

New Behavioral Health Apprenticeship Network Launches in San Diego

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San Diego's community colleges and workforce partners take a major step forward in addressing the region's urgent need for skilled behavioral health professionals. The San Diego and Imperial Counties Regional Consortium (SDI RC) is proud to announce the launch of the **San Diego Behavioral Health Apprenticeship Network (SDBHAN)** in partnership with the LAUNCH Apprenticeship Network and San Diego Workforce Partnership.

This initiative will expand registered apprenticeships and support a pilot cohort of 700 apprentices across San Diego County with earn-and-learn opportunities that combine classroom instruction and hands-on training. These apprenticeships are designed to equip students with the skills and credentials to thrive in behavioral health careers while helping employers meet critical workforce demands.

SDBHAN is made possible through funding from the county of San Diego's [ELEVATE Behavioral Health Workforce Fund](#), which is investing approximately \$6.8 million in innovation funds to grow registered apprenticeships.

Educational partners include Palomar College, College, San Diego City College, Southwestern College, and Grossmont Adult Education. These institutions will work closely with regional partners to align curriculum and coordinate training pathways for student success.

SDBHAN represents a regional commitment to strengthening workforce equity, career advancement and mental health systems talent development. Together, the partners aim to create scalable models that meet the region's behavioral health needs while opening doors for students from diverse backgrounds to enter meaningful, high-impact careers.