena Community College Job Fairs

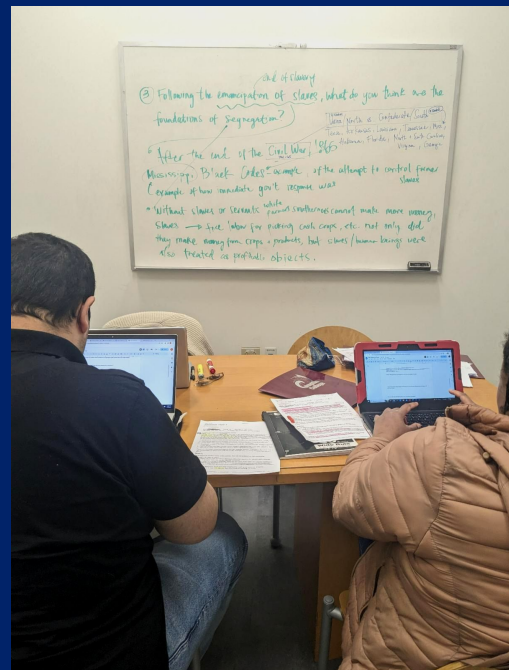
Both groups were supported by SCRS-IL staff, they were dressed for success and had a resume on hand. They were excited to speak to employers and build networks. One consumer was contacted the following day for a phone interview!

## Educating Disability Groups through Education (E.D.G.E.)

### E.D.G.E Downey



A student is focused and hard at work in his studies. He is a Computer Information Systems major who has aspirations of attaining a job in the tech industry.



Our consumers enjoy using the study rooms offered in the Student Success Center to have a quiet place to work. They also enjoy using the whiteboard to visualize their ideas.



We see consumers posing with college merchandise they were able to receive for free with a school voucher they received at the bookstore. Compton College provides students with a \$50.00 voucher for use at the college bookstore.



The student shows off the items she purchased from the college's farmer's market, where students receive a \$20 voucher to purchase goods on a weekly basis.

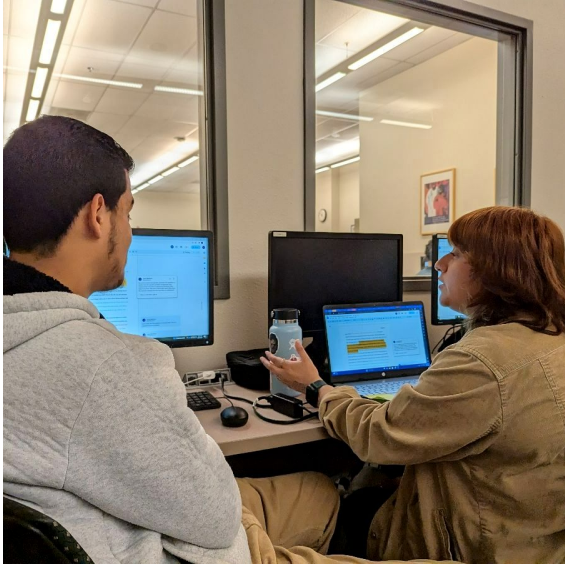


***Watch Student Testimonies!***

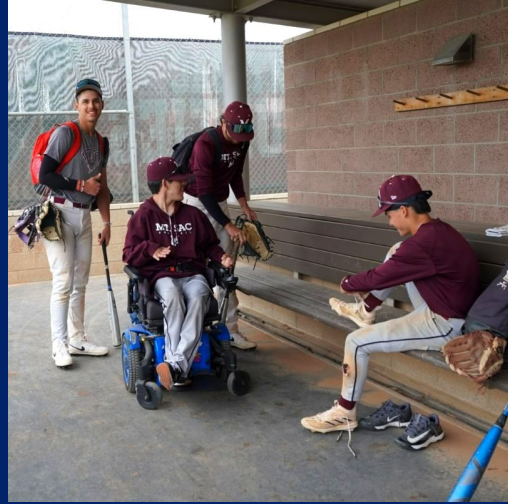
For more information regarding E.D.G.E visit our [website](#).

