



Basic Needs Center

Community Resource Directory

At Golden West College, we understand and acknowledge that students face many challenges outside of the classroom. Our team helps students navigate challenges to increase their persistence and completion of academic goals. This list of resources is not a comprehensive list of providers in Orange County and is not a formal referral from Golden West College. Please use discretion in selecting and accessing resources.

If you would like to schedule an appointment, please reach out to Basic Needs Services at 714-892-7711 x 58160 or gwcbasicneeds@ccd.edu. To learn more about our GWC Basic Needs Center services, visit our [GWC Basic Needs website](#).

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Resource	Description
ON-CAMPUS	
Financial Aid	The Financial Aid Office can assist you with your FAFSA or CADAA application.
Federal Work-Study	CalWORKs Work-Study is available for students to work on campus. Check the website if you meet the requirements.
Peer Tutors	Peer tutors are paid to work in the Academic Success Center and meet with students online and in person to help them with their coursework. Check the website for the requirements.
Career Center	The Career Center is a free service designed to serve the career development needs of students and the public.
Chromebook Loan Program	The Student Ally Center connects students with on-campus and community resources to address non-academic challenges.
Golden West College OC Pass	All OC Bus local fixed routes, it is easy and convenient to attend Golden West. Students can use GWC app to access the OC bus pass or activate their student ID at Admissions and Records.
Bookstore	The GWC Bookstore provides all required textbooks and supplies for students and faculty. It also offers general interest books, GWC gifts and school spirit clothing, and general merchandise to accommodate the needs of the campus community.
Transfer Center	The Golden West College Transfer Center provides resources and support to students planning to transfer to a four-year university. It offers services such as transfer counseling, application workshops, university fairs, and information on transfer agreements with CSU, UC, and private institutions.
The Stand/Basic Need Center	The Stand is a resource for all currently enrolled students to shop (at no charge) for grocery items made available to meet their nutritional needs. Our Basic Needs team connects you with on-campus and community resources tailored to your needs. Items such as hygiene, baby supplies, and clothing are provided by appointment and are available based on donations received. Schedule an intake appointment today and we'll get back to you within 1-2 business days!
Child Development Center	The Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley provides award-winning childcare and enrichment programs for children from 6 weeks to 8th grade at Golden West College, with a 20% discount for full-time students, faculty, and staff, and up to 50% for eligible incomes, offering licensed childcare, before/after school programs, and a

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	variety of activities like STEM, art, sports, and homework help.
Student Programs at Golden West College	• Noncredit/Adult Education • CalWORKs Program (“Education That Works”) • Disabled Students Programs & Services (DSPS) • Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) • Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (CARE) • NextUp • Guardian Scholars • ASPIRE • Puente Program • Math, Engineering, Science Achievement Program (MESA) • Umoja Learning Community Program • Study Abroad Program • Veterans Services
Public Safety	Offers resources and programs related to safety, law enforcement, and emergency services training.
GWC Health Center	All enrolled GWC students who have paid their health fee are eligible for Student Health Center medical and mental health services at little to no charge.
Veterans Resource Center	Offers support services to veterans, including academic assistance, benefits guidance, and community resources.
Counseling Golden West College	The Counseling Department is dedicated to assisting students to achieve success in their academic, career, and life goals in an inclusive environment that embraces the diversity of our students and community. Our professionally trained counselors are available to assist you with clarifying career and education goals, education planning and course selection, university transfer, and brief personal counseling.
COMMUNITY RESOURCES ASSISTANCE	
OC Work Force Solutions	This resource assist students with personalized training and supports everyone’s interests. 714-480-6500
Community Action Partnership	CAP OC addresses immediate needs by providing free food including a monthly 32-pound senior food box and congregate meals for residents aged 60 and older as well as emergency diaper distribution, rental and utility

