



Hello Members of the National Association of Social Workers,

We share your interest and need your help! The Southeast Los Angeles County Workforce Development Board (SELACO WDB) has partnered with members of your association to develop a promising, workforce program we refer to as the Foster2SocialWork Project. The SELACO WDB is a private nonprofit organization that provides personalized services that foster the progress of employers and encourages the potential of individuals to build a strong workforce.

With the support of NASW-CA our participants will participate in a 2 weeklong boot camp exploring the truths and myths of social work, the educational path to becoming a Social Worker and how to become job ready for a Social Worker Career. This boot camp, Career Academy for Targeted Sectors (CATS), is designed to offer young adults between the ages of 18-24 the opportunity to establish a Career Pathway to successful employment in the field of social work. Participants will learn about the industry sectors which show the greatest potential for a long-term career.

Youth will have the opportunity to participate in a CATS boot camp that will assist them in exploring different fields of social work and pathway to successful employment through a curriculum that teaches employable skills, how to conduct successful career search, steps to secure employment, professionalism on the job, and financial literacy. Following the completion of the boot camp, participants will be given the opportunity to participate in a paid work experience in the field of social work while being mentored for up to 200 hours.

We are seeking your support in recruiting potential foster youth ages 18-24, current or emancipated, who may be interested in this opportunity. Please feel free to contact me at (562)484-5027 or ahlam.suradi@selaco.com with any questions you may have.

If you are interested in serving as one of our worksites, please contact Benigno Sandoval at (562)484-5012 or benigno.sandoval@selaco.com with any questions you may have.

SELACO WDB is excited and committed to developing partnerships together that open the door to Foster Youth interested in entering your profession.

Let's change lives together!

Kind Regards,

SELACO WDB
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