**E.D.G.E. Pomona**

***Believe in the Team!***



Shirley, a Pomona Education Assistant, is working with E.D.G.E. students Juan and Johnny at the Mt. San Antonio Writing Center Computer Lab, advising them on how to incorporate their professor's feedback into their English essays.



Rudy, the Pomona Program Coordinator, is working closely here with Ruben in order to encourage him to socialize amongst his Mt. SAC Baseball teammates.

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## Reaching Out to Our Communities

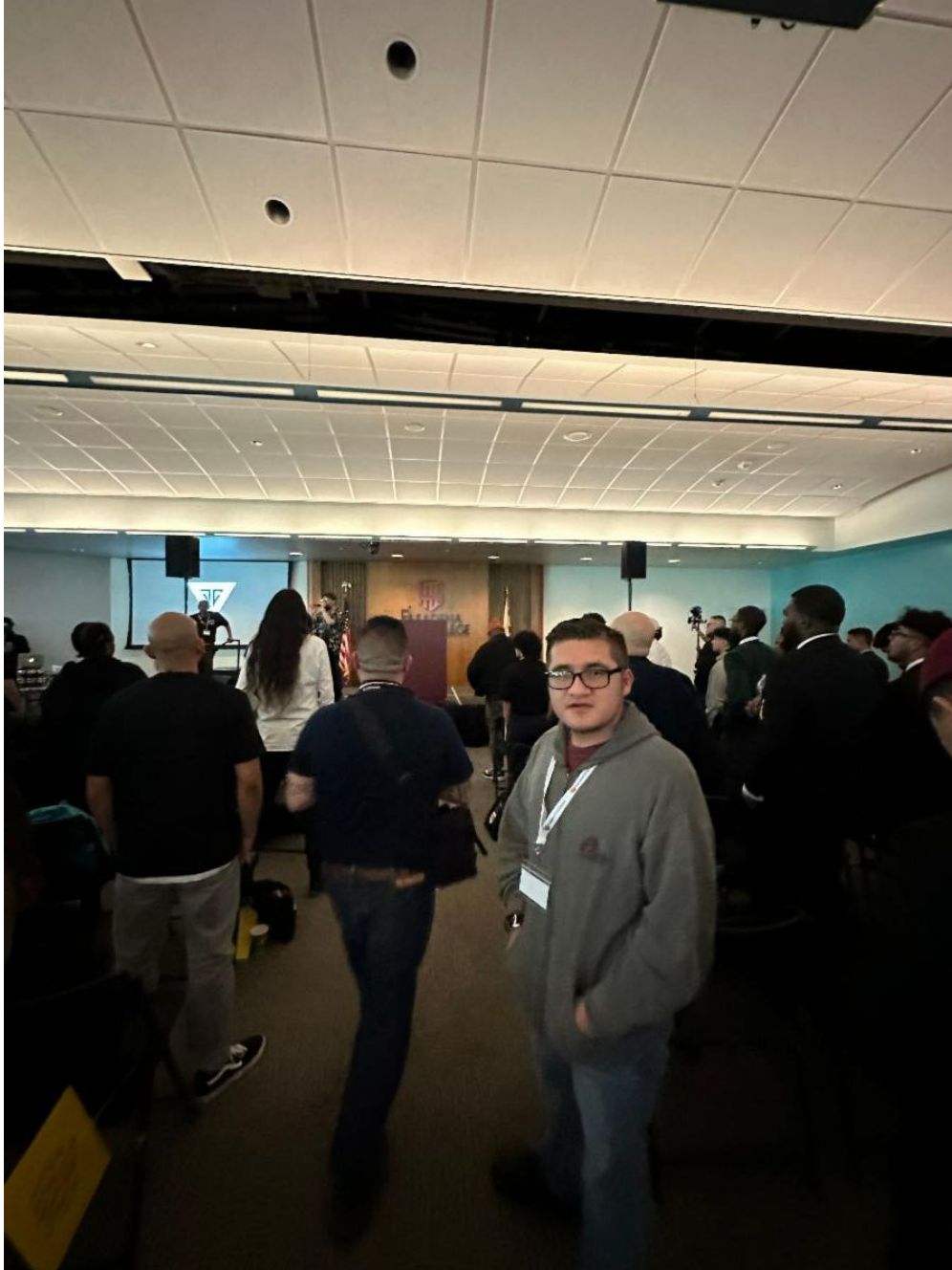


Employment Program Managers, Shannen and Crystal, attended an Employment Team Launch Meeting at Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center. E.L.A.R.C. presented on Career Pathways and Micro-enterprises.

SCRS-IL had the opportunity to have a table to conduct outreach and let services coordinators, other organizations, and families learn more about our services. Staff was able to network and share resources among families and service providers.

April 5, 2023

## Applause for Success!



The Men of Color Action Network, an active support network that advocates for and provides resources to male students and faculty of color in California community colleges, held its 5th Annual Leadership Conference on April 7 at Pasadena City College (PCC).

This year's theme was Breaking Barriers, which acknowledges the strength that comes from the barriers men of color overcome.

Approximately 700 attendees from about 20 to 25 different community colleges, the majority of them from Southern California, registered for the free conference. One of our EDGE students registered for this conference and was provided transportation to and from the conference from their college. Our Education Assistant, Mr. Jose Madriz, accompanied the student to ensure an overall positive experience.

## **Assistive Technology**

SCRS consumer, Ronny, reached out to us for assistance with modifying his current bath with a standard-size tub and replacing it with a walk-in shower. The consumer suffers from kidney failure and severe edema of his lower extremities. The consumer receives dialysis sessions three times per week. He has limited mobility and a very weak gait. Due to his affected stability, he is unable to raise his legs in order to go into the traditional standard bathtub. SCRS offered the consumer the opportunity to apply to the City of Whittier's Home Modification

