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THE YOUTH BULLETIN

San Diego, A City Where Children and Youth Thrive

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The Office of Child & Youth Success (OCYS) serves as a navigation and connection point for residents seeking supportive services and programming for youth ages 24 and below.

VISION

MISSION

All of San Diego's children and youth thrive, are empowered, and feel successful. They are supported by a coordinated network of City and community partners with a shared framework to provide high-impact and equitable programs, services, resources, and opportunities.

The Office of Child and Youth Success is dedicated to prioritizing San Diego's youngest community by ensuring access to resources, services, and high-quality programs to support positive social, health, and educational outcomes for all children and youth.

LEARN MORE

CREATORS

Each of our monthly newsletters are created by: Kwincy Lambert, Tessa Garrison, and Brilly Gonzalez.

Stay Connected

The Office of Child and Youth Success newsletters are carefully crafted by the talented Employ & Empower Youth interns! Subscribe and follow us on Instagram to stay current on youth resources and more!



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FAREWELL TESSA!

Reflection



This internship has truly been a crucial stepping stone in my career. Thanks to the team at OCYS, I've been able to grow both professionally and personally while genuinely enjoying the work I've done. This opportunity has opened my eyes to a world of potential career paths and passions I hadn't previously considered. It has shaped the expectations I have for future job opportunities and deepened my love for working with organizations that serve the community, especially those supporting the youth of San Diego.

Favorite Project

Throughout my time at OCYS, I have absolutely loved supporting, and now leading, the creation of our Monthly Newsletter. The project brought out a new sense of creativity in me that I never knew I had, and I was proud to pick up the process so quickly.



Future Plans

Although I will truly miss working at OCYS, I am excited to graduate from SDSU this spring with my bachelor's degree and begin the search for meaningful full-time work in San Diego. I am eager to take the next step in my career and hope to join a changemaking organization that creates a positive impact in our community. After graduation, I also look forward to the potential opportunity to travel and explore parts of the world that may inspire my future endeavors.



Liberty Station first opened in 1923 as a naval training center. After officially closing in 1997, the space was reimagined into the cultural destination it is today. From its roots in service to its role in San Diego's creative future, Liberty Station continues to evolve while honoring the past.



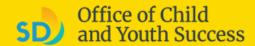
Liberty Station is one of San Diego's most creative and community filled spaces. What used to be a Navy base is now a go to destination for art, food, and culture. From mural-covered walkways to pop-up markets, galleries, and live events, Liberty Station brings together everything you'd want in one place. Whether you're looking to explore, hang out, or get inspired this is where it's happening.







Liberty Public Market history extends back to 1923, originally opened as the Mess Hall and Commissary. Many years after the sites decommission, Liberty Public Market opened up in 2016 as San Diego's first food hall. Check out their site to explore and experience a variety of cuisines, shop locally from vendors, and attend fun upcoming events!





Liberty Station is made up of five unique districts each with its own vibe, purpose, and experience.

- The Arts District is the creative core, Home to local artists, galleries, small businesses, and yearround performances, events and workshops.
 Visit the Open-Air Galley, a curated outdoor collection of temporary public art installations.
- **The Quarter** is where the community comes together for events and public celebrations.
- NTC Park is your go-to for open green space, yoga, skating, and chill weekend hangs.
- **The Neighborhood** blends homes, schools, and walkable streets into a space built on learning and connection.
- **South Point** the hotel district is where you can relax, recharge, and enjoy the views. Whether you're here to explore, create, or just unwind, Liberty Station has a spot for you.

COLLEGE & CAREER FAIRS



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& B E L O N G I N G

Fall Connections: Career & Resource Fair - This event brings together local employers, youth-friendly organizations, and community partners who are ready to connect with job seekers of all ages. Including healthcare, security, automotive, housing, youth-friendly orgs like Seaworld, SD Zoo, the Humane Society.

Register here!

November 4th, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Jackie Robinson Family YMCA



CASH FOR COLLEGE November 15, 2025

Cash for College - High school students (12th grade) and families can register below to attend this FREE Cash drop-in support for completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act (CADAA) and/or Chafee Grant for Foster Youth applications.

November 15, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Southwest High School



San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance

The San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance - Offers a 10-week paid internship over the summer, including Information Technology, Social Media, Wildlife Care, and Horticulture. Learn more on their site.

Applications open November 3^{rd,} 2025 and Close November 17^{th,} 2025.



Part Time & Seasonal Job Fair -

This event is open to the public, and is a great opportunity to connect, discuss and explore part-time work opportunities.

