

ICAN!

Independence, Competence, and Aptitudes, Now!

**Automotive Technologies • Aviation • Construction
Cosmetology • Health Care • Heating/Ventilation/AC (HVAC)
Information Technology (IT) • Paramedics • Plumbing
...and so much more!**

ICAN! is a workforce development program that provides youth with intensive case management and the wrap around services they need to succeed in vocational pathways. We work with eligible high school students and young adults seeking alternatives to traditional college education.

Case managers work with students to identify their vocational interests and complete career training at a designated trade school, technical institute, or community college vocational program. Focus is placed on programs that offer hands-on experience and certifications that will lead to well-paying jobs with long-term growth and viability. Our hope is that through ICAN!, youth will achieve their goal of financial independence and be placed on promising career paths that will lead to a brighter future.



Who is eligible to participate?

Orange County youth, ages
16 and older, that are not
planning to attend a 4-year
college in the next two years.



For enrollment information
or to schedule an orientation,
please visit our website at
www.projectyouthocbf.org
or contact our
ICAN! Coordinator,
Eric Hernandez,
at (714) 480 -1925 ext. 111.

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Where are services held?

Services are initially held at the Project Youth OC office located at 1605 E. 17th Street, Santa Ana, where youth meet with case managers on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. Once participants are in the vocational or trade program of their choice, meetings are scheduled on an as-needed basis.

What services are provided?

ICAN! participants receive 6-24 months of case management as they explore their career interests and aptitudes, enroll in and attend trade school or community college, and prepare for success in their chosen vocation. Case managers provide:

- ✓ One-on-one case management sessions (weekly, 1-3 hours) help students explore their career interests, research available programs, then apply to the career-training program of their choice.
- ✓ Evening workshops (monthly for 1-2 hours) focus on critical employment and life skills: communication, job searches, interviewing, finances, professional conduct, organization, and time management.
- ✓ Mentorship and case management support throughout the entirety of the vocational program to enable successful completion and provide any ancillary support needed.
- ✓ Job search assistance and additional follow-up services, as needed, after students have finished their program.



Our Mission

Project Youth OC's mission is to keep at-risk youth in school, healthy, and drug-free through education, counseling, mentoring, and family strengthening.

ICAN! expands our agency's mission by promoting independence through vocational assistance and career counseling.



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ICAN's services are free. Equipment, tools, books, and clothing required for vocational programs are not included. Financial support is available for some supplies.