



The Southeast Los Angeles County Workforce Development Board (SELACO WDB) is a private nonprofit organization established in 1983 under a joint power's agreement between the Cities of Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Lakewood, Norwalk, Hawaiian Gardens and Paramount. SELACO WDB is funded under the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) to support local business and job seekers in meeting their workforce needs.

SELACO WDB has recently partnered with the National Association of Social Workers, California Chapter (NASW-CA) in a special project called Foster2SocialWork, designed to assist foster youth explore the career path of becoming a Social Worker. The objective of the project is to educate young adults who are in the system or have been emancipated (ages 18-24) with the various aspects of the Social Work field and the educational steps to becoming a professional in this field.

SELACO WDB provides foster youth participating in the WIOA young adults program with Career Exploration, Career Counseling, and Job Readiness. With the support of NASW-CA our participants will participate in a weeklong boot camp exploring the truths & myths of social work and the educational path to becoming a Social Worker. A key element to this development is hands on experience, which is where your organization comes in!

We are seeking to connect with local businesses or organizations in the field of Social Work who have a similar goal of building a pipeline of future Social Worker Professionals who are not only academically and work ready but have a unique understanding of the profession. Participants who successfully complete the program are assigned to a paid work experience site with a local business such as your organization to experience the environment of Social Work. If you will consider serving as a worksite for our participants, you can anticipate:

- Young and Motivated individuals (ages 18-24) eager to work and learn.
- Polished soft skills after successfully completing our Foster2Work Boot Camp.
- SELACO WDB serves as the employer of record and handles all payroll, taxes, and workers compensation cost. There is no financial cost to you, just your time mentoring and coaching our young adults.
- Each assigned participant is allocated up to 200 Hours of paid work experience.

SELACO WDB is excited and committed to developing a partnership with your agency and together open the door for Foster Youth interested in entering your profession.

Let's change lives together!

If you are interested in serving as one of our worksites, please contact me at (562) 484-5040 or akash.sorathia@selaco.com with any questions you may have.

Best Regards,

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