November 6, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Montezuma Hall, Aztec Student Union



City Jobs Info Session - Learn all about how to find and apply for jobs with the City.

December 4th, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm University Heights Library



FAFSA Information

Session - Learn about financial aid resources for college.

November 1st, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm Logan Heights Library Community Room



SD Padres Summer Internship - The SD Padres are **now accepting** applications for their 10-week 2026 Summer internship program.

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Monthly Highlight: Youth H.O.P.E Month



Youth H.O.P.E (Homelessness, Outreach, Prevention, and Education) month also known as National Homeless Youth Awareness month, was first declared as a rising and alarming issue in our country among <u>Congress in July 2007</u>. The purpose of establishing November as H.O.P.E month is to shine light to the underlying causes of youth and families experiencing housing insecurity and uplift the network of organizations and community partners working towards prevention and ending homelessness.



Housing Our Youth (HOY)

A program led by YMCA County of San Diego in collaboration with 6 other partnering agencies: San Diego Youth Services, SBCS, North County Lifeline, Urban Street Angels, The San Diego LGBT Community Center, and Home Start, that provides specialized assistance to young adults up to the age of 24 who are at-risk or experiencing homelessness. The program is designed to intercept youth experiencing homelessness and provide them with immediate housing and wraparound support, while searching for more permanent and stable housing opportunities.

Crossroads San Diego founded by student Hayden Hughes, in partnership with PATH collaborated to create a digital platform for people seeking services and experiencing homelessness.

Crossroads SD is an informative site that aims to centralize support and resources for San Diegans. As the site continues to grow momentum, do not miss your chance to participate in your community by spreading the word of this platform with your peers. Connect with Crossroads SD here to support the cause!

Wear Green November 13th to show solidarity.
Organizations such as The National Child
Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN), NAMI,
SAMHSA, and The California Homeless Education
Technical Assistance Center (HETAC) provide vital
resources that bring awareness and destigmatize
the negative perception of people experiencing
housing insecurity. Check out their sites below to
learn more.















Drop In Centers

Through out San Diego there are safe spaces for youth to <u>drop in</u> and access resources that best match their needs, whether that is a safe place to hang out, access to a free meal, shower, a change of clean clothes, or talk to a licensed specialist about mental health, shelter, and housing support.



SDYS has drop in centers located at <u>2220</u> <u>Broadway, San Diego</u> <u>CA 92102</u>, and <u>3845</u> <u>Spring Dr, Room 13</u> <u>Spring Valley, CA 91977</u>

Seek similar support at Urban Street Angels, South Bay Community Services, and Homestart.



THE CENTER

The Center offers a variety of supports mentioned above and many more for LGBTQ+ and nonbinary youth. Visit either location at 514 Pennsylvania Ave, San Diego CA 92103





SD YOUTH COMMISSION

WHAT IS THE YOUTH COMMISSION?

The Youth Commission serves as an advisory body to the Mayor and City Council.

WHO CAN JOIN?

Anyone between the ages of 14 - 25 years old that lives or goes to school in the City of San Diego.

WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN?

Youth representation is important and without youth input, how will the people making decisions on behalf of youth know they are making the right decisions.

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF A YOUTH COMMISSIONER?

- Provide advice to City elected officials
- Amplify youth voices!



- Engage in empowering youth advocacy.
- Build skills and knowledge on public policy, leadership, and gain valuable learning opportunities.
- Participate in community engagement to make a positive impact on your City.





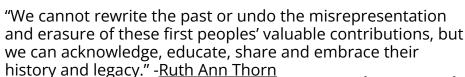


For more info. email OCYS@sandiego.gov





November is nationally recognized as Native American Heritage Month. The Kumeyaay are the first people of the San Diego region, and their territory once extended from the Pacific Ocean to the Colorado River. San Diego County has the most Native American reservations of any county in the United States, with 18. Out of those 18, there are 12 different bands of Kumeyaay in San Diego County, along with other active communities of other tribes in the region, such as the Cupeño, Quechan and Pai Pai. Watch this documentary presented by **KPBS Explore San Diego** to learn more about the history.









Native American Heritage Sites to visit: The lipay~Tipai Kumeyaay Mut Niihepok

Translates to "Land of the first people" is an exhibit embedded in Old Town's State Historic Park. This exhibit was brought to us by the Old Town Working Group which includes representatives of the Kumeyaay Nation and Tribal members from: Barona, Campo, Ewiiaapaayp, Inja-Cosmit, Jamul, La Posta, Manzanita, Mesa Grande, San Pasqual, Santa Ysabel, Sycuan, and Viejas Bands of the Kumeyaay Nation.

