



WORKFORCE
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DEVELOPMENT



OC WORKFORCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION NEWSLETTER

May 2025

MONTHLY INSIDE SCOOP

OC WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS MONTHLY RECAP

Based on April 2025 data.

Hiring Events

07 Industry Hiring Events

890 Job Seekers • 92 Employers

One-Stop
Centers

2,141 Total
Visitors

761 Total
Calls

Mobile Unit

284 Visitors
Assisted

18 Sites
Visited

Top Services

- 1) Program Information
- 2) Resume Assistance
- 3) Basic Services

Upcoming Events

Multi-Industry Hiring Event

June 5, 2025 @ 1 PM - 4 PM

675 Placentia Ave., Ste. 315, Brea

Participating employers include New York Life Insurance, Primerica, Unity Courier Service, Rume Medical Group, and more!

[Click here to register!](#)

Multi-Industry Hiring Event

June 11, 2025 @ 10 AM - 1 PM

28202 Cabot Rd., Ste. 140, Laguna Niguel

Participating employers include New York Life Insurance, Rume Medical Group, and more!

[Click here to register!](#)

Workers Opportunity Tax Credit Workshop (For Businesses)

June 24, 2025 @ 10 AM

Zoom

[Click here to register!](#)

EVENTS CALENDAR


Job Loss Support Team Supports Jo-Ann Stores Employees


On February 14, 2025, our Business Solutions Unit was informed of the nationwide closure of Jo-Ann Stores, LLC, which included seven locations in Orange County. The affected stores – located in Irvine, Foothill Ranch, Buena Park, Fullerton, Huntington Beach, Orange, and La Habra - closed without a WARN notice in advance, impacting a total of 150 employees.

In response, the Job Loss Support team quickly mobilized, conducting onsite visits to the affected locations. Most stores agreed to schedule Job Loss Support Presentations for impacted staff, while others received resource materials on-site to ensure employees had immediate access to support.

As of May 16, four presentations have been completed, with additional sessions scheduled for the rest of May. These presentations connect individuals with no-cost services through OC Workforce Solutions, including job search assistance, training opportunities, and upcoming Hiring Events and Career Fairs.

If you or someone you know has been impacted by job loss, OC Workforce Solutions is here to help. Learn more by joining our next Job Loss Support Presentation on June 11!

 June 11, 2025 @ 10 AM – 12 PM

 Virtual via Zoom

 Register: bit.ly/OCJobLossSupport

Recent Tours of The OC Workforce Solutions Center in Brea



Nevadaworks



EDD

This past month, the OC Workforce Solutions Center in Brea welcomed two special visits that spotlighted the impact of our work in the community.

Nevadaworks toured the center to learn more about our collaborative space and how we support job seekers, employers, and community partners. The California Employment Development Department (EDD) also visited to tour and film a promotional video. Our center was selected to film at due to its modern, welcoming environment and the professional services available - including walk-in career support, computer and printer access, and guidance from expert advisors.

Thank you to Nevadaworks and EDD for taking the time to see how our centers and staff help Orange County residents and business thrive!

SUCCESS STORIES

Note: All names have been changed for privacy.

Job Seekers

Robert, a participant in the WIOA Adult program, secured full-time employment as a clerk at a local grocery store - a position that began as a transitional job. While enrolled in the program, Robert actively worked toward his Individual Employment Plan goals. He participated in the Resume and Interview workshop series, which helped prepare him for job placement and ultimately led to permanent employment.

When Robert first enrolled in the WIOA Adult program, he was experiencing homelessness, had been unemployed since October 2023, had limited work experience and only a high school diploma. He was initially guarded and resistant to coaching, but determination and consistent support from his case manager helped him stay on track. By attending job fairs, meeting regularly with his case manager, and using OC Workforce Solutions Center's resources, Robert overcame significant barriers. Today, he is employed full-time and on a path toward greater stability.

[Explore our job seekers services!](#)

Businesses

OC Workforce Solutions' Business Solutions Unit partnered with a private company in Dana Point to support the career growth of their Manager of Operations through the Incumbent Worker Training (IWT) program. The training focused on building leadership skills, enhancing remote sales management, and optimizing the wholesale division for long-term growth. Key components included implementing a repeatable sales process, setting realistic quotas, managing performance metrics, and conducting effective sales meetings. The program also guided the employee in updating the wholesale go-to-market strategy, identifying new marketing opportunities, and aligning team efforts with business goals.

As a result, the Manager of Operations is now equipped to strategize expansion efforts, enter high-potential markets, and drive sustainable growth. The employee is eligible for a promotion and pay increase, highlighting the value of targeted workforce development and strong employer partnerships.

[Explore our business services!](#)

THE BULLETIN BOARD

The bulletin board spotlights no-cost resources offered through OC Workforce Solutions. For more information on "Incumbent Worker Training," contact (866) 500-6587 or info@ocworkforcesolutions.com.

Incumbent Worker Training

ATTENTION BUSINESSES!

Enhance your workers' skills, enable them to stay in their current positions, and open career pathways!

Train talent
your way

Create new
jobs and
avoid layoffs

Offset hiring +
training costs

INTERESTED?

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LEADERSHIP LENS



Carlos Oregon

CEO, [Thinkbox Technology Group LLC](#)

Board Member, *OC Workforce Development Board*

What advice would you offer businesses looking to hire new talent?

“Hire for mindset, not just skillset. The best team members are those who are adaptable, collaborative, and aligned with your values.”

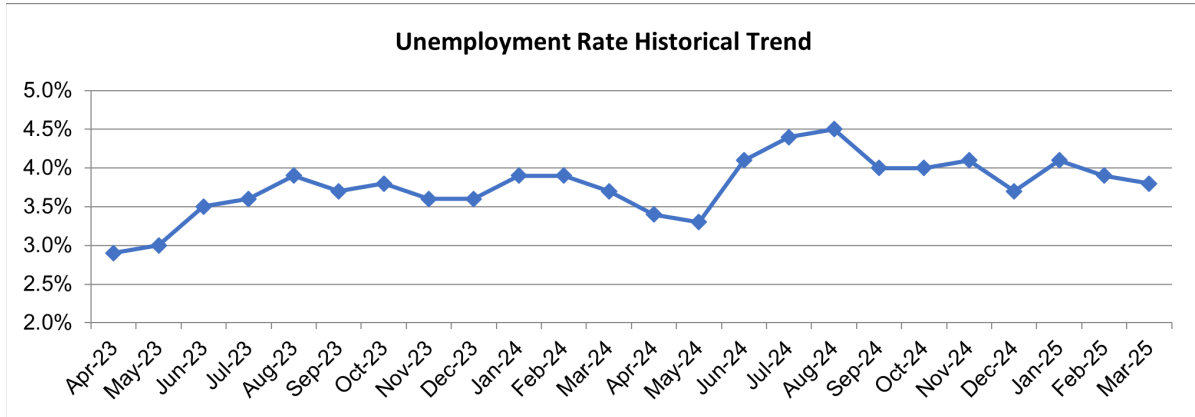
[Read Carlos' full *Leadership Lens* interview!](#)

WORKFORCE INSIGHTS

Stay ahead with the latest workforce trends! Here's what's shaping Orange County's job market:

Labor Market Information

Based on March 2025 data.



Labor Force: 1,684,700 people | Unemployment Rate: 3.8%

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ABOUT US

We connect job seekers and businesses with resources that drive individual success and strengthen Orange County's economic growth.



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