

INDEPENDENT LIVING SKILLS AND FOSTER YOUTH WORKFORCE SERVICES



14–24
AGES SERVED

2

TIERED
PROGRAM



5
YEAR
PROJECT

PURPOSE:

The Independent Living Skills (ILS) and Foster Youth Workforce Services program provides services in two tiers:

- Tier 1, ILS, provides case management and supportive services in the areas of housing, employment and education
- Tier 2, workforce services, provides intensive work-readiness classes and workshops, career exploration and job shadowing experiences, internships and job placement services, and assistance with vocational and post-secondary preparation.

FUNDING SOURCE:

- United States Department of Labor, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)
- County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency

FUNDING AMOUNT:

\$1.4 million per year

TERM:

July 1, 2017–June 30, 2023

POPULATION SERVED:

Current or former foster youth ages 14-24

SERVICE PROVIDERS:

South Bay Community Services



SUCCESS STORY

Malcolm was attending Diego Valley Charter School to study for the GED when he dropped out to focus on improving his living situation and finding work. Due to complications from these and other struggles, he was asked to leave his transitional housing. For a few months, he had nowhere to call home. With the help of the ILS/WIA program, Malcolm found his way.

Malcolm's successes have been steady since participating in programs and events such as job-readiness training and job fairs. Once settled in his new home and with assistance from the program, Malcolm returned to his studies and passed the GED on his first try. After completing a summer internship, Malcolm has started attending community college to study electrical engineering.