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America's Job Center of California

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What is America's Job Center of California?

America's Job Center of California (formerly the One-Stop Career Center) was established by the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). America's Job Center of California (AJCC) offers a comprehensive range of workforce development activities through statewide and local organizations. These centers are administered by the state Workforce Investment Board (WIB) consisting of representatives from businesses, labor organizations, educational institutions and community organizations.

The WIB is appointed by the Governor and assist the Governor in the designing of a statewide plan and establishing appropriate policies for the operation of the America's Job Center of California (AJCC). The Employment Development Department (EDD) has primary responsibility for the AJCC in California.

What is the Purpose of America's Job Center of California?

The purpose of AJCC activities is to promote an increase in the employment, job retention, earnings and occupational skills of center participants. AJCC activities are designed to improve the quality of the workforce, reduce dependency on welfare and other public benefits and increase the nation's workforce productivity.

Who is eligible to receive America's Job Center of California services?

Title I of WIA authorizes AJCC services for youth, adults and laid off workers. This includes disabled and non-disabled individuals

- A. **Youth** – Eligible youth must be between the ages of 14 and 21 years of age, low income and meet at least 1 of 6 specific barriers to employment.
- B. **Adults** – Eligible adults must be age 18 or older.
- C. **Laid off Workers** – Eligible laid off workers are individuals who have been terminated from their employment and are unlikely to return to their previous job.

Displaced homemakers and self-employed individuals may also qualify for AJCC services.

Services for adults and laid off workers are provided through locally based America's Job Centers throughout the state of California. The AJCC's year-round youth program emphasizes attainment of basic skills competencies, enhanced academic and occupational training and provides exposure to the job market and employment. The program emphasizes services to out-of-school youth.

America's Job Center of California Services

AJCCs use a variety of strategies to provide the most appropriate and effective services to meet the needs of the customers in their community.

- **Core Services** are available and can include labor market information, initial assessment of skill levels and job search and job placement assistance.
- **Intensive Services** are available to eligible unemployed individuals who have completed at least one core service but have not been able to obtain employment, or an employed individual needing additional services to obtain or keep employment that will lead to personal self-sufficiency.
- **Training Services** are available to eligible individuals who have met the requirements for intensive services and have been unable to obtain or keep employment. Individual Training Accounts (ITA)

is established to finance training based on the individual's choice of selected training programs.

To learn more about America's Job Center of California you can go to the Employment Development Department (EDD) website at www.edd.ca.gov. You can locate your local AJCC by entering your zip code at the "Find an America's Job Center of California near you" portal.

You can also contact the PABSS unit at Disability Rights California at 800-776-5746.

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