

A Message from TASK's Executive Director

By Mario Haug



Mario Haug, TASK Executive Director

This year has been a busy one for TASK. We've celebrated our 40th anniversary. We developed new workshops, including a series for professionals on low tech assistive technology and alternative and augmentative communication. We took on a new grant through the Department of Developmental Services to help underserved Regional Center clients connect with services better. We've established new partnerships with school districts, government agencies other nonprofit organizations throughout Southern California.

It's also been a year of change for our TASK family – we've relocated several of our offices and combined others. Our main office in Orange County has moved from Anaheim to Brea, and we've also made personnel changes.

But through it all, our mission remains the same: we're here to educate and empower children with disabilities and our families. And though a lot of things are changing here at TASK, we remain more committed to that mission than ever.

As we look back on 40 years of serving Southern California – not to mention the changes we've undergone in just the past year – we're grateful for all that we've been able to accomplish and excited about helping even more families.

Here's to another 40 years; we look forward to being your support.

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TASK Welcomes Two New Staff Members & Expands Its Knowledge Base of Regional Center Services

TASK helps families in six Southern California Counties navigate special education, assistive technology and disability services. About 18 months ago, TASK received a grant from the California Department of Developmental Services to help Inland Regional Center in Riverside County address disparities among their clients served. We hired three bilingual staff members with strong social work backgrounds to provide short-term case management for families in Riverside County. They met families in their homes, explained the Regional Center services available to them in Spanish and English and generally helped them navigate the system so that they could access needed Regional Center services.

While that grant has ended, two of these valuable staff members have now joined TASK's staff as Family Support Specialists. Their social work expertise coupled with their knowledge of Regional Center services expands and deepens TASK's ability

to help families navigate special education and disability services. We are delighted to welcome Yolanda Martinez and Diana Ruelas-Rhine to TASK as permanent staff.

Yolanda Martinez believes all children should have access to the necessary

tools and resources to help them achieve their goals. Before coming to TASK, she was a supervisor for Adult Protective Services and In-Home Supportive Services and served consumers of all age groups. Yolanda graduated with honors from Cal Baptist University with a B.A. in Business Administration.

Diana is a service-oriented social worker with a strong commitment to serving the needs of

disadvantaged people. Before coming to TASK, she worked as a Qualified Intellectual Disabilities Professional, providing emotional support for clients, helping them develop a person-centered support plan, advocating on their behalf and encouraging clients to self-advocate.

Diana has a B.A. in Social Work from Whittier College with a minor in Latin American Studies.



Diana Ruelas-Rhine



Yolanda Martinez

Welcome to the TASK team, Yolanda and Diana!

Don't miss two new workshops offered by TASK this fall, which will be presented by either Yolanda or Diana. *Post-Secondary Transition* (in English on page 4 and in Spanish on page 8) and *The Lanterman Act* (in English on page 6 and in Spanish on page 9).

DID YOU KNOW?

- TASK has a menu of more than 35 workshops.
- Workshops are free of charge.
- TASK can come to you!

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TASK workshops are offered free of charge to families and professionals. Register for a workshop through our online calendar at www.taskca.org/calendar or call the workshop location directly (see page 10).

TASK can also come to you! Parent groups and agencies in Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Diego and Imperial counties can request TASK workshops be offered in English or Spanish at their own facilities. Call (866) 828-8275 or email task@taskca.org for more information.

NOTE: Workshops begin promptly at the scheduled time. There is no admittance for latecomers arriving more than 15 minutes after the scheduled start time. Workshops are for adults only unless otherwise stated.



EARLY INTERVENTION

Early Intervention and Transition Services at Age Three

This workshop provides a detailed overview of early intervention and transition services at age three to families and professionals who serve infants and toddlers with disabilities. It also includes information about procedural safeguards and tips and pointers for a successful transition.

CLASS DATES

Fri., Oct. 18, 2019, 9:30 - 11:30 am
Thurs., Dec. 5, 2019, 9 - 11 am

LOCATION

TASK Alhambra (Los Angeles County)
TASK Brea (Orange County)



SPECIAL EDUCATION

Assessment Process

This workshop provides an overview of the importance of parent input and ways to ensure that all the child's needs are being considered when determining appropriate services and placement options.

