



CalWORKs

**San Diego Mesa College
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CalWORKs Team Members



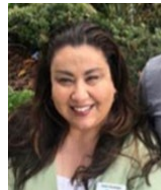
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(Senior Secretary)



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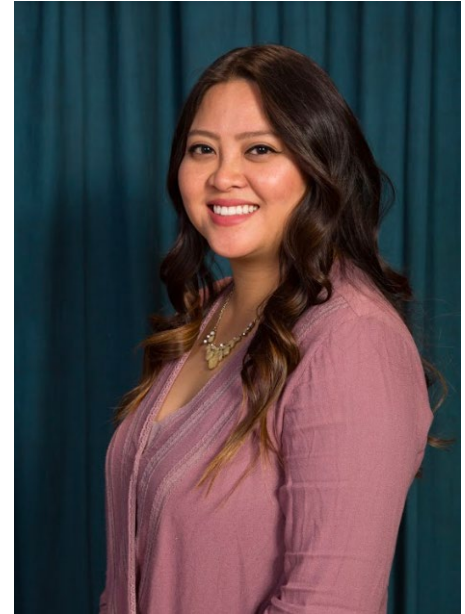
Welcome New Team Members



Grace Aumoeualogo
Adjunct Counselor



Van Pham
Adjunct Counselor



Jennifer Vo
Adjunct Counselor



MISSION:

San Diego Mesa College services CalWORKs students and their families by providing educational and career opportunities combined with an array of high-quality support services that enable students to complete their educational goals, find meaningful employment and successfully transition into the workforce.



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What is CalWORKs?

The California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program is the California welfare implementation of the federal welfare-to-work Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program that gives cash aid and services to eligible in-need California families. It provides temporary assistance up to 48 months. There are accommodations for special circumstances.



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CALWORKS REGIONAL STRUCTURE



COUNTY OF SD HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- Eligibility Benefits
- Provide CalWORKs Monetary Benefits
 - (Cash Aid, CalFresh, Medi-Cal)

COUNTY CONTRACTORS PCG/RESCARE/EQUUS

- Case Management
- Referral to educational training/workforce
- Connect to resources

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- Educational training/planning
- Case advocacy
- Connect to institutional/community resources
 - E.g. financial aid

CALWORKS SUPPORT SERVICES



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- CA Promise (formerly BOGW)
- Federal Financial Aid
- Education Planning
- Career Planning
- Crisis Counseling
- Referrals to Resources
- Support navigation of county bureaucracy
- Health Fee Waiver
- Advocacy

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO | COUNTY CONTRACTORS

- Cash Assistance
- Child care
- Medical
- CalFresh
- Transportation

ELIGIBILITY



- Currently a CalWORKs recipient receiving cash-aid for themselves and at least one child
- Be in good standing with Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA)
- Be enrolled in current semester at San Diego Mesa College
- Requirement of major leading to employment
- Working towards one or more of the following:
 - Enhance work skills
 - Certificate
 - AA/AS Degree
 - Transfer to a university
- (No high school diploma or GED required to participate in the CalWORKs program)

Who Are Our CalWORKs Students?



Background/Demographics

- New Arrivals (Refugees)
- Impacted by Incarceration
- Impacted by homelessness
- First Generation College Students
- Veterans
- Bachelor's degree holders



Student Population



	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Spring	17	58	70	42	22	29 +
Summer	22	27	33	21	15	-
Fall	49	48	49	25	22	-

COVID-19 in 2020

- Due to the pandemic the county CalWORKs program suspended participants requirement to fulfill clients activity hours. Which allowed participants to continue receiving benefits without having to work or attend college/trade school or complete any activities. Suspension was lifted in Fall 2021.

PLAN: IN PROGRESS



GROW PROGRAM

- Continued outreach
 - SDCCE
 - County of SD
 - Local organizations
- More visibility on Campus
- Interdepartmental Relationships

PERSISTENCE

- Follow up with students
- Work study students
- Targeted support services

OUTCOMES

Increase:

- Degree/Certificate attainment
- ELAC progression
- Employment → work based learning

How to Refer Students to CalWORKs

Location:

Student Services
Building, 1400
4th Floor, 14-410

Google

Voice/Phone:

(619)388-2709

Email:

mesacalworks@sdccd.edu



**ATTENTION! ARE YOU
STRUGGLING FINANCIALLY?**

CALWORKS WORKSHOP

PRESENTED BY SDCCD CALWORKS AND SAN DIEGO COUNTY

**EVERY
MONDAY & THURSDAY
11am - 12pm**

ZOOM MEETING ID: 953 7178 6342

Workshops will cover:

- CalWORKs overview & eligibility requirements
- Talk one on one with a SD County Representative about CalWORKs/CashAid, CalFresh, and Medi-Cal


Must have a child to be eligible for CalWORKs

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A San Diego County Program

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VIRTUAL DROP-IN COUNSELING NOW AVAILABLE!

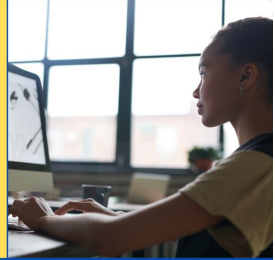
Drop-in to Zoom during the days and times listed below to talk to a CalWORKs counselor. No appointment needed!

MEETING

➤ Mondays:
9:00am to 10:00am
&
4:00pm to 5:00pm

➤ Wednesdays:
2:00pm to 3:00pm

➤ Thursdays:
9:00am to 10:00am
&
4:00pm to 5:00pm



[Zoom Meeting ID]
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Passcode not required.
Click on zoom link below or
enter Meeting ID.

*cancelled sessions will be posted on website, www.sdmesa.edu/CalWORKs



Thank you