program. The consumer was deemed eligible and received a \$5,000.00 grant approval for the following modifications:

1. Removal of the old standard-size bathtub,
2. Installation of tiled shower tray (for walk-in shower),
3. Installation of tile walls with corner shelves,
4. Installation of grab bars in the shower area (multiple sizes),
5. Installation of an adjustable showerhead with a long hose combo,
6. Installation of an 18" chrome stainless steel grab bar at the entrance of the porch area by the steps.

The consumer has improved self-care through the modifications mentioned above. He is able to bathe himself independently. Additionally, he shared that he has begun to feel safer in the shower. The consumer also stated the grab bar installed in the porch area offers him extra support when walking. Ronny and his family were grateful for SCRS' assistance through the City of Whittier Home Modification program.



For more information regarding assistive technology please contact our AT Facilitator: [aramirez@scrs-ilc.org](mailto:aramirez@scrs-ilc.org)

## April 2023 - Upcoming Events

- **24th Annual Housing Rights Summit - April 24, 2023 - 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM**

Each year, the Housing Rights Center celebrates National Fair Housing Month by convening our Housing Rights Summit, a dynamic conference and resource fair that brings together a diverse community of advocates to address the urgent housing and civil rights issues affecting Southern California. After two years of virtual summits, we're back in person! This year's summit will be held at the California Endowment on Monday, April 24th, 2023 from 10 AM - 4:30 PM.

**To register or to find out more information [click here](#)**

- **FREE Metro Rides on Earth Day - April 22, 2023**

To celebrate Earth Day on Saturday, April 22, Metro is offering free rides on our buses, trains, bike share, and Micro. Free rides begin at 4 am on April 22 and continue until 3 am on April 23. Metro is offering free rides to encourage people to take transit, which helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions in LA County.

If you have an event that you'd like to share within our community email [kumanzor@scrs-ilc.org](mailto:kumanzor@scrs-ilc.org).



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