

MAY 2021

IN THE LOOP



Alameda County Project Stabilization Community Benefits Agreement (PSCBA) Updates



REOPENING and RECONNECTING

The country is reopening and taking major steps to relax Covid-19 restrictions and resume normal life.

On June 15, California will fully open its economy if two criteria are met: vaccine supply is sufficient for Californians 16 years and older, and hospitalization rates are stable and low, especially among vaccinated individuals.

While the worldwide pandemic is not completely over, it is definitely receding. Continue to keep you and your loved ones safe by social distancing, washing your hands regularly, wearing masks in public and around others who have not been vaccinated.

For more updates and additional information, check the Alameda County Public Health Department website: acphd.org/2019-ncov.aspx.

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Are you unemployed & Interested in construction?

Last year the County of Alameda updated the 2013 Project Stabilization Community Benefits Agreement that requires contractors to hire Alameda County residents to work on certain construction projects. So, if you are **unemployed, foster youth, formerly incarcerated, homeless/unsheltered, or on any public assistance**, do NOT let any of those things stop you! Inside are articles and resources that can help start your journey to a career in construction today!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN a Construction Career?



GET ON THE LIST | COMPLETE THE APPLICATION | REFERRAL & COUNSELING | ORIENTATION | APPRENTICE PROGRAM | WORK EXPERIENCE

01
STEP

GET ON THE LIST

• "CONNECT WITH US" -

Call or email us using the contact information located at the bottom of this page.



02
STEP

COMPLETE THE "COUNTY OF ALAMEDA DISADVANTAGED RESIDENT WORKER PROGRAM APPLICATION"

• INDIVIDUALS WITH CONSTRUCTION EXPERIENCE / QUALIFICATIONS -

• SKIP STEPS 02 - 05

• Referred to Alameda county projects/contractors.

• INDIVIDUALS WITHOUT CONSTRUCTION EXPERIENCE -

• Participate in assessment and counseling.

• Attend/Enroll in a Pre-Apprenticeship Training program.

03
STEP

ORIENTATION

• Enroll in a Pre-Apprenticeship Training Program.

www.cypressmandela.org

www.wojrc.org

www.risingsunenergy.org

www.tradeswomen.org



• Work with a Bridge / Support Organization to Meet Eligibility Requirements.



• GED Preparation Math/test prep support.



04
STEP

CONSTRUCTION APPRENTICE PROGRAM

• FREE Classroom Instruction.



• Paid on the job Training.



• Benefits.



• Start making money.

05
STEP

AFTER COMPLETING THE APPRENTICE PROGRAM

• Gain work experience.



• Become a journey person.



• Make a decent wage.



• Healthcare, Pension, Vacations.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON: ALAMEDA COUNTY'S PROJECT STABILIZATION/COMMUNITY BENEFITS AGREEMENT

CONTACT: Danielle at info@lowecg.com.com | (510) 986-1100 Ext. 7



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Alameda County Apprenticeship Updates

Floor Coverers and Drywall Finishers with Painters and Allied Trades DC16

If you are at least 18 years of age and seek a High Performance, High Value career, you came to the right place. Explore the various programs to see what interests you at Floor Coverers and Drywall Finishers with Painters and Allied Trades DC16. For testing contact the administration office at (510) 785-8467.

NorCal Sound and Communication Technology Training Center

Train to be an Apprentice at the NorCal Sound and Communication Technology Training Center. Begin a new career that offers a solid job path with great benefits and a chance to learn the essentials of the low-voltage electrical trade. IBEW Sound and Communication (Electricians, all northern CA locals) is currently accepting applications online at <https://www.norcal-jatc.com/applicants/apply-online-2/>.

Sheet Metal Local 104

Sheet Metal Local 104 is accepting new applications https://smw104training.org/apply_now/.



Helping Households Connect During the Pandemic

Last year, the Federal Communications Commission launched a program to help families and households struggling to afford Internet service during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Emergency Broadband Benefit provides a discount of up to \$50 per month toward broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers.

Eligible households can enroll through a participating broadband provider or directly with the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) using an online or mail in application.

