Worksite Partners Extending a Helping Hand

AB Construction	Fremont Theater	Petco
Ace Hardware	Goodwill Industries	PetSmart
A.J. Spurs	Grand Performance Music Great American	Point Break
All Star Pets	Melodrama	Quiznos
Animal Hospital	Hair of the Dog	Rock Solid
Animal Kingdom Arroyo Grande	Head Start	Rose's Landing
Community Hospital	Higher Groundz	Sally's Beauty Supply
	Holloway's Christmas Farm	
Arroyo Grande Fire Station	Home Town Buffet	San Luis Ambulance Station
Atascasdero Bible Church	IZOD	Santa Maria Tire
Bay Laurel Nursery	Jamba Juice	SLO County Library
Beach Cycle Rentals	Jiffy Lube	SLO Planning & Building
Ben's Computer	Kalifornia Tanz	Smart and Final
Beverly's Fabrics	Kennedy Club Fitness	
	Kitchen Collection	Sonrisa Photography
Big Daddy's Pizza		Spencer's Fresh Market
Boys and Girls Club	Klondike Pizza	Splash Café
Cal Fire Station	KSBY	Spyglass Shell
Cal Poly Campus Dining California Division of Forestry	LoLo's Mexican Restaurant Lopez Lake Marina	Square Deal Recordings & Supplies
Carter's	Los Osos Fitness Works	St. William's
Chalk Mountain Golf	Manse on Marsh	Subway
City of A.G. Rec. & Maint.	Marshalls	Taco Bell
City of Morro Bay	McDonald's	Takken's Shoes
Clark Center	Michaels Arts & Crafts	Tastee Freez
Coldstone Creamery	Mid State Fair	Trader Joe's
Cole Chrysler Dodge	Miner's Ace Hardware	Upper Crust Pizzeria
Continental Motor Works	Monument Skate Shop	Upscale Retail
Cookie Crock Warehouse	Mullahey Ford	Van Heusen
Cuesta College	Nipomo Feed	Veterinary Medical Clinic
CVS Pharmacy	Nipomo Library	Village House Pizza
Davidson Film Inc.	Oceano Nursery	Walgreens
Dawna's Pet Parlor	Old Navy	Wal-Mart
Domino's Pizza	Olde Port Inn	Winter Wonderland
Donut Delight	OSH KOSH	Woods Humane Society
Fitness Works	PAC SUN	Young Small Family Home
Food Bank Coalition		

Panda Express

San Luis

San Luis Obispo County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA)

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WorkAbility 1

Where Experience Makes a Difference





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WorkAbility I

What is WorkAbility I?

WorkAbility I is a vocational program serving special education students. It is designed to promote career awareness and exploration while students complete their secondary education program. WorkAbility I provides students with opportunities for job shadowing, paid work/experience, and limited term support and guidance from vocational personnel. WorkAbility I is available in the San Luis Obispo SELPA through a grant from the California Department of Education.

Who is Eligible?

- A student 16-22 years of age with an active IEP (Individual Education Program)
- A student with at least junior standing

Referrals are made through high school special education staff





What Services are Provided for Student/Trainees?

- Learn to earn
- Interest/ability evaluation
- Curriculum focusing on comprehensive job-seeking and job-keeping skills
- Career exploration
- Work experience
- Interagency collaboration
- Potential for growth in self confidence, responsibility, initiative, independence, and work skills

For Businesses/Employers:

- Screened, job-ready trainees, future employees
- Subsidized training wages; Worker's Compensation coverage
- Tax credit incentives when appropriate
- Ongoing employee support services and collaboration with job developer
- Opportunity to assist a young worker in developing positive work habits





WorkAbility I Team

How Can Your Business Benefit?

- Reduced hiring costs
- No-cost, no-obligation opportunity to "try out" potential employees
- Increased community involvement

A message to Employers...

The WorkAbility I Program was brought to San Luis Obispo County SELPA in 1988 to assist the transition of high school students from the classroom to the work force. Since that time, hundreds of students have been placed in private businesses with a subsidized wage and many of these students were hired directly. All have received valuable work experience and have had the opportunity to develop the pre-employment, social and work skills needed to make informed career decisions.

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