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Kevin's Corner

Did You Reply Last Month? Technology can be a wonderful thing – until it isn't. Every month for over 10 years I have been sharing with you my concerns and observations in this monthly newsletter. Well... last month (July) someone somewhere in a software vendor office decided that the software we use needed to change and just like that every single constituent email response from the newsletter literally vanished into thin air. No trace! Just gone! So, if you responded to my newsletter last month (you can refresh your memory here: <https://tinyurl.com/KJNewsJuly>), we didn't receive it. So – if it was important, please try again. As far as we can tell, we still can't receive direct replies to this newsletter, so just send your email directly to District1@Rivco.org.

How Big Is Enough? Should current and future elected officials in Riverside County government seek public office so that they can increase their take home pay and benefits? Or, should an elected official in our county be grateful for An Honest Day's Pay for An Honest Day's Work, and perhaps be a little humble in assessing their own self-value when serving the public. Certainly, I do NOT expect a "full time" elected official to take a vow of poverty in order to represent the people of Riverside County, but let's be reasonable. Our county essentially has three groups of full-time elected county officials. The five (5) members of the Board of Supervisors, three (3) county wide elected officials (Treasurer/Tax Collector, Auditor/Controller, and the Assessor/Clerk/Recorder), and two (2) elected public safety officials (Sheriff and District Attorney). This past December, our two public safety officials were proposed to receive a 13% pay increase bringing them to roughly \$308,000. The three other county-wide officials were to receive a 32% increase, raising them to \$256,000 annually. The Board of Supervisors pay is tied to 80% of State Judge pay, roughly \$185,000 for the newer members of the Board (I have refused all pay raises). The last pay raise proposal failed, but I am told it is going to be placed back on the Board of Supervisors agenda in hopes of finding at least three votes – but this time the carrot also reportedly includes a new pay increase for County Supervisors.

Wellness Village To Bring Services and Resources to Mead Valley—In what will almost certainly be the largest investment of funds in an unincorporated community in Riverside County history, the Board of Supervisors recently voted to locate an innovative, state-of-the-art "Wellness Village" to Mead Valley. This facility will bring comprehensive health services to this under-served community, and also includes a public market and cafe, pharmacy (the first in Mead Valley), WIC office, dental and medical services, and veterans support, as well as onsite therapeutic services. The innovative project will also include much needed recreation areas, gardens, rest areas, and trails for community members using services. Over 600 permanent jobs will be located at the facility, a welcome change from the warehouses that currently dominate the area in which it will be located near the 215 and the Placentia Interchange.

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Assuming it passes a few more hearings and hurdles, the facility will hopefully break ground next year.

Over 1000 Phone Calls? They say the road to hell is paved with good intentions, and the State of California seems to prove this regularly. In an effort to reform the state juvenile justice system and programs to help foster youth, California has essentially closed all the state youth authorities, eliminated many group home programs, and forbidden out of state placement of troubled youth. The goal is to place these children in a more welcoming family environment instead. Unfortunately, while we work with many families who have the calling to help these kids, and we have placed thousands of children successfully in foster homes, it is nearly impossible to place some of these frequently violent/suicidal/addicted “Complex Care Children” with families. You may have seen articles about other counties being sued for placing children in hotels and offices because they cannot find placement, and unfortunately, we are no different. While there are only about 20-50 of these hard to place youth at any given time in the County (out of almost 5,000 “in the system”), it can reportedly take multiple days and **well over 1,000 phone calls per child** to find appropriate placement for them, forcing the county to house them (with multiple staff supervision) temporarily in less than ideal conditions. While we continue to lobby the state to increase the options for placement for this category of children, the Board of Supervisors recently authorized the \$28 million purchase of a residential ranch and school formerly run by a private organization that will be used to help house these children while they await permanent placement or receive services from the County. “Harmony Haven” won’t solve the problem of finding permanent placement for these kids, but it will help keep them more safe and comfortable while our staff tries to find solutions for them. If you have a heart for children and serving your community, you can help us and them (they aren’t all “complex care children”, some just need a safe place to live temporarily) by becoming a Resource Family: <https://rivcodpss.org/foster-careadoption/become-resource-family>

