

Orange County Housing Authority The Beacon

Fall 2021

Family Self-Sufficiency Program Newsletter

Orange County 3rd District



Orange County 3rd District Job Fair

When: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6,

2021

Time: 10:00AM - 2:00PM

Location: IRVINE VALLEY COLLEGE 5500 IRVINE CENTER DR. IRVINE. CA

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Are you looking for quality employment? Do you want to streamline your job hunt, connect with top businesses, submit resumes directly to a company and interview in real time? Then the Orange County Job fair is for you!

Remember to dress to impress and bring multiple copies of your resume to distribute.

This WIOA Title I financially assisted program or activity is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. TDD/TTY users, please call the California Relay Services (800)735-2992 or 711. If you need special assistance to participate in this program, please call (714)480-6500 at least 72 hours prior to the event to allow reasonable arrangements to be made to ensure program accessibility.

CA COVID-19 Rent Relief Assistance

The CA COVID-19 Rent Relief program provides financial assistance for rent and utilities to income-eligible California renters and their landlords who have been impacted by COVID-19. For additional information, please contact 833-430-2122 or https://housing.ca.gov/covid_rr/.

Graduate Spotlight



In April 2009, Julisa T. utilized the portability option to transfer her Housing Choice Voucher to the Orange County Housing Authority. During this time, she was unemployed and received public assistance. She did not have any stable employment or degree. In 2012, she learned about the Family Self-Sufficiency program and decided to join the program in April.

Julisa went back to school to complete her education and obtained a certification and Associate's degree in Fashion Apparel Product Development in December 2018. Julisa secured employment and increased her household income by more than 50%.

Julisa graduated from the FSS program with an escrow disbursement of \$7,615.00. In her request for FSS graduation, she mentioned the program had a positive effect in her life. It helped lay out an education blueprint towards success and helped her achieve her goals every step of the way. She stated "I am 100% confident that the FSS program helped me improve my life and my children's future. It gave me a blueprint to follow and the support to complete the tasks. Thank you".

Congratulations to Julisa and her family!

Free Events



Fall Spooktacular—Buena Park

When: October 29th, 2021 Time: 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

The Trick or Treating Spooktacular includes a pumpkin patch, carnival games, arts and crafts, food trucks, haunted house, and kids costume contest.

The fun events are presented by the Buena Park Police Department and Community Services Department.

LOCATION: 6650 Beach Blvd Buena Park, CA 90621



Irvine Global Village Festival

When: October 9th, 2021Time: 10:00 am - 7:00 pm

Annual festival representing cultures from around the world; International cuisine; kids' crafts and activities; cultural and religious exhibits; and an international

marketplace.

Immerse yourself in cultural displays, indulge in International cuisine, explore the International Marketplace and keep the little ones in motion with many activities.

Festival admission and parking are free.

LOCATION:

Orange Great Park6000 Great Park Blvd

■ Irvine, CA 92618

FSS Reimbursement

OCHA has an enhancement program to assist FSS participants who have demonstrated progress toward meeting their goals. The following are reimbursable out of pocket expenses per fiscal year (July 1st to June 30th):

Child Care expense: maximum \$1800.

Reimbursement is limited to participants who attend school or work full-time, or a combination of the two totaling full-time. Children under the age of 13 only.

Educational expense: maximum \$400.

For tuition, textbooks, class material, lab fees, testing fees, parking, and etc.

Emergency automobile repair: maximum \$300.

Vehicle registration/DMV fees, tune-up, oil changes or other; maintenance work **is not** eligible, only for emergency situation.

Prepaid Value Card: maximum \$100; \$50.00 per issuance.

When an educational goal is completed, a prepaid card is awarded when requested and may be utilized to purchase education and/or employment related items.

Bus Pass expense: maximum \$540.00; \$45 per month.

To assist with transportation for employment and/or school.

Note: Remember you must attend one workshop a year to access this benefit.

Graduation requirements: To graduate from the FSS Program, a participant must: Be independent of welfare (commonly referred to as CalWORKs in the state of California) for the last 12 consecutive months of the COP, seek and maintain suitable employment of 32 hours per week, and complete all interim and final goals listed on the ITSP prior to the expiration of the COP.

Please contact your FSS case manager for further details regarding the reimbursement enhancement program.

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