

San Diego Workforce Partnership will expand the Substance Use Counselor Program by launching a new San Diego Substance Use Consortium, which will connect with organizations in the Substance Use field to provide job opportunities and support for training participants. The Consortium will be made up of employers, workers, training providers, and community-based organizations, while providing Career Navigators and Case Managers to help guide students through training.

The program will build off the Substance Use Counselor Program by increasing participation for 300 additional students and providing stipends and wrap-around services for participants. In addition, it will also embed San Diego's newest Registered Apprenticeship Program for the occupation of Certified Drug and Alcohol Counselor, providing structured training and on-the-job learning experiences.

TARGET POPULATION

This project will serve English Language Learners, homeless and housing insecure, justice-involved individuals, people with disabilities, veterans, youth, immigrants/refugees, low-income workers, other under-resourced communities, and foster youth.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- Formation of the San Diego Substance Use Consortium, which will include a Steering Committee of strategic partners and sub-committees.
- Embed Registered Apprenticeship Program for the occupation of Certified Drug and Alcohol Counselor
- 75% of enrolled participants will complete training.
- 84% will obtain an industry-recognized credential/certificate.
- 90% of training project graduates will be employed in substance use or behavioral health industry.
- Provide stipends and wrap-around services for participants.

KEY PARTNERS

- Service Employees International Union (SEIU)
 - San Diego Alcohol and Drug Services Providers Association
 - McAlister Institute
 - Family Health Centers of San Diego
 - National Alliance on Mental Illness San Diego
 - Palomar College
 - San Diego City College
 - Futuro Health
 - Tarzana Treatment Centers
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