<u>Kumeyaay: Native Californians/Iipai-Tipai Exhibit</u> <u>at the Museum of Us</u>

The Museum of US in Balboa Park honors the heritage of the Kumeyaay people with a permanent exhibit devoted to the Kumeyaay traditions. This exhibit includes information regarding pottery, basket making, games and ceremonies celebrated among the Kumeyaay nation.



HOSTED BY SDUSD TITLE VI & JOHNSON O'MALLEY INDIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM

OPEN TO PUBLIC & ALL STUDENTS (5TH-12TH) MUST REGISTER

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE CELEBRATION



8:30am - 10:00am

REGISTRATION

Sign In | Light Breakfast Provided | Youth Activities & Community Vendors IMPORTANT: Must be registered before, see link above

10:00am - 11:30am

OPENING CEREMONY (OPEN TO PUBLIC)

Welcoming & Land Acknowledgement | Kumeyaay Songs & Presentation |
Speakers & Powwow Dance

11:30am - 3:00pm

YOUTH CONFERENCE (STUDENTS ONLY)

NOTE: Open to 5th-12th grade students
Lunch & Activities | Workshops | Speakers & Raffle

YOUTH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND CAREER PATHWAYS

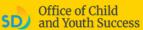
COMMUNITY CONVERSATION











OCYS UPDATE:

A warm thank you to the 67 individuals across 34 organizations that joined our Community Conversation event last month focused on youth workforce development and career pathways. Our office is dedicated to providing a safe platform development and career pathways ecosystem. for community partners, members, organizations, businesses, educators, and funders to collaborate to develop and strengthen existing workforce career pathways for youth.

We intend on continuing the conversation and encourage more community partners to join and expand on the factors that have been identified and discussed in regards to the youth workforce Please fill out this <u>response form</u> to help us shape collaboration moving forward. We value your input and expertise of knowledge. Contact Tara Ryan for further information (tryan@sandiego.gov)

Youth Summit Partner Form

If you did not have the opportunity to attend and join the conversation, here is a quick recap:

- · We reviewed and discussed samples of data extracted from the forthcoming Youth Well-being in San Diego Report produced by the Policy Innovation Center in partnership with San Diego Foundation, Prebys Foundation, and OCYS.
- · The high cost of living continues to offset educational and economic progress, especially for youth of color and other marginalized groups.
- · Regional wealth is not equitably distributed, leaving key communities without the resources needed to strengthen systems, infrastructure, and opportunity.
- Youth must be centered in decision-making, with greater access to career exploration, non-traditional pathways, and skill-building opportunities that lead to quality jobs.

We want to hear from youth!

- Please take some time to fill out our feedback
- This will be shared among the organizations that joined us to discuss how we can collaborate to improve and break down barriers for youth workforce development and career pathways.

Youth Focused 2026 Youth Summit Form

Continued Recap:

- Programs and supports need to be better aligned, comprehensive, and responsive to basic needs, rather than surface-level or fragmented.
- Stronger cross-sector collaboration among government, business, education, and nonprofits is essential to reduce duplication, ensure accountability, and scale impact.

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WANT BETTER JOBS & CAREER SUPPORT FOR OUR YOUTH?

If you're between 18-25 years old and live in San Diego County, these surveys are for you.

Traditional Career Pathways

This survey covers:

- Career pathway influences
- If there was any support for career pathways
- What jobs young people have now



Scan or click the QR code here! bit.ly/ywminisurvey

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Careers That Matter: Youth Voice for San Diego's Future

We want to hear:

- Career pathway preferences
- Desired career outcomes
- Support areas to reach passions in career pathways



bit.ly/ywminisurvey2







IT'S FAFSA & DREAMS ACT TIME!

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Reality Changers prepares youth to become first-generation college graduates and agents of change in their communities.

As fall settles in and everyone is attending Friday night football and soccer games or supporting your local high school band. It's Time to talk about money for college and completing the FAFSA and/or California Dream Act (CADAA). Here are some helpful hints to help you along your way to successfully completing and submitting your FAFSA and/or CADAA.

🎓 IT'S FAFSA & DREAM ACT TIME! YOUR FIRST STEP TO COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID

It's that time of year again — **financial aid season!** Whether you plan to attend a university, community college, or vocational program, completing the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** or the **California Dream Act Application (CADAA)** is the key to unlocking money to help pay for your education.

