Goodwill Industries of Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties offers no-cost programs designed to help youth gain the skills and training needed to build a successful future.

Through various programs, we can help you gain access to leadership opportunities, college prep services, supportive services, financial literacy, tutoring, and training opportunities. You may also be eligible to gain work experience, explore different careers, and develop skills all while being paid.

Eligibility requirements vary by program and may include proof of residency, current CA ID, social security card, birth certificate, among others. Contact us to learn more.



Why Goodwill?

For nearly 120 years, 156 local Goodwill® organizations across the United States, Canada and 12 other countries have helped people find jobs, support their families and feel the satisfaction that comes from working. Goodwill organizations assist people through a variety of employment placement services, job training programs and other community-based services.

Contact Us

Goodwill® Mission Services

Oxnard

Simi Valley

540 E Los Angeles Avenue, Suite B Simi Valley, CA 93065

Santa Barbara

302 W. Carrillo St. Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Santa Maria

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Services can be provided in person at our offices, virtually using Zoom or over the phone, or a combination. We are also able to provide services at various locations for those who cannot come into our offices.

We have bilingual staff available to provide services in both English and Spanish.



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Need help finding a job? Want to grow your career?

Youth Services

Whatever barriers to employment or educational opportunities you may be facing, we can help.





"Goodwill helped me get hands-on experience by setting me up with a job..."

I was referred to Goodwill through a local program and met with a Goodwill Mission Services counselor who specialized in helping young people like me. They helped me prepare for the workforce with interview practice, resume building, and customer service training. I got hands-on experience at a job where I learned how to use my new skills. The "paid work experience" job was temporary, but the manager thought I was a great worker and hired me on as a full-time employee.

I am so grateful to Goodwill and all the guidance they gave me. I recently met with a college counselor and am going to pursue a bachelor's degree in computer science. My Goodwill counselor also gave me the assistance I need to apply for scholarships and financial aid.

Our Services

Our services are funded from Goodwill retail operations, grants, donations, and contracts to ensure all of our Mission Services programs are available at no cost to qualifying individuals.



Employment preparation and job placement

- Resume writing and interview practice
- Leadership development
- Access to job fairs and recruitment opportunities
- Interview clothing, work clothes, and more
- Work experience and job placement
- Full-time and part-time work opportunities with community partners

College and career counseling

- Tutoring and homework help, college, and career advice
- Assistance with financial aid, college applications, exam fee coverage, and educational exploration

Trainings and certifications

- Vocational training
- · Customer service training
- Financial literacy training
- Skills certifications

More information: www.goodwillvsb.org



Our Mission

Our mission is to provide vocational and educational opportunities to eliminate barriers to employment, strengthen communities and help people in need reach their full potential through the power of work.

Our Vision

We envision a world where people have the opportunity to reach their highest potential. We believe that every individual has value and by recognizing that value, we can help them find their place in the community. In order to make this belief a reality, we will position ourselves as the premier provider of workforce services.

Our Values

- We believe in the inherent value of work; work has greater value than charity.
- We believe that every individual has the right to be treated with dignity and respect.
- We value an environment that encourages the people we serve to reach their highest potential.
- We value social, financial, and environmental stewardship.