Will a Wildlife Refuge also be a Wildfire Refuge? The Western Riverside County Conservation Authority is tasked with establishing a 500,000 acre Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan across Western Riverside County to protect 146 animal and plant species, including 34 that are threatened or endangered. While about 350,000 acres are already protected, the last 150,000 has been very expensive to obtain, and the federal government has fallen way short of their commitment to the plan. In an effort to assist, there is currently legislation by Senator Dianne Feinstein and Congressman Ken Calvert to establish a unique non-contiguous Wildlife Refuge in the County that would enable the federal government to purchase lands (voluntary sellers only) to add to the MSHCP. While I appreciate the feds coming to the table, to do their part, I do have concerns about the restrictions on firefighting that could occur with the “Refuge” designation. Reports indicate that large swaths of the proposed refuse land could be off-limits to air tankers and bulldozers during wildfire firefighters efforts. This can lead to fires growing rapidly and threatening rural communities. Research is ongoing on this issue...

Be Safe!

Kevin Jeffries



RTA is rolling back bus fares to just 25 cents per ride for **everyone**. That means bus rides, which usually cost \$1.75, will be just a quarter from June 1 through August 30.

Customers can pay by simply dropping a quarter in the farebox or they can use the GoMobile app when they board. The 25 cent rides include all local bus routes, CommuterLink and GoMicro.



*Interested in serving your local community?
Perhaps you are more of a regional advocate?
If you live in or have a business in District #1, be sure to look
at the list of openings we have below for local commissions.*

CURRENT OPENINGS:

Good Hope Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) - Two (2) Members & One (1) Alternate

Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) - One (1) Alternate

Solid Waste - One (1) Alternate Representative

In Home Support Services (IHSS) - Recipient or Consumer of IHSS Services - One (1) opening

Behavioral Health Commission - Family Member - One (1) opening & Public Interest - One (1) opening

Community Action Commission - One (1) Alternate

Assessment Appeals Board No. 3 - One (1) Alternate

If you are interested in applying for any of these positions
please see a link and instructions to an
application below:

<https://rivcodistrict1.org/sites/g/files/aldnop256/files/migrated/Portals-0-BoardsandCommissionsApplication11713.pdf>

Upcoming Events

August is Child Support Awareness Month
"Different wants, different needs, one shared goal"

RivCoDCSS
Child Support Services

FAMILY SUPPORT RESOURCE FAIR

BACKPACK GIVEAWAY
2081 Iowa Ave, Riverside, CA 92507

This event is **FREE!**

Community Resources
Child Support Services
Employment/Job Fair

FREE BACKPACKS, CRAYONS, MARKERS, PENS, WRITING PADS, RULERS, AND MORE!!

Walk-Ins Welcome!
No appointment necessary for child support assistance!
• Questions about applying for child support
• Establishing and modification child support
• Paying back child support

to your license suspended because of child support?
This day only license release with \$0 down!

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visit us online: www.RivCoDCSS.com
#SupportRivCo

SATURDAY AUGUST 5TH
8am-12pm

NOW OPEN

LOCATION & HOURS
Date August 22, 2023
Location Norton Younglove CC
459 Center Street
Highgrove, CA 92507
Hours 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

MOBILE HEALTHCARE SERVICES
Riverside University Health System offers primary health care services inside our mobile clinic at various locations throughout Riverside County.

SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Exams, Diagnosis and Treatment of Acute and Chronic Illness
- Prescriptions Written as Needed (No Controlled Substances)
- Patient Education
- Immunization
- Preventative Health Screenings
- Women's Health Exams
- Laboratory Services
- Nutrition education

Serving your healthcare needs in one convenient location!
Referrals are available as needed for specialists, mental health treatment and other public health services.

FEES
Our helpful staff will assist you in determining which programs are available to help pay for the services you need.