S What Are These Applications?

- FAFSA The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is for U.S. citizens and eligible noncitizens. It gives you access to federal grants, loans, and work-study programs, as well as state and college-based financial aid.
- California Dream Act Application (CADAA) –
 Designed for undocumented students, DACA
 recipients, U Visa holders, and TPS students who
 attend college in California. The Dream Act opens
 the door to state-based financial aid, including
 the Cal Grant, Middle Class Scholarship, and
 institutional grants at many California colleges
 and universities.

l Why It's Important

 Filling out the FAFSA or CADAA is the only way to find out how much financial aid you qualify for and most colleges require one of these applications, even for scholarships. Many students are surprised to discover they qualify for free money (grants) that never have to be repaid.

Don't Wait — Apply Early!

 Applications open every fall, and funds are often awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.
 Submitting early ensures you don't miss out. The priority deadline in California is typically March 2, but don't wait until the last minute!

You'll need:

- Your **2024 tax information** (and your parents' if applicable)
- Your Social Security number (for FAFSA) or ITIN (for Dream Act)
- A list of colleges you plan to apply to

Get Started Today

- FAFSA: https://studentaid.gov
- California Dream Act: https://dream.csac.ca.gov

Need help? Many schools, community organizations, and libraries host FAFSA/Dream Act workshops to walk you through the process.

* Take charge of your future — apply now and open the door to college opportunities!

FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIP UPDATES:

- BIA Cares 2025 College Scholarship | Deadline: November 3, 2025 <u>High School Application</u> | <u>TradeSchool Application</u> | <u>College Application</u>
- Cooke Scholarship | Deadline: November 14
- Mexico Application Period: October 22, 2025 December 5, 2025
- Kyoto Prize Symposium | Deadline: January 6, 2026
- Live Mas Scholarship Taco Bell Foundation | Deadline: January 5, 2026

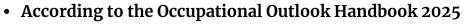
College Spotlight

New York University (NYU)
New Major: Environmental
Engineering
Additional Majors:
Academics - MEET NYU





CAREER SPOTLIGHT



- Quick Facts: <u>Lawyers/Law Professionals</u>
- Teachers/Educators (<u>High School</u>) | (<u>Post-Secondary</u>)
- Lawyers/Law Professionals | High School | Post-Secondary

2024 Median Pay (Per Year) (Per Hour)	High School Post-Secondary \$64,580 \$83,980 N/A N/S <u>Lawyers/Law professionals</u> \$151,160 \$72.67
Typical Entry-Level Education Teacher/Educators: High School Lawyers/Law Professionals	Bachelors Degree (BS or BA) Masters Degree or Doctoral Degree Doctoral or professional degree
Work Experience in Occupation	None None None
On-the-job Training	None None None
Number of Jobs, 2023	1,094,500 1,415,600 864,800
Job Outlook, 2023-33	-2% (Decline) 7% (Much faster than average) 4% (As fast as average)
Employment Change, 2023-33	-17,800 96,700 35,900

DEGREE: LAW AND LEGAL STUDIES
LICENSE FINDER | CAREERONESTOP







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Dia De Los Muetros: A Community Celebration

Location: 4300 Taylor Street, San Diego, CA 92110 Saturday Nov. 1st 10:00 am-5:30 pm | Sunday Nov. 2nd 10:00 am-4:00 pm



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<u>Dia De Los Muetros Procession: Sherman Heights</u>

Location: 4300 Taylor Street, San Diego, CA 92110 Sunday, November 2, 2025 2:00 pm-8:45 pm



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Intro to Python: Project & Make Art

Location: Multipurpose Room - Skyline Hills

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

4:30pm-7:00pm



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YMCA Green Wave Rally

Location: 1600 Pacific Highway, San Diego CA 92101

Thursday, November 6, 2025

12:00 pm



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SDYS Walk & Rally

Location: 202 C Street, San Diego CA 92101

Friday, November 7, 2025

2:00 pm- 4:00 pm



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Slow Fashion Day (Sew Loka & The Homegrown Project)

Location: The Lane 900 Bayfront CT, Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92101, Sunday, November 9, 2025

2:00pm-9:00pm



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Veteran's Day Parade

Location: Harbor Drive (in front of the County Administration Building)

Tuesday, November 11, 2025

10 am



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<u>Veteran's Day Free Admission @ Navy Seal Museum</u>

Location: 1001 Kettner Blvd., San Diego, CA 92101

Tuesday, November 11, 2025 Use Promo Code: VETERAN if purchasing tickets online.