CLASS DATES

Wed., Oct. 30, 2019, 1 - 3 pm
Thurs., Nov. 7, 2019, 9 - 11 am
Thurs., Nov. 7, 2019, 2 - 4 pm
Fri., Nov. 15, 2019, 9:30 - 11:30 am
Tues., Nov. 19, 2019, 9:30 - 11:30 am

LOCATION

TASK Riverside (Riverside County)
TASK Brea (Orange County)
TASK San Diego (San Diego County)
TASK Alhambra (Los Angeles County)
TASK San Diego (San Diego County)

Basic Rights and Responsibilities

This workshop provides an overview of the basic rights and protections under IDEA, a brief overview of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and an explanation of record keeping and the assessment process.

CLASS DATES

Wed., Oct. 9, 2019, 12 - 2 pm
Wed., Nov. 20, 2019, 9 - 11 am
Tues., Nov. 26, 2019, 9:30 - 11:30 am
Tues., Dec. 10, 2019, 9:30 am - 12 pm

LOCATION

TASK San Diego (San Diego County)
TASK Riverside (Riverside County)
Parents' Place (Los Angeles County)
Parents' Place (Los Angeles County)

Effective Communication Skills

This workshop provides tried and true tips on how to positively advocate for your children, strengthen the relationship between parents and services agencies, and help create the appropriate IEP.

CLASS DATE

Tues., Oct. 8, 2019, 9:30 - 11:30 am

LOCATION

TASK San Diego (San Diego County)

Navigating IEPs

This workshop provides an overview of the rights and protections under IDEA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, the value of record keeping, the assessment process, timelines and other legal components of the IEP, including goals and objectives. Communication techniques are interspersed throughout the workshop.

CLASS DATES

Fri., Oct. 4, 2019, 9:30 am - 12 pm

Tues., Oct. 8, 2019, 9 - 11 am

Tues., Oct. 22, 2019, 9:30 - 11:30 am

Fri., Nov. 1, 2019, 9:30 am - 12 pm

Wed., Dec. 4, 2019, 12 - 2 pm

Fri., Dec. 6, 2019, 9:30 am - 12 pm

Wed., Dec. 18, 2019, 9 - 11 am

LOCATION

TASK Alhambra (Los Angeles County)

TASK Brea (Orange County)

Parents' Place (Los Angeles County)

TASK Alhambra (Los Angeles County)

TASK San Diego (San Diego County)

TASK Alhambra (Los Angeles County)

TASK Riverside (Riverside County)



MIDDLE SCHOOL & ADULT TRANSITION

Journey through Adolescence

This presentation will provide parents with basic information about the changes that puberty and adolescence bring to every child, including their son or daughter. The information is intended to help participants feel more comfortable and confident as they help their children safely navigate healthy lifestyles, healthy relationships and social inclusion of youth with disabilities. This workshop is appropriate for parents of primary and middle school students.

CLASS DATE

Tues., Oct. 8, 2019, 9:30 - 11 am

LOCATION

Parents' Place (Los Angeles County)

NEW! Post-Secondary Transition

This workshop helps families understand what an appropriate Individual Transition Plan includes to support children with IEPs as they transition from high school to adult services. You will learn about programs that can support your child's transition to adult life, such as those available through the Social Security Administration, the Department of Rehabilitation and Regional Center. You will also learn about strategies to help your child live independently and become a stronger self-advocate.

CLASS DATE

Tues., Dec. 10, 2019, 10 am - 12 pm

LOCATION

TASK Riverside (Riverside County)

Register online at www.taskca.org or call (951) 233-0412

Transition to Adult Services

Focuses on the development of the Individual Transition Plan (ITP) and the transition process from school to adult services. Explains other system criteria and application process, i.e.: Social Security Administration, Department of Rehabilitation and Regional Center. Discusses supports for the individual to live independently and productively within the community. Positive communication techniques are interspersed throughout the workshop.

CLASS DATE

Fri., Nov. 22, 2019, 9:30 am - 12 pm

LOCATION

TASK Alhambra (Los Angeles County)

Transition to Middle School

Transitions can be filled with anticipation and questions about what happens next. This workshop will guide parents and professionals on the ins and outs of what they can be doing now to prepare for middle school, as well as tips and strategies that can be used once students make the transition.