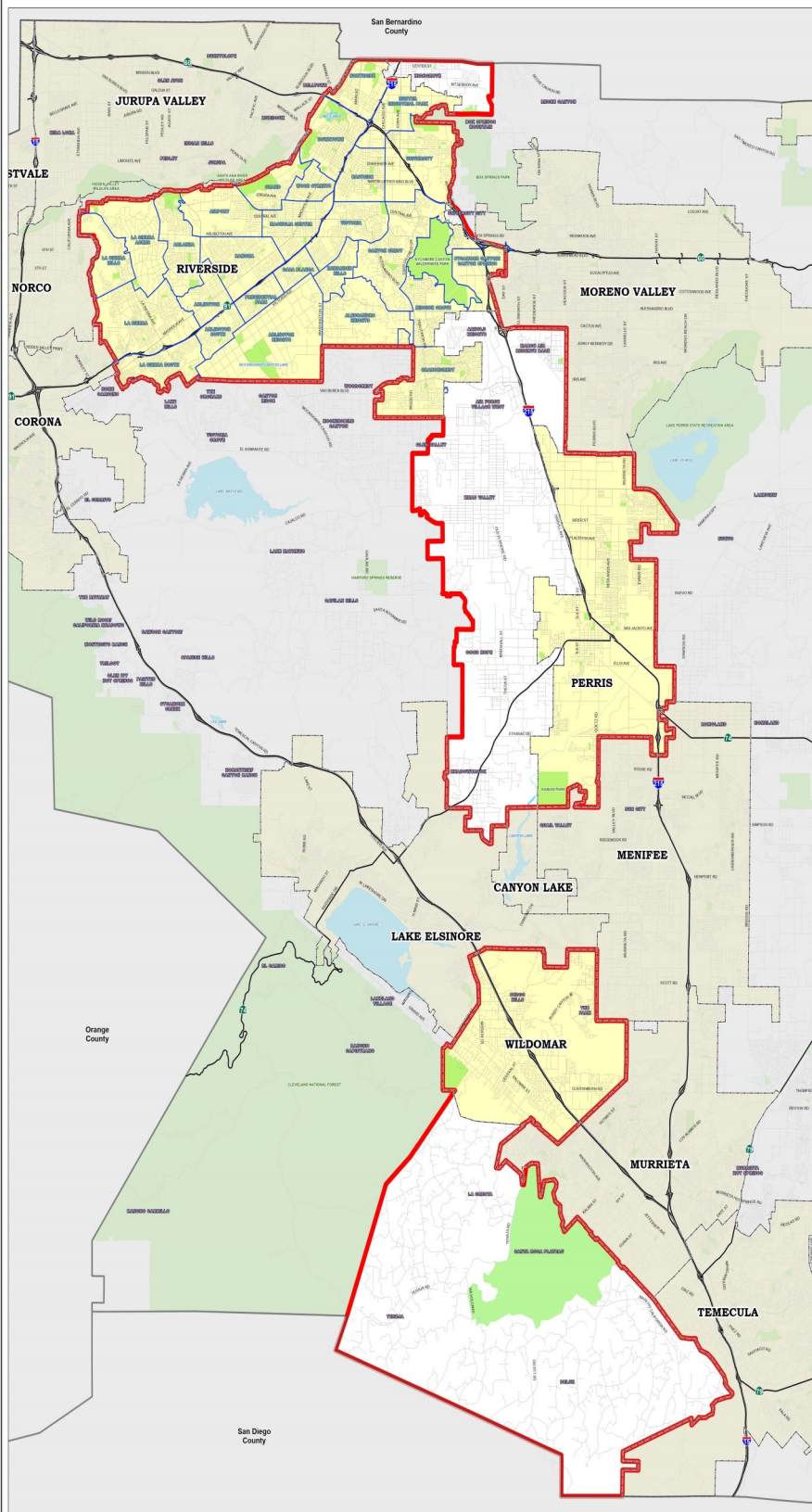
To schedule an appointment call:
833-434-2229
You can also schedule your appointment in-person.

MOBILE CLINIC

www.ruhealth.org/medical-center/medical-services/mobile-health-clinic

Riverside University HEALTH SYSTEM

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1 County of Riverside



First District Profile



Kevin Jeffries was elected in November 2012 to Represent the residents of the 1st Supervisorial District on the Riverside County Board of Supervisors. This district covers the cities of Riverside, Perris, and Wildomar, and the unincorporated communities including Highgrove, University City, Mead Valley, Good Hope, Meadowbrook, March Joint Powers Authority, La Cresta, Tenaja, and De Luz.

- Roads
- Highways
- City Boundaries
- Neighborhoods
- District 1 Boundary
- Parks
- Waterbodies

Supervisor Kevin Jeffries
District 1
(951) 955-1010

Representing the Cities of:
Riverside
Jurupa Valley (portion)
Perris
Wildomar



NOTE: Wildomar, La Cresta, Tenaja, and De Luz will move to the 3rd District in January of 2025.