You can learn more about the benefit, including eligibility and enrollment information, by visiting www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit, or by calling 833-511-0311

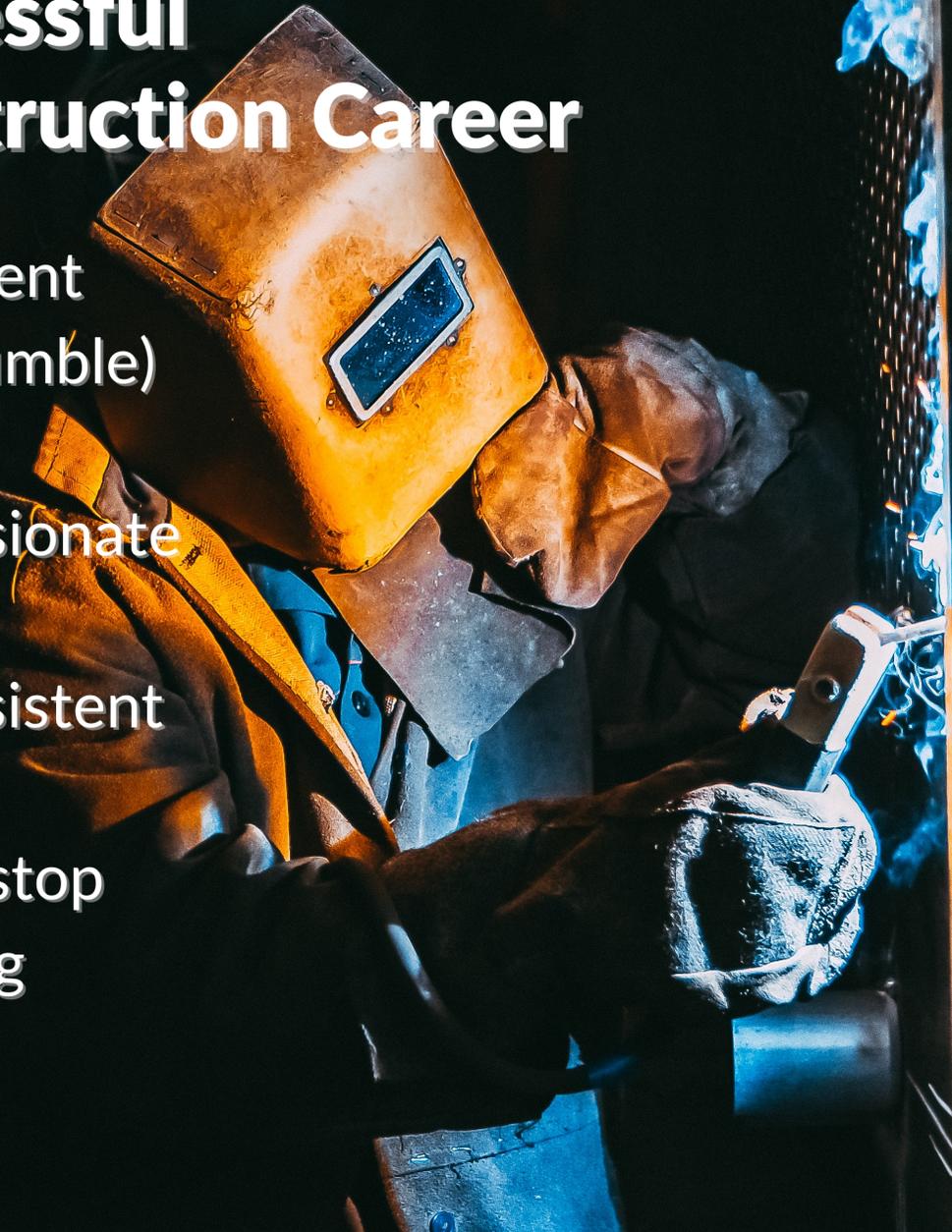
Tips for Starting a Successful Construction Career

Be patient
(and humble)

Be passionate

Be persistent

Never stop
learning



Let's get social!

