



Moving Forward 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.

SAN YSIDRO COMPUTER LAB HOURS

- Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Lab is be open certain Fridays and Saturdays. Please call the Achievement Academy at (619) 662-3000 for specific dates & times.



Achievement Academy Workshops in Spanish*
 Location: 188 1/2 Calle Primera, San Ysidro, CA 92173
 Financial Skills Education (5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.)

Wed. Mar. 2	You Come First Checking & Savings	Discover how saving is the most important part of building your financial future.
Wed. Mar. 9	Knowing Your Credit Report Credit & Debt	Get answers about your credit report and learn how to get your report free – every year.
Wed. Mar. 16	Earned Income Tax Credit Taxes & EITC	Find out if you qualify for the earned income tax credit and how to apply for it.
Wed. Mar. 23	Money Attitudes Budgeting	Discover how you think about money and why. Stop being a spending family and gain control over your financial life.
Wed. Mar. 30	Using Savings and Checking Accounts Checking & Savings	Learn all about checking and savings accounts. Learn how to obtain free checking and avoid high cost accounts.

Computer Literacy Workshops		Work Readiness Workshops	
Fri. Mar. 4	Topic: E-Mail 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Tues. Mar. 1	Topic: Research a Company 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Mon. Mar. 7	Topic: E-Mail 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Thurs. Mar. 3	Topic: Job Search Engines 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Mar. 10	Topic: Internet 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Sat. Mar. 5	Topic: Research a Company 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Mon. Mar. 14	Topic: Intro to Windows XP 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Tues. Mar. 8	Topic: Job Search Engines 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Fri. Mar. 18	Topic: Intro to Computers 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Tues. Mar. 15	Topic: Interview Tips 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Mon. Mar. 21	Topic: Intro to Computers 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Thurs. Mar. 17	Topic: Interview Questions 5:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Mar. 24	Topic: Intro to Windows XP 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Sat. Mar. 19	Topic: Interview Tips 11:00 p.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Mon. Mar. 28	Topic: Intro to Windows XP 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Tues. Mar. 22	Topic: Interview Questions 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
		Mon. Mar. 28	Topic: Interview Tips 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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

***Workshops at this Achievement Academy are held in Spanish.**

Small Business Workshop*

- Wednesday, March 16
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

SAT Prep Bilingual Workshop

- Learn the 411 about the SAT, go over real SAT questions, receive one-on-one help.
- Monday, March 21
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Family Self-Sufficiency Orientation*

- Tuesday, March 22
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tutoring Now Available

For tutoring days and hours, please call the Achievement Academy campus in San Ysidro at (619) 662-3000 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.

Contact Information

The Achievement Academy campus in San Ysidro is located at 188 1/2 Calle Primera, San Ysidro, CA 92173. For more information, please call (619) 662-3000.

The Achievement Academy campus in San Ysidro will be closed on:

- Friday, March 11
- Saturday, March 12
- Friday, March 25
- Saturday, March 26
- Thursday, March 31



Established in 1979, the San Diego Housing Commission provides a variety of award-winning affordable housing programs that stimulate the local economy, revitalize neighborhoods, and help improve the lives of nearly 76,000 San Diegans annually.

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