

ROAD TO WORK AGENCY DESCRIPTIONS

Marin Education Fund:

Is a non-profit organization that provides college access programs, scholarships, and support to students in need of all ages. The low-income and traditionally underrepresented students who receive support from Marin Education Fund are frequently the first generation of their family to go to college. These scholarships are designated for those who are planning on enrolling in a professional or technical program or a traditional undergraduate degree. Scholarships range from \$500 to \$5000 and are used to help pay the cost of tuition and educational expenses. www.marineducationfund.org.

Ohloff Recovery Programs:

Geared for people that are either working or want to get back into the workforce. Offers both residential services for men and outpatient services for men, women, and adolescents for the treatment of the disease of chemical dependency, empowering individuals and their families. 883-2494. www.ohlhoff.org

Regional Occupational Program (ROP):

Offers a wide variety of career classes for anyone 16 years or older in the county. These classes are intended for anyone seeking a new career, a career focus, or upgrading of current skills. ROP provides courses in the following Pathways: Arts & Communications, Business & Marketing, Health & Biosciences, Service Occupations, and Technology & Engineering. www.marinrop.org. 499-5860.

Tamalpais Adult Education:

Has a variety of courses to help adult students achieve their goals. The adult school is a General Education Development (GED) testing center and offers GED test preparation classes, as well as high school diploma classes, computer classes for work level proficiency, communication skills for the workplace, and English as a Second Language. There is a \$25. registration fee per semester for these classes. In addition, Tam Adult has a large number of high interest community education classes available to the public for a fee. Call 945-3730 for more information about registration times and dates and refer to www.marinlean.com.

Bay Area Community Resources:

Provides support, information, skill development and resources to help individuals with alcohol and other drug related problems. BACR delivers prevention and treatment services to youth and adults having a broad spectrum of needs, ranging from the need for basic information to treatment for chronic alcoholism and drug addiction. Services are provided in a number of settings. 444-5580x2308. www.bacr.org.

Buckelew Programs:

Is a community-based non-profit organization providing a continuum of services to increase the self-sufficiency and enhance the quality of life for people with a mental illness in the North Bay (Marin County, Sonoma County, and Napa County). Their services for young adults and adults include group homes, independent living programs, recovery-oriented supportive services, activities, family counseling and education, job-training and employment placement programs. 456-9350. www.buckelew.org.

Canal Alliance:

Is a community resource center that develops self-sufficiency and leadership in Marin's low-income immigrant populations through access to health and social services, youth development, economic security, and citizenship. Our services include academic and leadership training for youth, case management for families, domestic violence support groups, English as a Second Language classes, small business trainings, technology trainings, immigration legal services and food distribution. www.canalalliance.org

CalWORKs:

Provides cash aid and other resources to eligible low-income families. CalWORKs helps families develop and implement personalized plans to move them toward self-sufficiency. 473-3350. http://www.co.marin.ca.us/depts/HH/main/ss/Employment_Training/employ.cfm.

Center Point, Inc:

Provides comprehensive social, educational, vocational, medical, psychological, housing, and rehabilitation services to combat social problems such as substance abuse, poverty, unemployment, and homelessness. 492-4444. www.cpinc.org.

College of Marin:

Provides excellent educational opportunities for all members of our diverse community by offering: Preparation for transfer to four-year schools and universities, workforce education, basic skills improvement, intellectual and physical development; and lifelong learning, and cultural enrichment. The College of Marin is committed to responding to community needs by offering student-centered programs and services in a supportive, innovative learning environment with a strong foundation of sustainability, which will instill environmental sensitivity in our students. 457-8811. www.marin.edu.

Community Action Marin / Marin Jobs & Career Services:

A private non-profit social service agency serving and assisting low-income Marin residents in achieving a life of quality based on self-sufficiency; currently operates 15 programs covering a variety of needs from childcare and AIDS services to energy assistance, employment services, family needs and mental health issues. CAM can assist with getting a California ID or Driver's License. 485-1489. www.camarin.org.

Conservation Corps North Bay:

Develops the youth of Marin and Sonoma counties by providing meaningful employment, education and training opportunities through projects that conserve natural resources, deliver human services and respond to public emergencies. 454-4554. www.conservationcorpsnorthbay.org

Employment Development Department:

Provides assistance in all phases of job search including research of the local labor market, CALJOBS search, referral to local support services or agencies. Staff available to assist veterans with development of job search strategy and focused resumes. 473-3330. www.edd.ca.gov.

Goodwill Industries:

Believes that everyone has the right to support themselves and their families through the power of work. Goodwill offers numerous career development programs and services, as well as jobs with benefits within the agency. Goodwill is dedicated to helping motivated individuals overcome barriers to employment, such as long-term welfare dependence, a physical or mental disability, homelessness, incarceration, substance abuse or limited English skills. 456-5273. www.sfgoodwill.org.

Homeward Bound of Marin:

The chief provider of emergency shelter and transitional housing with support services for homeless people in Marin County. Provides a safe place to stay for approximately 1,400 people, including about 200 children, each year in 10 residential programs. Services, including job training, counseling and education, aim at "opening doors to safety, dignity, hope and independence." Homeward Bound offers a certified culinary training program in conjunction with Marin County Office of Education's R.O.P. The continuous enrollment feature allows entry anytime during the school year. 800-428-1488. www.hbofm.org

Marin City Community Development Corporation:

Dedicated to improving the economic and social quality of life of Marin City residents. Toward this end, MCCDC promotes full employment opportunities through job re-training programs and partnering with education providers within the county to help "skill-up" the local workforce. 339-2837. www.marincitycdc.org.

Marin County Probation Department:

Provides investigative services to the Marin Superior Court and supervises adult and juvenile offenders in the community. Investigations relate to adult and juvenile sentencing and delinquency; makes recommendations to the Court for release of prisoners on their own recognizance in lieu of bail and provides an array of alternatives to incarceration. 499-6599. www.co.marin.ca.us/depts/PB/main/index.cfm.

Marin Employment Connection:

Provides employment and training services to Marin county residents and employers through a partnership of private and public agencies. 473-3300. www.marinemployment.org.

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