For the latest job postings, tips, resources and our weekly workforce development partner spotlight, connect with us at [@building_the_bay](https://www.instagram.com/building_the_bay)





RISING SUN
CENTER FOR OPPORTUNITY



Summer Jobs! Green Jobs for 15-22 year

Since 2000, Climate Careers has operated as a highly innovative youth empowerment program, addressing climate change by employing youth to provide energy efficiency services to over 52,700 Northern California residences. Rising Sun trains and employs Bay Area youth to conduct Green House Calls in their home communities.

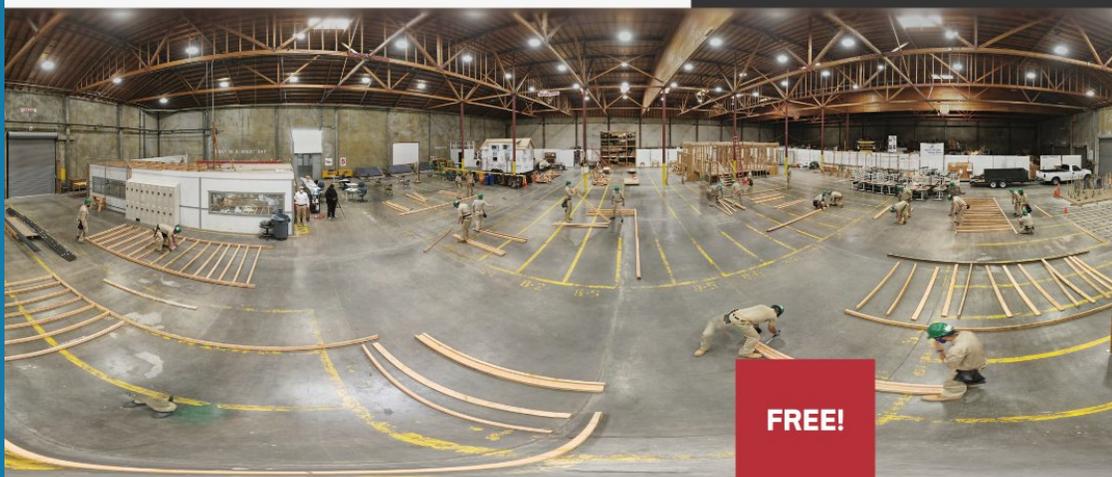
olds To be an Energy Assistant, you must be:
Resident in one of the nine Bay Area counties
Between 15 and 22 years old
Committed to working four days a week
Committed to learning in a supportive environment!

Interested in more information?
www.risingsunopp.org

READY TO APPLY?
Apply online!
<http://forms.gle/cCGUuA7Q8bamaknx5>

16-Week Pre-Apprenticeship Training Program

Cypress Mandela
Training Center



*Apply for our program
today!*

Visit our website or email us
to apply →

Our program is designed as a “Boot Camp” to help individuals with limited or no construction background to develop skills through access and exposure of the building trade unions and general construction industry.

info@cypressmandela.org

WOMEN WANTED!

ENTRY TO APPRENTICESHIP WORKSHOP

East Bay & North Bay Areas



with

TRADESWOMEN^{INC}

Learn about

HOW TO GET INTO

A BUILDING

TRADE

- *Learn tips from other women on how to get in and STAY in*
- *Wages & Benefits*
- *Question & Answer*

CLICK HERE TO SIGN-UP FOR THIS VIRTUAL EVENT

3rd Wednesday, Monthly

6* -7pm

***Punctuality appreciated**

Conferencing link will be shared upon sign-up

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Many Americans struggle with poor credit. Your credit score affects whether you are approved for a loan or a credit card, and if you are approved, what your interest rate will be. Your credit score can also affect what housing options are available to you. Your credit score is calculated by a formula that takes into account how much money you owe, how long you've owed it, how many accounts you have and how long you've had them, how often you have missed or made late payments on bills or debts, and what credit you have available to you (your credit limit on any credit cards in your name). Building credit takes time, but there are things you can do to speed up the process. Here are some tips for building your credit:

- **Open a checking and savings account at a credit union or other bank.** Aim for a free or low fee account with no minimum balance or a low minimum balance requirement you know you can maintain. Many credit unions have free checking accounts, as do some of the more well-known banks. Free accounts tend not to have some of the amenities of accounts with a monthly fee such as overdraft protection, unlimited checks, and unlimited ATM usage. Figure out what you need and can manage, and find accounts that will work for you. When researching what bank to go with make sure to pick one that has an ATM or branch in a place easily accessible to you. Your credit is helped by having an account for a long time so pick one that works for you and keep it.
- **Open a utility or cell phone account in your name that you pay on time every month.** Consider setting up automatic payments so your electric or other bill is automatically debited out of your savings or checking account every month. Alternatively, set a calendar reminder on your phone so that you do not forget to pay your bills on time. The longer you have a recurring bill with the same company that is paid on time, the better your credit score will be.
- **Apply for a credit card.** Only apply for a card that you think you can qualify for based on your income. Getting turned down for a loan or a credit card or applying for a lot of credit can hurt your score.
- If you discover that you cannot qualify for a standard credit card, **get a secured credit card.** Unlike standard credit cards, secured credit cards require an upfront cash payment that serves as collateral if you miss a payment. While secured credit cards have an upfront cost and low credit limits, they are great tools to help build credit. Most banks and credit unions have a secured credit card option. Capital One Secured MasterCard is ranked as one of the best options as it has no annual fee and low upfront deposit amounts.
- **Once you have a credit card use it to pay for something every month and then pay off the balance monthly.** Credit cards help build your credit, but can also be dangerous because they have very high interest rates. If you are unable to pay off your total balance (not just the minimum payment) monthly, you will end up paying a lot more than the cost of what you purchased because of high interest. So it is important to be careful and stick to your budget.
- Your credit limit is the maximum amount you can charge to your credit card. It helps your credit score to use your credit card regularly, **but also to not use more than 30% of your credit limit at a time.** Meaning, if you have a credit limit of \$300 on your credit card, you do not want to have a balance on your credit card at any given time that exceeds \$90 (30% of \$300). Figure out something that you pay for every month that costs approximately 30% of your credit limit and only use your credit card to pay that bill or buy that item then pay off the balance.
- **You can check your credit report for free once a year at annualcreditreport.com.** Checking your credit report is important because it will allow you to detect any fraud or errors that might be hurting your score and get them corrected. However, your credit report won't give you your credit score. You can ask for your credit report and score from any company that does a credit check on you when you apply for a loan or other financial service. You can also use the free budgeting app on your phone called Mint to check your credit score and hopefully see it improve over time.

Building or rebuilding credit can be a frustrating process that requires diligence and time. Hopefully these tips help demystify credit and put you on a path to building your credit so you can eventually qualify for a car loan or a mortgage.

Resources

Bay Area Community Services

510-613-0330 | WWW.BAYAREACS.ORG

Provides mental health services, Housing solutions, Senior living solutions, and Youth services for the houseless

390 40th St. Oakland, CA 94609
Locations in Oakland, Hayward, Berkeley

SAMHSA: Substance Abuse Treatment Referral Helpline

800-662-4357
WWW.SAMHSA.GOV/FIND-HELP/NATIONAL-HELPLINE

Abode Services

510-657-7409 | WWW.ABODESERVICES.ORG

Abode Services' mission is to end homelessness by assisting low-income, un-housed people, including those with special needs, to secure stable, supportive housing; and to be advocates for the removal of the causes of homelessness.

Roots Community Health Center

510-777-1177 | ROOTSCLINIC.ORG

Offers affordable Urgent Care and Primary Care to Oakland, San Leandro, Berkeley and Alameda.

East Oakland Community Project

510-532-3211 | WWW.EOCP.NET

Provides transitional housing

7515 International Blvd. Oakland, CA 94621

Telegraph Ministry Center

510-658-4457 | WWW.TELEGRAPHCENTER.COM

Clothing distributed Weds. & Fri. from 10AM - 2PM.
2nd & 4th Wednesdays also from 6PM - 7:30PM