CLASS DATE

Tues., Dec. 3, 2019, 9:30 - 11:30 am

LOCATION

TASK San Diego (San Diego County)



ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

APPSolutely Amazing: Apps for Students with Special Needs

We will introduce applications with the following focus areas: video modeling, social skills, life skills, vocabulary building, language development, communication, fine motor skills and more. Join us for a fun, fast-paced session.

CLASS DATES

Tues., Oct. 15, 2019, 9 am - 12 pm

Mon., Oct. 28, 2019, 12 - 2 pm

Tues., Nov. 5, 2019, 9:45 am - 12 pm

Tues., Nov. 12, 2019, 9:30 - 11:30 am

Thurs., Nov. 14, 2019, 9 am - 12 pm

LOCATION

UCP San Diego Assistive Technology Center (San Diego County)

TASK Riverside (Riverside County)

Parents' Place (Los Angeles County)

L.A. Care Family Resource Center (Los Angeles County)

TASK Brea (Orange County)

AT 101

This workshop provides information on the laws as they pertain to assistive technology, the AT evaluation process, and some ideas for writing AT into the IEP. It also includes a brief introduction to the various types of AT available.

CLASS DATES

Wed., Oct. 9, 2019, 9 am - 12 pm

Thurs., Nov. 7, 2019, 9 am - 12 pm

LOCATION

TASK Brea (Orange County)

UCP San Diego Assistive Technology Center (San Diego County)

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AT for Autism and Other Disabilities

We will introduce technology specifically related to disorders on the autism spectrum and for those with developmental disabilities, including software and apps with the following focus areas: video modeling, social skills, life skills, vocabulary building, language development, communication, interpreting emotions and more. We will offer many solutions, from low tech interventions to high tech AAC devices.

CLASS DATE

Sat., Oct. 19, 2019, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

LOCATION

Asian Youth Center (Los Angeles County)

Fabulous Freebies: Assistive Technology at No Cost and Adaptation Ideas for Very Low Cost

In this workshop, we will introduce some great ideas for adapting everyday items for little or no cost, demonstrate free software that can be accessed online or downloaded to your computer, and demonstrate free iPad applications that we have found to be helpful. We will also show you built in accessibility features on your computer and iDevices. Join us for a fun workshop and learn how to access technology for free!

CLASS DATES

Thurs., Oct. 24, 2019, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Fri., Dec. 6, 2019, 9 am - 12 pm

Tues., Dec. 10, 2019, 10 am - 12 pm

LOCATION

TASK Brea (Orange County)

UCP San Diego Assistive Technology Center (San Diego County)

State Council on Developmental Disabilities Orange County Office (Orange County)



SPECIAL TOPICS

NEW! Lanterman Act

What is the Lanterman Act and how can you work with the Regional Center to get appropriate services? How do you make your voice heard at IPP meetings and become a stronger self-advocate? This workshop will help answer these questions as well as help you learn skills to make wise choices.

CLASS DATE

Fri., Nov. 15, 2019, 9 - 11 am

LOCATION

TASK Riverside (Riverside County)

Register online at www.taskca.org or call (951) 233-0699



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TASK

OCTUBRE/NOVIEMBRE/DICIEMBRE 2019

Los talleres se ofrecen gratuitamente a familias y profesionales. Regístrese para un taller a través de nuestro calendario en línea en www.taskca.org o llame directamente a la ubicación del taller (vea la página 10).

TASK también puede llegar a usted! Los grupos de padres y agencias en Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Diego e Imperial pueden solicitar talleres de TASK en inglés o español en sus propios locales. Llame al (866) 828-8275 o envíe un correo electrónico a task@taskca.org para más información.

NOTA: Los talleres comienzan con prontitud a la hora programada. Por respeto a nuestros asistentes, no habrá entrada para los que lleguen más de 15 minutos tarde. Los talleres son sólo para adultos, a menos que se indique lo contrario.



INTERVENCIÓN TEMPRANA

Intervención Temprana y Servicios de Transición a la Edad de Tres Años

Este taller ofrece una descripción detallada de intervención temprana y de los servicios de transición a los tres años a las familias y los profesionales que trabajan con bebés y niños pequeños con discapacidades. También incluye información sobre garantías procesales y puntos y sugerencias para una transición exitosa.

