



We're Back!

5th Annual Disability Pride Parade & Festival

In collaboration with L.A. County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, SCRS is proud to announce the return of the Disability Pride Parade & Festival — **Sunday, October 8, 2023**, at the East Los Angeles Civic Center! Stay tuned for more information. **Save the date and help us spread the word; we can't wait to see all of you!**

SAVE THE DATE **2023**
Sunday, October 8th
10AM TO 3PM

5TH ANNUAL

Disability Pride Parade & Festival
EAST LA CIVIC CENTER
WWW.DISABILITYPRIDELA.COM

Supervisor Hilda L. Solis | SCRS-IL | Southern California Resource Services for Independent Living

Community Outreach

Pasadena Senior Center Health Fair

SCRS Pasadena Advocate Training Coordinator, Jacqueline Toscano attended the Pasadena Senior Center Health Fair on Friday, April 21, 2023, from 9 AM-11 AM to do outreach. Attendees at the event grabbed SCRS General Flyers, SCRS Blue Folders, and business cards.



LAC + USC Medical Center Outreach

In collaboration with the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, CARES invites all families to their facility to receive FREE healthy food and information from the Wellness Center. SCRS Public Health Coordinator, Maria Aroch attends this event monthly to inform the community of COVID and the importance of vaccination.



For more information [click here](#).

Whittier 1st Day Vaccine Clinic

SCRS Donwey Advocate Training Coordinator, Tiera Walton and Executive Assistant Kimberly Umanzor attended the Whittier 1st Day Vaccine Clinic to inform the community of our services, programs, and upcoming events and the importance of the COVID-19 vaccine.



Whittier First Day was built to help homeless and at-risk individuals and families in the Greater Whittier Area transition toward self-sufficiency.

Website: [Whittier First Day](#)



Services?

Technical Assistance

- Retaining employment, benefits counseling, time management, work behavior, safety, travel/mobility training, and much more.

Job Placements

- After their 3 month internship experience, we offer job placement services, including exploring the ability of their internship site taking them on permanently or finding a more suitable setting for the participant

Paid Internship

- Assisting eligible participants on a 1:1 basis locating integrated work-experience opportunities and placing them as an intern for 3 months while earning at least minimum wage.

Pre-Employment Training

- Through our vendored services with Regional Centers, we can assist individuals with: pre-employment training; retraining or refining their skills prior to seeking integrated employment

For more information regarding Employment Services contact us:
(888) 331-1451

Pasadena Employment Services

Pasadena ES consumers, participated in a local Resource/Job Fair at the Boys and Girls Club in Pasadena.

Staff decided to take public transportation to provide bus training for all participants.

This will assess public safety awareness, time management, and ability to take public transportation with or without support.



Happy Birthday Sarah!

Pasadena ES had a birthday celebration for Sarah. She was very excited to share that day and be around her peers and staff. Sarah started with the ES program last year in July 2022. She enjoys our team-building exercises and sometimes will take the lead during them. She is expected to start her paid internship program at the YMCA in the next couple of weeks! Way to go, Sarah!



Workforce Department

Success: *It's All About the Ambition*



Lucy Subia was referred to SCRS by her Department of Rehabilitation Counselor in November 2022 for employment services.

Lucy decided that she wanted her intake appointment to be in person. According to her IPE, Lucy's goal was to find employment working with families that have been affected by either substance abuse or domestic violence. Lucy was open to other types of work since she has plenty of experience in other fields; however, her passion is to help others that are in the same situation she once was. At the time of the intake, Lucy mentioned that she was working part-time at Walmart to make ends meet. She did not like working there. Lucy mentioned that she is not computer literate and will need assistance with creating a resume, interviewing skills, and filling out applications.