5316 Telegraph Ave, Oakland, CA 94609

CityTeam Oakland

510-452-3758 | CITYTEAM.ORG

Provides housing, food, medical, learning/ career center

722 Washington St., Oakland, CA 94607

Wardrobe for Opportunity

510-831-0702 | WWW.WARDROBE.ORG

Provides high quality business attire for job interviews

570-14th St., Ste. 5, Oakland, CA 94610

Cherry Hill Detox and Sobering

866-866-7496 |

Substance Abuse Center

Bananas

MAIN: 510.658.7353
CHILDCARE: 510-658-0381
BANANASBUNCH.ORG/PARENTS-FAMILIES/PARENT-PROGRAMS-SERVICES/

5232 Calremont Ave Oakland, CA 94618

Resources

East County Child Care Links

925-417-8733

80 Swan Way #130, Oakland, CA 94621

East Bay Community Recovery Project

510-446-7100 | WWW.LIFELONGMEDICAL.ORG

Individual/ Group Counseling, Drug Screening,
Mental Health
Assesments
2579 San Pablo Ave. Oakland, CA 94612

South County 4c's of Alameda County

510-582-21282 | WWW.4C-ALAMEDA.ORG

4C's is the state-designated Resource and Referral agency for southern Alameda County and your one-stop resource to finding quality and affordable child care.

22351 City Center Dr, Hayward, CA 94541

Beyond Emancipation

510-667-7694 | BEYONDEMANCIPATION.ORG

Support programs for former foster youth

675 Hegenberger Rd, Suite 100 Oakland CA

Alameda Co. Clean Slate Program

510-272-6600 | WWW.ACGOV.ORG/DEFENDER/SERVICES/CLEANSLATE.HTM

Requirements: You do not have any pending criminal cases
You are not currently on parole

545 4th Street, Oakland

Alameda County Food Bank

510-635-3663 | WWW.ACCFB.ORG

7900 Edgewater Dr, Oakland, Ca 94621

East Bay Community Law Center

510-548-4040 | EBCLC.ORG

Requirements: You do not have any pending criminal cases
You are not currently on parole

2921 Adeline St., Berkeley, CA

Oakland Food Pantry

510-361-4656 | WWW.FOODPANTRIES.ORG/CI/OAKLAND

Food distributed every Tues. & Sat. from 10AM - 11:30AM

1666 C 7th St, Oakland, CA 94607

Centerforce

510-834-3457 | WWW.CENTERFORCE.NGO

Re-entry and Family Reunification

1904 Franklin St, Rm 418, Oakland, CA

Telegraph Ministry Center

510-961-4385 | WWW.TELEGRAPHCENTER.COM

Hot Breakfast Weds. - Sun. from 6:30AM to 8AM.
Food distributed Weds. & Fri. from 10AM - 2PM.
2nd & 4th Wednesdays also from 6PM - 7:30PM

5316 Telegraph Ave, Oakland, CA 94609

Resources

Success Centers

510-482-1738 | SUCCESSCENTERS.ORG

Career Counseling, Pre-Employment Training, & Life Skills coaching

2577 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland, CA 94602

Youth Uprising

510-777-9909 | WWW.YOUTHUPRISING.ORG

17+, GED Program is FREE

8711 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland, CA 94605

West Oakland Job Resource Center

510-419-0509 | WWW.WOJRC.ORG

Job orientations, placement programs, math classes for construction careers

1801 Adeline St. Rm 211, Oakland, CA 94607

Oakland Adult & Career Education

510-273-2310 | WWW.OUSD.ORG/PAGE/9245

GED, ESL (Readiness, Literacy, Citizenship), Pre-Apprentice Math

2607 Myrtle St, Rm 122, Oakland, CA 94607

Civicorps Schools

510-992-7800 | WWW.CVCORPS.ORG

HS Diploma only, Edu. & Job training programs

101 Myrtle St, Oakland, CA 94607

Oakland Private Industry Council, Inc.

510-858-6742 X 7941 | WWW.OAKLANDPIC.ORG

Career Counseling, Pre-Employment Training, & Life Skills coaching

268 Grand Ave Oakland, CA 94610

Next Step Learning Center

510-251-1731 | WWW.NEXTSTEP.LC.ORG

17+, Call for appointment

2222 Curtis St, Oakland, CA 94607

PeopleReady

WWW.PEOPLEREADY.COM/CONSTRUCTION

On-demand staffing in the construction field.

Scotland Youth Center

510-832-4544 | SCOTLANCENTER.COM

Ages 16-21, GED and Employment Training Program

1324 Adeline St, Oakland, CA 94607