

CWD: Orange County Social Services Agency

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3. What types of partnerships will you develop for your ESE Program: workforce investment boards, employers, community colleges, payroll services, other?

In Orange County, the Social Services Agency will maintain and expand our collaborative partnerships with the Santa Ana and Orange County Workforce Investment Boards (private sector job sites), and with the Orange County Community Resources (OCCR) Agency (public and private non-profit sectors). OCCR is an Orange County Agency consisting of Animal Care, Community Services, Parks, and Public Library divisions. OCCR Community Services Division is the administrative support to the Orange County Workforce Investment Board, serving as the County's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy committee. WIB and OCCR staff will work with ESE participants to provide job coaching, career exploration and assessment, subsidized job site placements, and assist with the transition to unsubsidized employment.

We also explored the possibility of expanding our partnerships with community colleges for subsidized employment by expanding the colleges' work study program. For FY 2013-14 this option was not possible due to budgetary and staffing issues experienced by the community colleges. However, we will keep the communication line open moving forward.