10 am - 4:15 pm

5:00 pm - 9:30 pm

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Reel Voices 2025 World Premiere Screening & Reception

Location: 900 Otay Lakes Rd, Chula Vista, CA 91910 Southwestern Performing Arts Theater Friday, November 14, 2025 Use Promo Code: VETERAN if purchasing tickets online.

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PACIFIC ARTS MUVEMENT

A Free, Virtual Live Well San Diego Youth Leadership Team

Town Hall on Access to Nutrition Education and Wellness

How can youth build a healthier community?

Join us to:

- Address access to nutrition education
- Hear from experts about healthy food systems
- Explore solutions to build a healthier San Diego!

NOV 8TH 10-12 PM ON ZOOM

Scan the QR code to register!



A limited number of gift cards will be available for attendees!*



Questions can be directed to livewellyouth@sdcounty.ca.gov

FLOURISH TO





Vote 16 Launch Party

NOV 8TH

1PM-4PM

5555 University Ave San Diego CA 92105



Together, we're shaping a San Diego grounded in the belonging, power, and dignity of youth. Join us for an afternoon filled with speakers, performances, activities, food, and the launch of the Youth Coalition!

RSVP: bit.ly/vote16launchparty















Through the Youth

Film Festival

A YOUTH ORGANIZED EVENT

BY NATALIA AHMED

RSVP HERE: bit.ly/FilmFestRSVP

November 12th 4:30-7pm

125 14th St San Diego, CA

Free community event

FREE EVENT! FREE SNACKS!!



OPEN CALL!

for youth ages 19 or younger

Taking any films made by youth up to 10 minutes long

bit.ly/FilmFestSUBMIT

OutsideThe Lens



Beyond bullying: Parenting playbook

- Monthly live webinars
- 45 minutes
- Join from anywhere (it's virtual)
- Space is limited sign up now!



Jessica Elliott

BehavioralHealth Coach
BrightLife Kids



About the webinar

Date: Thursday, November 13th

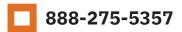
Time: 12:00pm-12:45pm

Bullying weighs heavy on the entire family—and you don't need to have all the answers. The signs aren't always obvious: withdrawn behavior, mood shifts, reluctance to talk about school. These moments speak volumes. In this webinar, you'll learn how to spot the signs, open honest conversations, and address bullying together as a team. You'll walk away with practical strategies to support

your child and create calmer,

they need you most.

more connected moments when





TAKING BACK OUR RIGHT TO: POWER, ACCESS, JOY AND COMMUNITY

CONFERENCE & YOUTH ART SHOW

NOVEMBER 15TH

10 AM - 4 PM

CONFERENCE YOUTH ART SHOW 6 PM - 8 PM

CONFERENCE ATTENDEE REGISTRATION: TINYURL.COM/PRIDEYLA2025

WORKSHOP & RESOURCE TABLING: TINYURL.COM/YLAPARTNERS25

ART SHOW SUBMISSION: TINYURL.COM/PRIDEYAS2025





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TENPOET LAUREATE



Our state's new ambassador for young literary voices

The application process for the state's first-ever California Teen Poet Laureate is now open! The role offers young adult word artists within our state the unique opportunity to promote literary arts and engage with diverse communities throughout California. All eligible teenaged poets are encouraged to apply.

ABOUT

The California Teen Poet Laureate will be responsible for providing a minimum of six public readings during their two-year term. In collaboration with the California Poet Laureate, they will be required to develop and undertake a specific poetry project intended to bring the literary arts to Californians, particularly students with limited exposure to poetry. The teen poet laureate will receive an annual stipend of \$10,000 for their work in these endeavors.

AM I ELIGIBLE?

Applicants must be California residents between the ages of 13 and 19.

HOW CAN I APPLY?

Interested teen poets must submit their applications online at <u>capoetlaureate.org</u> on or before November 30, 2025.

QUESTIONS?

Checkoutour California Teen Poet Laureate Q&A page at **capoetlaureate.org**.

EMAIL

poetlaureate@arts.ca.gov for any additional questions.



<u>capoetlaureate.org</u>

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facebook.com/californiaartscouncil











RAINBOW SPACES & GLSEN SAN DIEGO PRESENT

THE 2025 HDC



Join us for Ice skating at the Hotel Del Coronado on Saturday, December 7^{th,} from 5 to 7 pm for the 2025 Rainbow Skate. All Youth up to age 24 are free. Cookies and hot chocolate provided



5.00 PM - 06.00 PM