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	assistance, and homelessness prevention through Family Resource Centers across Orange County.
Serve the People	Serve the People is an organization that provides health care services to those struggling to find a doctor, dentist, optometrist, or counselor. They offer food pantries and educational services for families.
Orange County United Ways	This resource assists with financial education and services such as tax services.
Refuge Calvary Chapel HB	Refuge Calvary Chapel in Huntington Beach offers hot meals, clothing, groceries, job listings, and transportation assistance every Thursday from 11am-12:30pm through its Lunch & Prayer Ministry. Additional food distribution takes place on Mondays and Tuesdays from 2–3 PM. services at Refuge Calvary Chapel include hygiene kits, blankets, ponchos, tarps, lunches, and free California ID. They also offer housing support, informational services via the RefugeLink app, and a Makers Ministry to help individuals earn income through handmade goods.
CLOTHING	
COA Long Beach	The Christian Outreach in Action is a nonprofit organization that offers free clothing to individuals on Wednesdays from 1pm to 3pm. They also offer hot meals, diapers, and other services at other times.
Working Wardrobes	Working Wardrobes offers professional clothing and career navigation to help students enter/re-enter the workforce. They require a referral and an appointment.
Saint Bonaventure Catholic Parish - HOPE Office	The HOPE office assists students with food and clothing needs. Students must first go in person to be interviewed and will be allowed a specific number of visits per month.
Assistance League of Huntington Beach Thrift Shop	The Assistance League of HB offers low-cost clothing from their Thrift Shop on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday from 11am-3pm.
PARENTING	
Olive Crest	This resource assists families going through crisis and provides parenting classes.
OC MOMS	This resource provides moms with newborn and pregnancy health education up until a baby is 1.5 years old.
Bright life Kids	Personalized support for kids 0-12 in California and parents. Get help with everything from tantrums and sleep issues to anxiety and social skills. Live video sessions with coaches who are experts in working with kids, content for parents, and more.
WIC (Women, Infants, and Children)	The California Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program is a food and nutrition program for growing families. The program provides nutrition education, breastfeeding and chestfeeding support, benefits to buy healthy foods, and referrals to health care and other community services.

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MENTAL HEALTH/RESOURCE CENTERS	
Melinda Hoag Smith Center for Healthy Living	This resource has a variety of services including health, dental, financial, counseling, food and diaper distribution, and programs for adults at little to no cost.
Western Youth Services	This resource provides mental health services to youth and families.
Waymakers	This resource provides shelter to youth and provides family counseling, resolving conflicts, and educating communities.
Oak View Family Resource Center	This resource is for families who have children under the age of 18. They provide a variety of services and programs such counseling, parenting, family support services, and food distribution.
OCAPICA	This resource focuses on the well-being of Asian and Pacific Islanders in OC. They provide health, job-related assistance, homeless prevention and youth programs.
The Priority Center	The Priority Center provides programs for children 0-8 years old such as identifying developmental delays and behavioral issues.
NAMI OC WarmLine	The NAMI OC WarmLine offers free, confidential non-crisis emotional support and resource referrals via phone, text, and chat, available daily from noon to midnight in multiple languages • Call/Text 714-991-6412 — NAMI Orange County
OC Links: Where Wellbeing Begins	OC Links connects individuals in Orange County to a wide range of behavioral health resources, including mental health treatment, substance misuse programs, crisis intervention, and supportive services for people of all ages.
HEALTH	
AltaMed	Depending on the location, AltaMed offers pharmacy, urgent care, primary care, pediatrics, senior care, dentist and HIV Care.
Families Together of OC	This resource provides health services from wellness practices to behavioral services. They provide services on a sliding scale for services not covered by insurance.
Community Health Initiative of Orange County	This resource assist individuals with obtaining healthcare benefits such as using benefits and maintaining coverage.
Soluna	Confidential support for 13- to 25-year-olds in California. No cost. No pressure. Chat 1:1 with a professional coach, use interactive tools to de-stress, or explore quizzes, videos, forums, and more. You choose!