FECHA DE CLASE

mar., 17 de dic., 2019, 9 – 11 am

UBICACIÓN

TASK Brea (condado de Orange)



EDUCACIÓN ESPECIAL

Derechos Básicos y Responsabilidades

Este taller provee una descripción general de los derechos y protecciones básicos bajo IDEA, una breve descripción de la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación y una explicación del mantenimiento de registros y el proceso de evaluación.

FECHAS DE CLASE

mier., 30 de oct., 2019, 12 – 2 pm

lun., 18 de nov., 2019, 9 – 11 am

juev., 19 de dic., 2019, 9:30 – 11:30 am

UBICACIÓN

TASK San Diego (condado de San Diego)

TASK Riverside (condado de Riverside)

Parents' Place (condado de Los Angeles)

Habilidades de Comunicación Efectiva

Este taller provee consejos probados y verdaderos sobre cómo abogar positivamente por sus hijos, fortalecer la relación entre padres y agencias de servicios y ayuda a crear el IEP apropiado.

FECHA DE CLASE

mar., 22 de oct., 2019, 9:30 – 11:30 am

UBICACIÓN

TASK San Diego (condado de San Diego)

Navegando IEPs

Un resumen general de los derechos y protecciones bajo la ley IDEA y la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación Vocacional, el valor del mantenimiento de archivos, el proceso de evaluación, líneas de tiempo y otros componentes legales del IEP, incluyendo metas y objetivos. Técnicas de comunicación son entremezcladas a lo largo del taller.

FECHAS DE CLASE

vier., 25 de oct., 2019, 9:30 am – 12 pm
vier., 25 de oct., 2019, 9 – 11 am
mar., 12 de nov., 2019, 9:30 am – 12 pm
lun., 16 de dic., 2019, 9 – 11 am
mier., 18 de dic., 2019, 12 – 2 pm

UBICACIÓN

TASK Alhambra (condado de Los Angeles)
TASK Brea (condado de Orange)
Parents' Place (condado de Los Angeles)
TASK Riverside (condado de Riverside)
TASK San Diego (condado de San Diego)

Proceso de Evaluación

Se da una descripción de la importancia en la opinión de los padres y las maneras de asegurar que todas las necesidades del niño sean consideradas cuando se determinan los servicios apropiados y las opciones de colocación.

FECHAS DE CLASE

mier., 30 de oct., 2019, 9 – 11 am
juev., 14 de nov., 2019, 2 – 4 pm
juev., 21 de nov., 2019, 9 – 11 am
mar., 26 de nov., 2019, 9:30 – 11:30 am

UBICACIÓN

TASK Riverside (condado de Riverside)
TASK San Diego (condado de San Diego)
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TASK San Diego (condado de San Diego)



TRANSICIÓN DE LA ESCUELA SECUNDARIA Y DE ADULTOS

Transición a la Escuela Intermedia

Transiciones pueden llenarse con anticipación y preguntas sobre lo que sucede a continuación. Este taller guía a padres y profesionales sobre los detalles de lo que pueden estar haciendo ahorita para prepararse para la escuela intermedia, así como consejos y estrategias que pueden usarse una vez que los estudiantes hacen la transición.

FECHA DE CLASE

mar., 17 de dic., 2019, 9:30 – 11:30 am

UBICACIÓN

TASK San Diego (condado de San Diego)

¡NUEVO! Transición Postsecundaria

Este taller ayuda a las familias a comprender qué incluye un Plan de transición individual apropiado para apoyar a los niños con IEP a medida que hacen la transición de la escuela secundaria a los servicios para adultos. Aprenderá sobre los programas que pueden apoyar la transición de su hijo a la vida adulta, como los disponibles a través de la Administración del Seguro Social, el Departamento de Rehabilitación y el Centro Regional. También aprenderá sobre estrategias para ayudar a su hijo a vivir de manera independiente y convertirse en un defensor de sí mismo más fuerte.

