



MEDIA ALERT

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WHAT: Access 2 Employment Job Fair
WHEN: Thursday, October 1, 4-6 p.m.
WHERE: The Grove at the Boardwalk, 400 Beach Street, Santa Cruz
TICKETS: Free for job seekers. Register at [Access2Employment.com](https://www.Access2Employment.com).

ANNUAL JOB FAIR CONNECTS LOCAL EMPLOYERS AND JOB SEEKERS *Face-to-face meetings, employment services available for job seekers*

Santa Cruz County's longest-running job fair returns Thursday, Oct. 1, offering job seekers the opportunity to meet local employers and learn about current openings, career training, internships and volunteer opportunities.

The 2026 Access 2 Employment Job Fair will be held from 4–6 p.m. at The Grove, 400 Beach St., Santa Cruz. Admission and parking are free for job seekers. Representatives from dozens of local employers and organizations will be available to discuss open positions, compensation and benefits, qualifications and the hiring process. Opportunities are expected across a broad range of industries and experience levels, from entry-level and mid-career positions to roles for experienced professionals.

Free résumé reviews will also be available. Attendees are encouraged to bring a copy of their résumé and arrive early because review slots are limited. Job seekers who do not yet have a résumé can receive tips and templates, and résumés may be submitted in advance for feedback at A2Eresumereview@gmail.com.

Job seekers may [register for free through Eventbrite](#). Additional information and job-fair preparation resources are available at [Access2Employment.com](https://www.Access2Employment.com).

Employers can meet hundreds of prospective applicants in one location, promote their organizations and connect with other local employers. Registration begins at \$150, with Silver sponsorships available for \$450 and Gold sponsorships for \$800. Qualifying nonprofit organizations that provide free employment-related services may participate for \$50. Space is limited, and employers are encouraged to [review participation levels and register through Eventbrite](#).

Organizations currently registered include Big Creek Lumber; Boys & Girls Club of Santa Cruz County; Cabrillo College IT Institute; California Highway Patrol; Center for Employment Training; Chaminade Resort & Spa; Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County; Community Bridges; County of Santa Cruz; Dientes Community Dental; Dream Inn/Ensemble Hospitality; Easterseals Central California; Employment Development Department–Capitola; Employnet; Express Employment Professionals; Heron Power; Homeless Garden Project; HOPE Services Santa Cruz County; Janus of Santa Cruz; La Bahia/Ensemble Hospitality; Land Trust of Santa Cruz County; Oxford Technologies; Safe at Home Senior Care; Salud Para La Gente; San Andreas Regional Center; Santa Cruz County Mosquito and Vector Control; Santa Cruz County Office of Education; Santa Cruz County Parks; Santa Cruz County Public Authority; Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office; Second Harvest Food Bank; Small Business Development Center; Sutter Health; and the Santa Cruz Warriors.

The event is hosted by Access 2 Employment in partnership with Workforce Santa Cruz County. Sponsors and community partners include the County of Santa Cruz, California Department of Rehabilitation, Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk and Santa Cruz Teen Center. Founded in 1990, Access 2 Employment has held its annual job fair since 1991 to help Santa Cruz County residents advance their careers and increase workforce participation. The inclusive event welcomes job seekers of all ages, backgrounds and abilities, including people with disabilities and those with gaps in their employment histories.