HOSTED BY THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

**MEAD VALLEY
&
GOOD HOPE
TOWN HALL MEETING**



**MEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY
CENTER
10th ANNIVERSARY**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2023
AT 6:00 P.M.
Mead Valley Community Center
21091 Rider Street,
Perris, CA 92570**

**HIGHGROVE
TOWN HALL
MEETING**



**DISTRICT 1 HIGHGROVE
INAUGURAL TOWN HALL**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27,
2023 AT 6:00 P.M.
Highgrove Elementary School
690 Center Street
Highgrove, CA 92507**

**Please join us to discuss important community issues
with various county agencies and meet OUR First
District Supervisor!**

Invited Departments

Animal Services
Auditor-Controller
District Attorney
Environmental Health
Executive Office
Facilities Management

Emergency Management Department
Housing and Workforce Solutions
Office of Economic Development
Department of Public Social Services
Riverside University Health System
– Behavioral Health

Registrar of Voters
Sheriff
Building and Safety
Code Enforcement
Planning
Transportation

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 951 955-1010

Mead Valley Urban Tree Program

On Saturday, July 8th we had our third Mead Valley Shade Tree Giveaway! Hundreds of trees were distributed to families in the Mead Valley area with the help of TreePeople and The Grove Community Church.



**BACK-TO-SCHOOL
BASH**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 5
11 AM - 2 PM**

MEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER
21091 Rider Street, Perris, CA 92570
(951) 210-1580 • Se Habla Español

Operated by:

THE GROVE **HILLWOOD** **UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**Games
Food
School Supply
Giveaway!**

Movies in the Parks

On Friday, July 14th, and Friday, July 21st local residents in Mead Valley and Good Hope, respectively, attended Movie Night. They watched “Puss in Boots: The Last Wish”. Attendees enjoyed free games, music, and popcorn, while they waited for the sun to go down to enjoy the movie. Thank you to everyone in the community who attended these great events in District 1.

Mead Valley



Good Hope



Upcoming Library Events

MOSES SCHAFER COMMUNITY CENTER

1ST & 3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH:
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

21565 Steele Peak Dr | Perris



CONNECT

MOBILE RESOURCE VAN SERVICES:

Learning Lounge - Just-in-time literacy support services, such as resume and job help

Family Literacy Programs - Programs to develop literacy skills as a family, such as Raising a Reader and STEAM programs

Adult One-on-One Sessions - Get one-on-one support to improve your reading, writing, listening, speaking and digital skills

Adult Small Group Sessions - Get support to improve your reading, writing, listening, speaking, digital and job skills as a group

Library Services - Book checkout/checkin, holds pickup/return, get a library card

Riverside County Library System
5840 Mission Blvd. | Riverside, Ca. 92509
www.rivlib.net | 951.369.3003

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CALIFORNIA
STATE LIBRARY

RIVERSIDE COUNTY
OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Riverside County
Library System

HOMEWORK HELP PROGRAM AT THE HIGHGROVE LIBRARY



Highgrove Library
530 Center St
Riverside CA 92507
951-682-1507

HOMEWORK HELP HOURS
TUES & THURS: 2PM - 6PM
WED: 1:30 PM - 6PM
FRI: 12 PM - 6PM
SAT: 10 AM - 3PM

Tutors courtesy of UCR College Corps



Riverside SummerFEEDS

SUMMER SITES OPEN MONDAY - FRIDAY
MAY 30 - AUGUST 4, 2023

ALL SITES CLOSED MONDAY, JUNE 19TH AND TUESDAY, JULY 4TH

Free lunch for those 18 and under



Arlington Park
3860 Van Buren Blvd.
11:30 - 1:00 p.m.

Bobby Bonds Park
2060 University Ave.
Noon - 1:30 p.m.

Bordwell Park
2008 Martin Luther King Blvd.
11:30 - 1:00 p.m.

Bryant Park
7950 Philbin St.
Noon - 1:30 p.m.

Don Jones Park
3995 Jefferson St.
11:00 - 12:30 p.m.

Don Lorenzi Park
4230 Jackson St.
11:00 - 12:30 p.m.

Hunt Park
4015 Jackson St.
Noon - 1:30 p.m.

La Sierra Park
5215 La Sierra Ave.
Noon - 1:30 p.m.

