

# GRANT PROGRAMS OFFERED

## WHO WE ARE

Career Link is a grant driven program within Irvine Unified School District that supports students with various disabilities successfully transition from high school to college or a career.

## HOW WE DO IT

- A case manager is at every IUSD high school to identify students who may benefit from our services and works closely with the student and school team to maximize growth and potential.
- Individualized Case Management and Services
- Variety of Workshops offered
- Partnerships with community businesses who will offer internship opportunities to eligible students
- Job training and experience through internships and volunteer work in our community
- Job Fairs, specifically for Career Link participants
- Network with business and community agencies to strengthen employment opportunities
- Job Coaching (limited)
- Mobility Training

## Transition Partnership Program (TPP) Department of Rehabilitation

This Program is a collaboration between IUSD and the Dept. of Rehabilitation. High school juniors and seniors with disabilities who are accepted into this program may receive a variety of services to support their transition from high school to employment including:

- Career Assessments

The students' strengths, interests and abilities are identified using a variety of assessments

- Career Exploration

Students explore a variety of different careers to increase awareness of vocational options

- Career Preparation

Students learn how to search for a job, prepare a resume, complete job applications, practice interview skills and develop job retention skills.

- Internship Opportunities

Students have the opportunity to be placed internships at community businesses and be paid for this training.

- Job Placement

Students receive assistance with finding employments

- Follow-up Support

Job retention skills, mobility skills, resources and services to support their continued growth and success

## Workability (WAI)

WorkAbility1 is a grant through the California Department of Education designed to help students 14-22 years old, with an IEP, develop positive interpersonal skills and marketable job skills. Service may include:

- Curriculum focused on the world of work
- Career interests, work styles and abilities assessments
- Career Exploration
- Work Experience
- Job Placement assistance

## Irvine Adult Transition Program (IATP)

### *Admission Requirements*

- *Completed (4) years of High School*
- *Ages 18-22*
- *Individuals with significant disabilities*

## Interested in Partnering with us?

If you are a business or know of a business who would like to join the over 250 local businesses who partner with us, please contact our Job Developers today.

Benefits to our Partners include:

- Access to pre-screened, work ready, young adults
- Applicants who may qualify their Employers for Work Opportunity Tax Credits (WOTC)
- Reduced hiring costs
- Job retention solutions
- **No cost, no obligations to “try out” a potential employee through an internship**
- **Interns are covered under the IUSD liability and worker's compensation insurance**
- Temporary job coaching if needed and follow-up support
- Reduced recruitment and training time

**Interested? Have Questions?  
Contact a Member of our Staff  
today.**

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# Career Link

**Building a Foundation  
to Support Students  
Transitioning  
From School to  
Employment**



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