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**NEW WEBSITE LAUNCHES PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN  
FOR ORANGE COUNTY CONSERVATION CORPS**

Orange County Conservation Corps (OCCC) launched its new website -- [www.hireyouth.org](http://www.hireyouth.org) -- on July 1, 2009 as part of a public awareness campaign to gain more support for the many rewarding programs offered to young, at-risk adults.

As you will see through a video on the newly-designed site, OCCC teaches at-risk young adults how to “walk down another street,” instead of staying on their detrimental path where “a deep hole” continuously threatens their future.

OCCC is a 501(c)(3) founded in 1993 as part of the Anaheim anti-gang taskforce. Funding is provided through the California Department of Conservation as well as individual and corporate contributions, grants, contracts and entrepreneurial projects.

It is therefore imperative that the community be aware of the Corps and all that it is trying to do, because without the public's financial support, OCCC can not continue worthwhile programs such as:

- On-the-job training \*Earning a paycheck while completing the program
- Preset bonuses for a variety of accomplishments including perfect attendance and forklift certification
- Access to an on-site food bank
- An education program to earn their high school diploma which includes tutoring
- Scholarships that can be applied to post secondary education such as college or vocational school
- A variety of on-site workshops to develop life skills such as financial literacy, family planning and smoking cessation
- Transportation assistance including rides to work and bus passes
- Access to on-site AA/NA meetings

- Referrals to other agencies to assist with childcare, medical, housing, legal and family counseling needs
- Transition services through the Corps-2-Career program, including:
  - Job search assistance
  - Interview skill development
  - Resume preparation
  - Computer literacy enhancement

*About Orange County Conservation Corps:*

*OCCC is a non-profit organization founded in 1993 as part of the Anaheim anti-gang taskforce and is affiliated with the Corps Network, California Association of Local Conservation Corps and other youth service organizations. The OCCC is a voluntary work/learn program that provides an opportunity for at-risk and disadvantaged youths, age 18 to 25, to earn a living while learning valuable employment skills through job training and attending the on-site charter school to earn their high school diploma. Work projects are environmentally-based and benefit the community. Funding is provided through the California Department of Conservation as well as individual and corporate contributions, grants, contracts and entrepreneurial projects. For more information visit their website at [www.hireyouth.org](http://www.hireyouth.org).*

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