



MovingForward Newsletter

“We’re About People”



Achievement Academy

1045 11th Avenue, downtown San Diego

Two Achievement Academy campuses operate in San Ysidro & City Heights.

Income Tax Day Can Be Taxing – Let the Achievement Academy Help

Monday, April 18th is the deadline to file income taxes. If you earned less than \$49,000 in 2010, our Achievement Academy partner, Thrive San Diego, will do your taxes for FREE.

Tax preparers are certified by the IRS and the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. They will also determine if you qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), which provides up to \$450 for persons with no children and up to \$5,600 for persons with children.

You may qualify for other tax credits as well, such as the Child Tax Credit or the Credit for the Elderly & Disabled.

Please call (619) 578-7451 to set up an appointment at the Achievement Academy in downtown San Diego or the City Heights campus.

Achievement Academy – “Top of the Class” Profile

Karen was the sole breadwinner for her family, working fulltime and taking care of her two young children. But she lacked a career goal. That all changed the day Karen enrolled in Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS), one of the three core programs offered at the Achievement Academy of the San Diego Housing Commission. With guidance from Achievement Academy staff, Karen developed a plan to pursue a career in the hospitality industry. She attended classes to improve her financial skills and established an escrow savings account that was matched 3-to-1 by our federal and local partners.

Last December, Karen completed the FSS program and was presented with her savings account check for almost \$8,000. Karen is now employed as a concierge. “Anyone that has the opportunity to enter the FSS program should take advantage of it,” Karen exclaimed. “You will benefit not only yourself but your children’s lives and show them that they can achieve all their dreams and aspirations.”



BENEFITS SCREENING

Eligibility workers can assist you in determining if you qualify for a variety of benefits.

Please set up an appointment to determine your eligibility by calling (619) 236-1957, or by sending an e-mail to calfreshappointment@gmail.com.

ACHIEVEMENT ACADEMY HOURS

Monday - Friday* 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

*Every other Friday closed.

The Achievement Academy will be open on Saturday, March 5, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

It will be closed on March 11, March 25, and March 31.



Achievement Academy Workshops & Orientations

Financial Skills Education Workshops

Sat. Mar. 5	Predatory Lending Credit & Debt	Identify and understand the latest predatory lending practices and how to avoid them. <i>Facilitator: Citibank</i> 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Tues. Mar. 8	ABC's of Credit Credit & Debt	Learn about the types of credit, the difference between good and bad credit, and how to and read a credit report. <i>Facilitator: Springboard</i> 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Tues. Mar. 22	Check It Out Checking & Savings	Gain control of your financial life. Determine where you are financially, where you want to be, and how to get there. <i>Facilitator: US Bank</i> 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Computer Literacy Workshops		Work Readiness Workshops	
Sat. Mar. 5	Introduction to Excel 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Thurs. Mar. 10	Business Networking using Social Media <i>Facilitator: Job Works</i> 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Wed. Mar. 9	Introduction to MS Word 9:00 p.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Thurs. Mar. 24	Applying Online <i>Facilitator: Job Works</i> 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Wed. Mar. 23	Introduction to the Internet 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.		

Small Business Workshops & Orientations

Tues. Mar. 1	Business Initiatives & Strategies Orientation	Learn about the small business training program available to help you start and/or expand your small business. 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Sat. Mar. 5	Start-Up Workshop	In this workshop you will learn about developing a business plan, bookkeeping, and marketing for small business. Free interactive CD to all attendees. <i>Facilitator: Southwestern College Small Business Development Center</i> 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Tues. Mar. 15 (Spanish)	Small Business Orientation	<i>Facilitator: San Diego Housing Commission</i> 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Tues. Mar. 22	Financing Workshop	Learn about what lenders look for, how to approach a lender, and other financing options. <i>Facilitator: Acción San Diego</i> 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Additional Workshops

Tues. Mar. 8	Tenant's Rights Workshop	Learn about resolving problems with landlords, moving out, termination and evictions, Section 8 tenancies, and much more. <i>Facilitator: Housing Opportunities Collaborative</i> 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Wed. Mar. 16	One-on-One Work Readiness Appointments	For further information, inquire about the current month waiting list appointments, and/or future appointments, call your Service Coordinator
Tues. Mar. 22	College Preparation Workshop: SAT	<i>Facilitator: University of San Diego</i> 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Orientations and workshops are free of charge to all Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8) recipients.

Family Self-Sufficiency Orientations

- Tuesday, March 1
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 15
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

First-Time Homebuyer Orientation

- Tuesday, March 15
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Facilitator:
Housing Opportunities Collaborative

Tutoring Now Available

For tutoring days and hours, please call the Achievement Academy at (619) 578-7451 or visit our Web site: www.sdhc.org.

Financial Coaching

Springboard is a nonprofit consumer credit management organization and has staff on-site at the Achievement Academy for one-on-one financial coaching. To make an appointment, please contact Carlos Vargas at Carlos.Vargas@credit.org or call the Achievement Academy at (619) 578-7451.

Computer Lab Hours

Open

- Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Friday, March 4 & 18
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Saturday, March 5
10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Closed

- Wednesdays
- March 1, 11, 25, and 31