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Covered California	Covered California is the state's health insurance marketplace, where individuals and families can shop for, compare, and purchase health insurance plans with financial assistance options
LEGAL	
Community Legal Aid SoCal	This resource assists with community education, legal counseling, and representation.
Catholic Charities	This resource can assist with immigration and citizenship services at a low cost. Services are provided in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, French, and Tagalog.
CHIRLA	This resource assist with immigrant rights, immigrants and refugees in the streets and the courts.
Fair Housing Foundation	Fair Housing Foundation provides services as such as educating landlord and tenants on their rights.
Asian Americans AJ Southern California	Offers free legal help, engaging in impact litigation and advocating for policy change,
DACA Legal Services	List of free legal services for low-income individuals. The following organizations provide DACA renewal assistance. Assistance with USCIS DACA renewal filing fees may also be available. Services are not guaranteed. You must contact the organization directly to inquire about service availability
CCCCO Resources for Undocumented Students	The Chancellor's Office along with the Foundation for California Community Colleges have compiled resources for undocumented students. This includes information about economic relief, DACA renewals, tenant protections, immigration enforcement, USCIS, unemployment, worker's compensation, welfare programs, etc.
Find Your Ally	Free immigration legal services and case support for students, staff, and faculty on California community college campuses statewide or virtually.
RECREATION	
City of HB: Community Centers	The community service center provides recreation classes for all ages at a low cost.
HOUSING ASSISTANCE	
Huntington Beach Navigation Center	This shelter is located in Huntington Beach for homeless individuals and provides vital services. No walk-ins allowed.
Stand Up for Kids	This organization assists individuals who are 18-24 with support services such as crisis intervention, basic needs, housing opportunities, and immigration status.
CalAim: Housing Transition Navigator	Individuals who have CalOptima and are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of homelessness with significant barriers to housing (have a significant mental/physical health diagnosis) may be eligible for housing navigation case management. Call (714) 834-4011

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Service Navigator-Teens Experiencing Homelessness	This online resource directory provides a list of resources for teens experiencing homelessness.
HIS HomeShare OC	HomeShare OC matches college students with homeowners who have a spare room available to rent for one semester.
Human Options	Human Options offers support services for individuals experiencing or fleeing violence such as emergency shelter, legal support, financial assistance, ongoing counseling, and a safe place.
Laura's House	Laura's House provides domestic violence-related services. Laura's House provides supportive services and counseling to women, men, and children.
Thomas Transitional Housing	Thomas House Shelter provides transitional housing which includes an apartment unit, food, supplies, and a full range of supportive services and programs. (714) 554-0357, Leave a voicemail stating # of children under 18 & call back cell phone
Pathway to Independence	The mission of Pathways to Independence is to transform the lives of single young women from disadvantaged backgrounds, through education therapy, mentoring, housing, and healthcare, to break the cycle of poverty and abuse. For ages 18-35 years old.
Project Hope Alliance	Project Hope Alliance has partnered with local high schools and middle schools to provide services for McKinney Vento Families. Services include on-campus, activities, mentoring, coaching, resume and FAFSA assistance, referrals, and access to a food pantry. This organization works with some local schools, please contact Yasmin Bravo for more information.
The Launch Pad	This organization provided transitional housing 18-24 emancipated from foster care and those who are NMD participating in extended foster case and those at risk of homeless. Services include mentorship and network employment readiness. Individuals need to fill out an application and there is also an interview after. (949) 899-8100
Covenant House	The person seeking shelter must call the main line and do a brief intake over the phone. Eligibility includes those aged 18-24 and experiencing homelessness. Currently they have a wait list. It can take up to 4 months for a male bed to become available, and around 1 month for a female bed. It is still encouraged for youth to call and get their names on it and to call the shelter each week to stay connected and get an update. They also provide services to youth on the