Nichols Park
5505 Dewey Ave.
11:30 - 1:00 p.m.

Reid Park
701 N. Orange St.
Noon - 1:30 p.m.

Villegas Park
3091 Esperanza St.
Noon - 1:30 p.m.

Washington Park
2769 Mary St.
11:30 - 1:00 p.m.



Eastside Library Serving Tue - Fri

4033 C Chicago Ave.
11:00 - 12:30 p.m.

Closed 6/19, 6/20, 7/4

Highgrove Library

530 W. Center St.
11:30 - 1:00 p.m.

Main Library Serving Tue - Fri

3900 Mission Inn Ave.
11:00 - 12:30 p.m.

Closed 6/19, 6/20, 7/4

Woodcrest Library

16625 Krameria Ave.
11:30 - 1:00 p.m.

**TO FIND YOUR NEAREST
SUMMERFEEDS SITE,
TEXT 'FOOD' TO 304-304**



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RIVERSIDE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM PRESENTS



HIGHGROVE LIBRARY
530 W CENTER ST
RIVERSIDE CA 92507
(951) 682-1507

**FREE LUNCH FOR
THOSE 18 AND UNDER
MON-FRI**

05/30/23-
8/4/23
11:30 AM-
1:00 PM
MONDAY - FRIDAY

Lunch at the Library is a project of the California State Library, supported with funds from the State of California.
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U.S. Department of Agriculture, administered in California by the California Department of Education.
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HIGHGROVE LIBRARY
530 W CENTER ST, RIV CA 92507

(951) 682 - 1507



Coming soon!

Grant & technical assistance opportunities available through the RIVERSIDE COUNTY NONPROFIT ASSISTANCE FUND (RCNAF)

DIRECT FINANCIAL SUPPORT & ASSISTANCE GRANTS

Administered by Inland SoCal United Way



Direct Financial Support & Assistance Grants are specifically designed to address Riverside County 501 (c)(3) or 501 (c)(19) nonprofit organizations that experienced public health or negative economic impacts due to the pandemic. Grants provided under this category will assist impacted nonprofits recover from pandemic impacts and will help build nonprofit capacity. The anticipated grant level is \$50,000-\$150,000 per nonprofit, to be awarded to approximately 50-60 grantees total.

PROGRAMMATIC GRANTS

Administered by Inland Empire Community Foundation



Programmatic Grants seek to financially support programming and services for disproportionately impacted communities including those communities with low Healthy Places Index (HPI) scores to advance the County's HPI goals and initiatives. The anticipated grant level is \$50,000-\$150,000 per nonprofit to be awarded to approximately 30-40 grantees.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Administered by Regional Access Project Foundation



Technical assistance (TA) will be provided to Riverside County nonprofits to gain specialized services or skills to operate more effectively, strengthen sustainability, build capacity by leveraging financial resources, and improve core operations. The expected outcomes of the TA will be to improve nonprofits' long-term financial stability and to help them prepare for future funding opportunities to advance countywide outcomes. Preference will be given to nonprofits with operational budgets of less than \$1 million.

MORE INFORMATION

The RCNAF is a project of the Riverside County Department of Housing and Workforce Solutions



The Riverside County Nonprofit Assistance Fund was established to build on Riverside County's efforts to strengthen, expand, and support the local nonprofit sector which has played a critical role in the COVID-19 pandemic response.

An interest list is currently being collected. When the Request for Proposals and applications are available, you will be notified. To request to be added to the interest list, please email:

GrantApplicants@iscuw.org



JOIN OUR TEAM

We are looking for professionals who are willing to support and improve the health, safety, well-being and independence of our county's families

OPEN DPSS POSITIONS

- Eligibility Technician I/II
- Social Services Practitioner III
- and many more!!



BENEFITS INCLUDE

- Medical, Vision, Dental
- Competitive Work Schedules
- 12 Paid Holidays Per Year
- Vacation and Sick Time Accruals
- 457b Deferred Compensation Plan
- CalPERS Pension
- Education Support Program



APPLY TODAY!

Scan the QR code to see more employment opportunities.

For all Riverside County job openings, visit: RC-HR.com



Scan To Apply

For more information please visit us at: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/riverside/dpssjobs>



RIVERSIDE COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION

Requirements to Join

- Attend a high school within Riverside County
- Be able to attend bi-weekly meetings and service events
- Eager to make changes in your community

Open Recruitment!