FECHA DE CLASE

mar., 10 de dic., 2019, 1 – 3 pm

UBICACIÓN

TASK Riverside (condado de Riverside)
Regístrese en línea en www.taskca.org o llame al (951) 233-0412



TECNOLOGÍA DE ASISTENCIA

APPsolutamente Divertido! Aplicaciones De iDevice Para el Aprendizaje Temprano

Esta sesión presentará y demostrará aplicaciones de iPad que ayudan a facilitar el aprendizaje de temprana edad de los niños con necesidades especiales. Esto incluirá aplicaciones preescolares, lenguaje de temprana edad y la alfabetización, habilidades de motricidad fina y mucho más. Acompáñenos a un taller de ritmo rápido lleno de diversión.

FECHA DE CLASE

vier., 4 de oct., 2019, 10:30 – 11:30 am

UBICACIÓN

Grupo de Estimulación Temprana (Condado de Orange)

APPsolutamente Sorprendente: Aplicaciones para Estudiantes con Necesidades Especiales

Presentaremos aplicaciones con las siguientes áreas de enfoque: modelado de video, habilidades sociales, habilidades de vida, desarrollo de vocabulario, desarrollo del lenguaje, comunicación, habilidades de motricidad fina y más. Acompáñenos a un taller divertido y de paso rápido.

FECHAS DE CLASE

juev., 24 de oct., 2019, 9:45 am – 12 pm

lun., 28 de oct., 2019, 9 – 11 am

vier., 22 de nov., 2019, 9 am – 12 pm

UBICACIÓN

Parents' Place (condado de Los Angeles)

TASK Riverside (condado de Riverside)

TASK Brea (condado de Orange)

Taller Básico de Tecnología de Asistencia (AT 101)

Este taller cubre la información sobre las leyes en lo que se refiere a la tecnología de asistencia, el proceso de la evaluación de tecnología de asistencia, y algunas ideas para escribir la tecnología de asistencia en el IEP. También incluye una breve introducción a los distintos tipos de tecnología de asistencia disponible.

FECHA DE CLASE

vier., 15 de nov., 2019, 9 am – 12 pm

UBICACIÓN

TASK Brea (condado de Orange)



TEMAS ESPECIALES

¡NUEVO! Ley Lanterman

¿Qué es la Ley Lanterman y cómo puede trabajar con el centro regional para obtener los servicios adecuados? ¿Cómo se hace oír su voz en las reuniones del IPP y convertirse en un defensor de sí mismo más fuerte? Este taller ayudará a responder estas preguntas, así como a aprender habilidades para tomar decisiones acertadas.

FECHA DE CLASE

vier., 6 de dic., 2019, 9 – 11 am

UBICACIÓN

TASK Riverside (condado de Riverside)

Regístrese en línea en www.taskca.org o llame al (951) 233-0699

TASK WORKSHOP LOCATIONS

To register for a TASK workshop, visit taskca.org and sign up through the TASK calendar, or call the workshop location directly.

Para registrarse para un taller de TASK, por favor visite taskca.org o llame directamente a la ubicación del taller.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY:

- **Asian Youth Center** – 100 Clary Ave., San Gabriel, CA 91776, (866) 828-8275
- **L.A. Care Family Resource Center** – 3200 E. Imperial Hwy., Lynwood, CA 90262, (213) 744-8878
- **Parents' Place** – 1500 S. Hyacinth Ave., Ste. B, West Covina, CA 91791, (626) 919-1091 or visit parentsplacefrc.com
- **TASK Alhambra** – 1000 S. Fremont Ave., Bldg. A-6, Family Resource Conference Room, Alhambra, CA 91803, (626) 300-1043

ORANGE COUNTY:

- **Grupo de Estimulación Temprana** – River Arena, 201 E. Broadway, Anaheim, CA 92805
- **State Council on Developmental Disabilities Orange County Office** – 2000 E. Fourth St., Ste. 115, Santa Ana, CA 92705, (714) 558-4404 or visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/C7PSMLB>
- **TASK Brea** – 3040 Saturn Street, #103, Brea, CA 92821, (866) 828-8275

RIVERSIDE COUNTY:

- **Community Access and Disability Center, TASK Riverside** – 6848 Magnolia Ave., Ste. 150, Riverside, CA 92506, (951) 328-1200

SAN DIEGO COUNTY:

- **TASK San Diego** – 3845 Spring Dr., Room 21, Spring Valley, CA 91978, (619) 282-0846
- **UCP San Diego Assistive Technology Center** – 8665 Gibbs Dr., Ste. 100, San Diego, CA 92123, (866) 828-8275

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