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LIBRARIES	
Huntington Beach Central Library	The Huntington Beach Public Library (HBPL) is a library system located in Huntington Beach. It offers online databases, print and electronic books and magazines, children's programs, computer lab, DVDs, CDs, and audiobooks for anyone with a Huntington Beach Library card.
FOOD	
Medi-Cal Food Box	Medi-Cal offers a free food box to qualifying members in Orange County, CA.
MyFridgeFood SuperCook	This website lets you select ingredients you have to create recipes.
SNAP Retailer Locator	Locates where SNAP can be used.
Calfresh/ BenefitsCal	Benefits Cal is California's unified online portal where residents can securely apply for, renew, upload documents, and manage public assistance programs like CalFresh, Medi-Cal, CalWORKs, and more in one place
WEBSITES	
California Competes	Use the Public Benefit Finder for California Students to identify key supports and resources that can make college costs manageable.
Low Income home Energy Assistance Program	LIHEAP assist people to pay for the cost of heating and cooling their homes.
Low Income Household Water Assistance Program	LIHWAP helps people pay for the cost of the water bill that is included with rent.
Foundation CCC: College Buys	As a student, you are eligible for discounts on products that will help you complete your education such as hotspot, Adobe Acrobat, Microsoft Office and more.
Medi-cal Phone	Free cell phone service with hotspot for qualified Medi-Cal recipients.
Service Navigator-Teens Experiencing Homelessness	This online resource directory provides a list of resources for teens experiencing homelessness.
OC Diaper Banks	This is a directory of Community Action Partnership partners providing diapers in Orange County.
USPS Mail Service	Please see the website for more details on how to access a PO box if you do not have a physical address.
TAP Card	Qualifying LA County residents can enjoy 20 free rides every month on Metro or a discounted pass on another participating transit agency.
Access California Services	The agency has several services they offer such as case management and advocacy, citizenship and immigration,

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	emergency financial assistance, counseling and supportive services, and education and training classes.
Children's Home Society	Children's Home Society of California (CHS Orange) offers support through programs such as the Child Care Payment Program , Family Child Care Home Education Network Resource & Referral services, an Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for foster children, and Exceptional Family Member Respite Care They also host free workshops and educational materials for parents and childcare providers on topics like child development, health, safety, and professionalism
Families and Communities Together (FaCT)	FaCT runs 16 neighborhood-based Family Resource Centers in Orange County that offer free, services such as parenting education, after-school/teen programs, adoption support, Medi-Cal/CalFresh assistance, child support services, community events, and resource referrals.
HOTLINES	
OC Suicide and Crisis Lifeline: 988	Immediate, confidential over the phone suicide prevention services to anyone who is in crisis or experiencing suicidal thoughts
Crisis Assessment Team (CAT): (866) 830-6011	For assessment & evaluation of individuals experiencing psychiatric emergencies, including threats to harm self, others, or gravely disabled.
2-1-1 OC (949) 646-4357	County resources to connect families with any resource available in Orange County ranging from financial assistance, housing, food, unemployment, clothing/hygiene, transportation, legal assistance, mental health, children/family, and crisis services.
CITY SPECIFIC ASSISTANCE	
Comprehensive Utilities Assistance Partner List	This is a list of resources that can assist with gas and energy bills, split up by cities.
Long Beach Water Assistance Program	This program assists low-income residents in Long Beach with their water bills.
LA Utility Program	This program assists low-income residents of LA county with weatherization, energy, and utility bills.
Transportation: LIFE Program (LA County)	- Qualifying LA County residents can enjoy 20 free rides every month on Metro or a discounted pass on another participating transit agency. If you have: - CalFresh

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	• EBT • Medi-Cal plan • A reduced lunch program • SNAP benefits • Social Security • Social Security Disability • TANF • Based of Income limits Limited Time Only: South LA and Pomona Residents can receive free rides for 6 months.
San Diego Community Partners	This is a comprehensive list of community partners in San Diego, offering resources related to food, housing, transportation, utilities, etc.
San Bernardino Community Resources	San Bernardino County offers Energy, Education & Environmental Programs for its residents.
CA Water Assistance Program	The state of California has a resource to assist residents with their water bills. It allows you to search for the resources offered in each city.
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