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## **County of Orange Celebrates National Apprenticeship Week**

**GARDEN GROVE, Calif.** (November 10, 2021) – The County of Orange, in partnership with the Orange County Workforce Development Board (OCWDB), Orange County Labor Federation, American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations, Los Angeles/Orange County Building Trades Council, and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, is celebrating the U.S. Department of Labor's seventh annual National Apprenticeship Week (NAW).

Held annually in November, NAW will take place this year from November 15 through November 21. NAW was established by the U.S. Department of Labor to celebrate the significant impact Registered Apprenticeship programs have had in rebuilding our economy, advancing racial and gender equity, and supporting underserved communities. According to [Apprenticeship.gov](https://www.apprenticeship.gov), 92% of apprentices retain employment after completing an apprenticeship program with the average starting wage at \$72,000.

Hundreds of NAW events and activities will take place all over the country, including open houses; skill competitions; community forums; apprentice graduations; business open houses; high school and college career fairs; apprenticeship signing days; industry roundtable events; diversity and inclusion dialogues; and more. Locally, the OCWDB will host daily weekday webinars with information on the various apprenticeship programs available throughout Orange County.

### **OCWDB National Apprenticeship Week Webinars**

**DATE:** November 15-19, 2021  
**TIME:** 10 a.m. PST  
**LOCATION:** Webinar via Zoom  
**REGISTRATION:** [oconestop.com/featured-events](https://oconestop.com/featured-events)

Registered Apprenticeship is a proven way for community members to obtain pathways to secure, high-paying careers in the trade fields. The County is proud to support National Apprenticeship Week and showcase the impact apprenticeships have on building the workforce in Orange County.

To learn more about National Apprenticeship Week, email [info@oconestop.com](mailto:info@oconestop.com), visit [oconestop.com/featured-events](https://oconestop.com/featured-events), or call (714) 480-6500.

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The Orange County Development Board, through the Orange County Business Service Center and Orange County Workforce Solutions, offers comprehensive services such as hiring assistance, career transition services, and employment services to businesses and job seekers at no cost.