

# CalWORKs

**San Diego Mesa College  
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# CalWORKs Team Members



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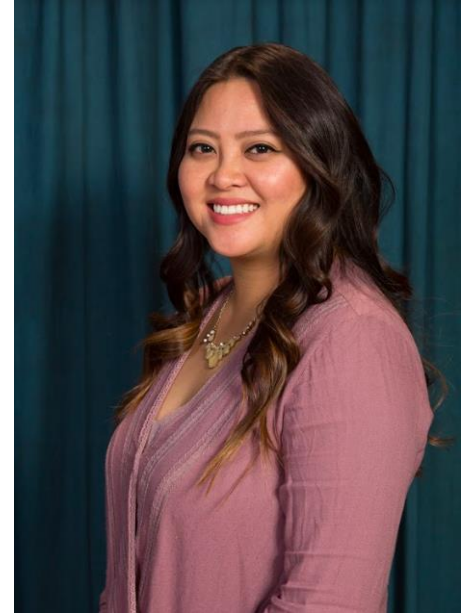
# Welcome New Team Members



**Grace Aumoeualogo**  
Adjunct Counselor



**Van Pham**  
Adjunct Counselor



**Jennifer Vo**  
Adjunct Counselor



# MISSION STATEMENT:

San Diego Mesa College serves CalWORKs students and their families by providing educational and career opportunities combined with an array of high-quality support services that enable students to complete their educational goals, find meaningful employment and successfully transition into the workforce.



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# What is CalWORKs?

The California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program is the California welfare implementation of the federal welfare-to-work Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program that gives cash aid and services to eligible in-need California families. It provides temporary assistance up to 48 months. There are accommodations for special circumstances.



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# CALWORKS REGIONAL STRUCTURE



## COUNTY OF SD HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- Eligibility Benefits
- Provide CalWORKs Benefits
  - (Cash Aid, CalFresh, Medi-Cal, housing vouchers)

## COUNTY CONTRACTORS PCG/RESCARE/EQUUS

- Case Management
- Referral to educational training/workforce
- Connect to resources (laptops, hotspots)

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- Educational planning
- Case advocacy
- Connect to institutional/community resources

# CALWORKS SUPPORT SERVICES



## **SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE**

- Priority Registration
- CA Promise (formerly BOGW)
- Financial Aid
- Education Planning
- Career Planning
- Crisis Counseling
- Referrals to Resources
- Support navigation of county bureaucracy
- Health Fee Waiver

## **COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO | COUNTY CONTRACTORS**

- Cash Assistance
- Child care
- Medical
- CalFresh
- Transportation

# ELIGIBILITY



- Currently a CalWORKs recipient receiving cash-aid for themselves and at least one child under 18
- Be in good standing with Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA)
- Be enrolled in current semester at San Diego Mesa College
- Requirement of major leading to employment
- Working towards one or more of the following:
  - Enhance work skills
  - Certificate
  - AA/AS Degree
  - Transfer to a university
- (No high school diploma or GED required to participate in the CalWORKs program)



# Who Are Our CalWORKs Students?



## Background/Demographics

- New Arrivals (Refugees)
- Impacted by Incarceration
- Impacted by homelessness
- First Generation College Students
- Veterans
- Bachelor's degree holders



# Student Population



	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Spring	17	58	70	42	22	37 +
Summer	22	27	33	21	15	-
Fall	49	48	49	25	22	-

## COVID-19 in 2020

- Due to the pandemic the county CalWORKs program suspended participants requirement to fulfill clients activity hours. Which allowed participants to continue receiving benefits without having to work or attend college/trade school or complete any activities. Suspension was lifted in Fall 2021.

# PLAN: IN PROGRESS



## GROW PROGRAM

- Continued outreach
  - SDCCE
  - County of SD
    - Local organizations
- More visibility on campus
- Interdepartmental Relationships

## PERSISTENCE

- Follow up with students
- Provide CalWORKs work-study opportunities to our students
- Targeted support services/referrals
- Provide informative & supportive CalWORKs events

## OUTCOMES

- Increase:
- Degree/Certificate attainment
  - ELAC progression
  - Employment → work based learning

# How to Refer Students to CalWORKs

## Location:

Student Services  
Building, 1400  
4th Floor, 14-410

**Phone:** (619)388-  
2709

## Email:

[mesacalworks@sdccd.edu](mailto:mesacalworks@sdccd.edu)



**ATTENTION! ARE YOU  
STRUGGLING FINANCIALLY?**

## CALWORKS WORKSHOP

PRESENTED BY SDCCD CALWORKS AND SAN DIEGO COUNTY

**EVERY  
MONDAY & THURSDAY  
11am - 12pm**

**ZOOM MEETING ID: 953 7178 6342**


Workshops will cover:

- CalWORKs overview & eligibility requirements
- Talk one on one with a SD County Representative about CalWORKs/CashAid, CalFresh, and Medi-Cal

**Must have a child to be eligible for CalWORKs**




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## VIRTUAL DROP-IN COUNSELING NOW AVAILABLE!

Drop-in to Zoom during the days and times listed below to talk to a CalWORKs counselor. No appointment needed!




**SPRING  
2022**

**MEETING**

➤ Mondays:  
9:00am to 10:00am  
&  
4:00pm to 5:00pm

➤ Wednesdays:  
2:00pm to 3:00pm

➤ Thursdays:  
9:00am to 10:00am  
&  
4:00pm to 5:00pm



[Zoom Meeting ID] 925 3195 8305

Passcode not required. Click on zoom link below or enter Meeting ID.

\*cancelled sessions will be posted on website, [www.sdmesa.edu/CalWORKs](http://www.sdmesa.edu/CalWORKs)



**Thank you**