

Community Resources*

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Business/Personal Finances

Business Support

Small Business Development Centers – SBDC – Small Business Administration

Los Angeles District Office (818) 552-3215
330 North Brand, Suite 1200 Glendale, CA 91203
<http://www.sba.gov/localresources/district/ca/la/index.html>

Ventura College SBDC (805) 648-8925
71 Day Road
Ventura, CA 93003
<http://www.vc-sbdc.com>

The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is a national U.S. Small Business Administration program. Launched in Ventura County in 2006 as a member of the Small Business Development Center Network of Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara counties, the Ventura County Center combines the wealth of its consultants' business experience with its dedication to the success of all small businesses and entrepreneurs. The Center does this by providing business solutions in a wide range of areas to an equally wide range of clients.

National
<http://www.sba.gov/aboutsba/sbaprograms/sbdc/index.html>

SBA Answer Desk 1800-U-ASK-SBA (1800-827-5722) Send e-mails to:
answerdesk@sba.gov Answer Desk TTY: (704) 344-6640 [Spanish]

Score
Ventura (805) 204-6022
400 E. Esplandade Drive, Suite 300
Oxnard, CA 93036
<http://www.scoreventura.org/>

SCORE provides free and confidential business counseling tailored to meet the needs of your small business and your personal objectives. SCORE also offers workshops, for a modest fee, for both start-up entrepreneurs and in-business small business owners.

SCORE volunteers are real-world professionals with time-tested knowledge who donate thousands of hours to help small businesses succeed. Our counselors are experts in such areas as accounting, finance, marketing, management and business plan preparation.

Los Angeles (818) 552-3206
330 North Brand Blvd., Suite 190
Glendale, CA 91203
<http://www.scorela.org/>

Our volunteers are comprised of successful business owners and executives who provide free one-on-one counseling for start-ups and small business owners. All of our counselors can assist you with information such as available financing, marketing, business plans, choosing your business structure, and regulatory and tax requirements.

National Organization
<http://www.score.org/index.html>

Insurance Issues

California Department of Insurance
Consumer Hotline: 800-927-HELP (4357)
<http://www.insurance.ca.gov/>

(Possible congregant who can offer guidance: Lucille Goldin)

Credit Card, Debt, Foreclosure & Bankruptcy

National Foundation for Credit Counseling (800) 388-2227
<http://www.nfcc.org/>

Loans

Jewish Free Loan Association (323) 761-8830
Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 715 Los Angeles, CA 90048
info@jfla.org

West Hills (818) 464-3331 22622 Vanowen Street
valleyoffice@jfla.org (for appointments only)
<http://www.jfla.org/>

The Jewish Free Loan Association (JFLA) of Los Angeles offers interest-free loans on a non-sectarian basis to individuals and families whose needs are urgent and who may not qualify through normal financial resources. Interest-free loans instead of charity fill an important gap in our social system by promoting self-sufficiency with dignity. JFLA affirms the ancient biblical requirement for interest-free lending by offering assistance

to people in need with the goal of helping them to lead more rewarding and responsible lives.

JFLA offers: Emergency loans, Student loans, Home healthcare loans, Small business loans, Children with special needs loans, Life cycle loans, First home purchase loans (for Jewish Day School teachers, couples facing infertility), Summer camp loans and Resettlement loans.

Career Development/Transition/Resume Writing

Jewish Vocational Services Valley Headquarters: Milken Jewish Community Campus, (818-464-3222). 22622 Vanowen Street, West Hills, CA 91307. Contact JVS by [email](mailto:) <http://www.jvsla.org/>

Our community's Jewish Vocational Services (JVS) Career is geared towards helping people with their career, whether they are finding a job after being laid off, considering a career change, or re-entering the workforce after a long absence. Through Career Services, people have the opportunity to learn from experts in the field how to identify careers and jobs that are satisfying and meet their needs, how to best present themselves on paper and in person, interview with decision makers, get job leads, and meet with on-site recruiters. Although the fees for these services are far below for-profit career firms, the results are not.

Resources for Job Seekers include:

- * Confidential career counseling and coaching
- * Strategic career planning and coaching
- * Individual and group programs
- * Redefining career direction through established assessment tools
- * Developing a career plan for learning and advancement
- * Skills Plus! Microsoft Certified computer training
- * Access to Career Resource Centers, including internet-ready computers, current JVS exclusive job listings, industry trades, journals, periodicals and reference materials

JVS serves people in the greater Los Angeles area who are looking for work, seeking career advancement or interested in better managing their work environment. A not-for-profit, non-sectarian organization, the agency offers individuals, businesses, governmental and social service agencies high quality programs related to job seeking, career planning, skills assessment, training and retraining. JVS' commitment to helping people help themselves is rooted in the Jewish tradition of caring in a way that supports human dignity and respects each individual's capabilities and potential.

Los Angeles County
SoCal Works

<http://socalworks.co.la.ca.us/onestops/onestop.cfm>

Throughout Los Angeles County, One Stop Career Centers deliver comprehensive, no cost services to employers and job seekers. Program services include, but are not limited to, assistance to businesses, assessment of skills and aptitudes for job seekers, job clubs, job retraining, job placement services, and California Employment Development Department (EDD) services.

County of Ventura Business & Employment
(800) 500-7705

http://portal.countyofventura.org/portal/page?_pageid=884,1129656&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL

Thousand Oaks East County JCC Satellite Office 1423 Thousand Oaks Boulevard, Suite 100 (805) 374-9006

Employment Development Department
<http://www.edd.ca.gov/>

(Possible congregant who can offer guidance: Steve Keleman)