After we completed her intake, we set up an appointment to work on her interview skills (job readiness). During the mock interview, the Workforce employment specialist (E/S) noticed the consumer was not making eye contact or staying on topic, after providing suggestions on how to improve, the

consumer utilized this information and was able to rectify the issue. E/S strongly encouraged the consumer to mention the amazing transferable skills that she has obtained during her professional career. Once we felt comfortable with her interview skills, we move forward with resume building. Lucy had a resume that needed to be redone completely. There were employers listed on her resume from 20 years ago that did not have any relevance or connection to the job/career that she was interested in. E/S referenced back to the master application and leaned on the consumer for additional information that would help with creating a solid and professional resume. Once the resume was completed, E/S was able to print and make copies using resume paper. Hard copies were provided as well as electronic forms. The consumer was super excited about how the resume looked and said "Thank you so much I love it".

During the job placement stage, the employment specialist and Lucy actively worked on applying for jobs. Lucy was thorough and communicated with E/S on a consistent basis. During the job search, E/S was able to teach the consumer to upload her resume and save it to her desktop. E/S was able to find a full-time position at the Children's Courthouse in Los Angeles. Lucy and E/S researched the position and she was able to successfully upload her resume and submit the application. One week after the application was submitted, Lucy received a call from HR at the Children's court to schedule an interview. Lucy could not believe they got back to her so quickly. Lucy and E/S immediately began to do more research on the position and learned their jargon and keywords to emphasize during the actual interview. E/S also informed the consumer to call her references in case the employer would like to contact them. The consumer felt confident about her interview skills and the time we spent prepping for this moment. After the interview, the consumer contacted me and immediately began thanking E/S for the assistance, the consumer was so ecstatic and could not believe that she had been offered the position on the spot. Lucy was told that she would have to pass a background check, which she was confident that she would.

Approximately 4 days later, the consumer passed her background check and was officially offered the parent partner position with a Law form that works out of the courthouse. The consumer is working a full-time schedule and earning \$21 an hour. The consumer has been employed since February 2023 and is on the verge of successfully completing her probation period in May. Lucy is so happy at work and even shared a photo of her business card. Truly a remarkable success story!



Join us in celebrating April's work anniversaries! Thank you for your contributions and dedication to SCRS.

Ana Ramirez
Latoya Tate
Alicia Lucero

Congratulations to the April 2023 "Above and Beyond" employees!

Federick Garcia
Kimberly Umanzor

Interested in nominating an SCRS Employee for going above and beyond?

Above & Beyond recipients can be nominated by SCRS-IL consumers, employees, management, volunteers, community partners, and stakeholders. Click [here](#) to nominate the next employee of the month!

April 2023 - Upcoming Events

- **Best Buddies Friendship Walk - Sunday, April 30, 2023 - 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

The Best Buddies Friendship Walk is the leading walk in the country supporting inclusion for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (also known as IDD).

Join 40,000 walkers across the country to support the Best Buddies programs in your schools, workplaces, and communities. You'll be making the world more welcoming to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities – one friendship, one job, and one life-changing connection at a time.

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



2023

July 16th - July 21st*

Pomona, CA

For Students with Disabilities

Join the SCRS-IL Youth Leadership Summit for a Five-Day leadership program for Students with Disabilities, held at Cal Poly Pomona University.



DEVELOP ADVOCACY AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS FROM SCRS ALUMNI AND PROFESSIONALS WITH DISABILITIES AND CREATE A "PERSONAL FUTURES PLAN" TO HELP REACH YOUR FUTURE EDUCATION, INDEPENDENT LIVING, AND CAREER GOALS.

Application Information Available at:

WWW.SCRS-ILC.ORG/YLS

For additional information and how to complete the application, please email or call us at:

yls@scrs-ilc.org / 626 587-5010



*Date subject to change. YLS is an In-Person Event, LA County COVID Protocols Enforced



The deadline to apply for this year's Youth Leadership Summit is approaching--- **May 5th**. Transition-aged youth are encouraged to apply. Email any questions and your application to YLS@scrs-ilc.org.



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