Join the Riverside County Youth Commission today and learn how you can serve your community, gain leadership skills and make your voice heard. Serve on one of our five Youth Advisory Councils under the Board of Supervisors and become a leader of tomorrow!

Interested in joining?
Scan QR code to complete an interest form:



@RivCoYAC
www.rivcoyac.org

Let's talk about: PET WATER SAFETY



- Never leave pets unsupervised around water.
- Never throw a pet into the water, assuming it knows how to swim.
- Keep pools fenced off or enclosed.
- Learn pet CPR.
- Invest in a colorful pet life vest or life jacket.



As the weather heats up...

REMEMBER:

NEVER leave pets in the car on a warm day.

Cars can heat up to dangerous temperatures in minutes, even with the window slightly open.

If you see a dog in distress, call 911



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Incumbent Worker Training (IWT) is an employer-sponsored program that provides grant funding to assist eligible businesses offset the cost of training for their existing (incumbent) workers. Its intent is to create a stronger workforce for workers and employers with the opportunity to build and maintain a quality workforce and avert layoffs.



INCUMBENT WORKER ELIGIBILITY

- Be employed
- At least 18 years of age
- U.S. Citizen or a non-citizen whose status permits employment in U.S.
- Males must be registered for Selective Service
- Meet Fair Labor Standards Act
- Established employment with employer for 6 months or more

EMPLOYER ELIGIBILITY

- Have a need to upgrade skills of their employees to remain competitive in their industry or the economy
- Can meet the shared cost requirement
- Private sector, non-profit, and local government entities
- Employer must be in operation for at least 12 months
- Current on all state and federal tax obligations

HOW OUR PROGRAM WORKS:



- Meet your local Workforce Development representative
- If you're an employer, we'll help you identify current employees who need retraining and upskilling, and provide training
- If you're an employee, we'll help you identify interests, strengths, and skills you can build upon

Contact the Riverside County Employer Services Team at 833-303-4333 or employerservices@rivco.org or by visiting www.rivcoworkforce.org

This WIOA Title I financially assisted program or activity is an equal opportunity employer/program. Equal Opportunity Notice. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Please call 951.955.3100, 951.955.3744 TTY, CA Relay 711, or ADACoordinator@rivco.org 5 to 7 days in advance.



What is OJT? On-the-Job Training (OJT) is a FREE program that allows a business to hire and train a new employee while actually performing the job.



WHAT IS REQUIRED?

- Business located in Riverside County
- 32 hrs/week minimum
- Trainee must be covered by Worker's Compensation
- Job may not be temporary or seasonal
- Wage must be prevailing rate within the company
- Wage may not be commission or piecework based
- Position must be in a high-demand industry/occupation

HOW IT WORKS

- The OJT program matches qualified job seekers with businesses who are in need of full-time skilled workers. OJT will reimburse a business **50%** of the employee salary up to 480 hours of training.

CONTACT US ABOUT ON-THE-JOB TRAINING TODAY!

RIVERSIDE	HEMET	INDIO	MORENO VALLEY	BLYTHE
1325 Spruce Street Suite 110 Riverside, CA 92507 951-955-3100	749 North State Street Hemet, CA 92543 951-791-3500	44-199 Monroe Street Suite B Indio, CA 92201 760-863-2500	12625 Frederick Street Suite K-3 Moreno Valley, CA 92553 (951) 413-3920	1 College Drive PE Building Blythe, CA 92225 (760) 640-3144



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RIVERSIDE COUNTY'S EXPANDED SUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM



FAST TRACK RECRUITMENT AND HIRING



HOW IT WORKS:

- We provide custom recruiting and candidate matching services
- Eligible candidates go through an extensive employment readiness and pre-screening process
- You interview pre-screened candidates and make the hiring decision!



WAGE SUBSIDY:

100% of employee's gross hourly wage reimbursed for up to 6 months*

EMPLOYER REQUIREMENTS:

1. Online County vendor registration enrollment
2. Complete the employer agreement
3. Submit wage subsidy requests

FOR MORE INFORMATION

CALL : (760) 863-2521

EMAIL : arlperez@rivco.org

*Limited time only, employee start date must be prior to 6/30/2022. Employee hire dates on/after 7/1/2022 reimbursed at standard 50% wage subsidy.