



# CARE & CalWORKs Warriors Student Success Calendar

## April 2024 | Newsletter

### ! Important Dates & Deadlines

- April 6th - 12th - Spring Break
- April 15th - Midterm Classes Begin (2nd 8-week courses)
- April 19th - Last Day to add with and Add Code/Drop for a Refund/No Notation (2nd 8-week courses)
- April 29th - 2nd EOPS Contact Deadline

### Parent Cafes: Spring 2024

**PARENT CAFES**

Parent Cafes are a series of discussions and support, focused on providing a safe, non-judgmental space filled with encouragement and resources for parents and caregivers. The goal is to provide a support system for parents and caregivers. Parents and caregivers, you are not alone!

**Online Zoom Dates:**  
Friday 2/23 5-7pm  
Thursday 3/21 5-7pm  
Thursday 5/9 5-7pm  
Zoom ID:  
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**In-Person Dates:**  
Friday 4/19 5-7pm  
Tuesday 5/21 10am-12pm  
Monday 6/3 11am-1pm  
Social Justice Center (SJC)  
Communications 204

The Childhood Education Department, ChildDEV Club, and Student Health Services present Parent Cafés" - a series of discussions and support, focused on providing a safe, non-judgmental space filled with encouragement and resources for parents and caregivers. The purpose is to provide a support system/community for parents and caregivers.

**Next Session: Friday, April 19th 5-7pm - Social Justice Center (Comms 204)**

### CalWORKs Spring 2024 VOB

**SPRING 2024 VERIFICATION OF BENEFITS (VOB)**

**ATTENTION CALWORKS STUDENTS:** Each semester, all CalWORKs students are required to submit a Verification of Benefits (VOB), to verify eligibility and stay in compliance with the ECC CalWORKs program. Please log on to the [BenefitsCal](#) website and save a current Verification of Benefits (VOB) in PDF format. You can watch a step-by-step video [here](#) to learn how to access your VOB.

**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT: FEBRUARY 26, 2024**

Once you've downloaded your VOB, upload the document to the [CalWORKs Verification of Benefits Form](#), located on the ECC CalWORKs Forms page of our program's website.

**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ACCESS YOUR VOB ON THE BENEFITCAL SITE, CONTACT THE CALWORKS OFFICE: [calworksinfo@elcamino.edu](mailto:calworksinfo@elcamino.edu)**

**PLEASE REMEMBER, WE MUST HAVE A VERIFICATION OF BENEFITS (VOB) ON FILE IN ORDER TO SERVE YOU**

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**Deadline to submit: ASAP! We must have a VOB on file for students to receive services**  
If you have any issues accessing your VOB please contact the CalWORKs Office [calworksinfo@elcamino.edu](mailto:calworksinfo@elcamino.edu) or (310) 660-6057

### Pregnant and Parenting Students

Check out the new El Camino College **Pregnant and Parenting Student** webpage and learn about on and off campus resources available to you!

<https://www.elcamino.edu/support/resources/pregnant-and-parenting-students/>

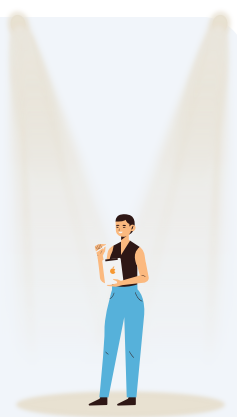
If you have any feedback, please let us know by emailing us at [careinfo@elcamino.edu](mailto:careinfo@elcamino.edu).



### CARE Student Spotlight

Parent Scholars! Are you interested in being part of a parenting student video series? Join us to shed light on the experiences of parent scholars in community college. Volunteer to have your story and voice heard!

Contact the CARE team via phone: (310)660-6066 or email: [Careinfo@elcamino.edu](mailto:Careinfo@elcamino.edu)



### You and Me Play Group



The Childhood Development Club invites you to the "You and Me Play Group" on

**Saturday, April 6th** from 11am - 12:30pm in person on the **El Camino College Library Lawn.**

\*For children ages 0-5 and their caregivers to participate in playing, singing and story time.\*

For more information, email the ChildDEV club: [cdev.ecc@gmail.com](mailto:cdev.ecc@gmail.com)



### CARE & CalWORKs Parent Appreciation Day



Are you ready for an afternoon where you get to eat good and hear from an inspiring speaker?

You don't want to miss Kellie Todd Griffin, founder of the California Black Women's Collective organization, share her story on how she became the trailblazer she is today.

Join us **Tuesday, April 23, 2024 @ 4pm** in the **East Dining Room** on the second floor of the bookstore.

**RSVP HERE:**  
<http://tinyurl.com/ParentAppreciationsP24>

CARE & CalWORKs invites you to spend an evening celebrating your parenthood with other parenting students. Our events would be nothing without added resources curated to support your development. This year we want to highlight career development and provide you an opportunity to gain insight towards professional independence.

**Why Attend**

- Inspiring Speaker & Former Parenting Student Kellie Todd Griffin Founder of the California Black Women's Collective
- Professional Headshot
- Career Exploration & Resume Review opportunity w/ counselors & advisors.
- Receive 50% off voucher from JC Penny Collaboration.
- Create community resources and more!

**NEED A RESUME?**  
Schedule an appointment with either Karin Baluyot or Ruben Ruiz  
CALL 310-660-3464

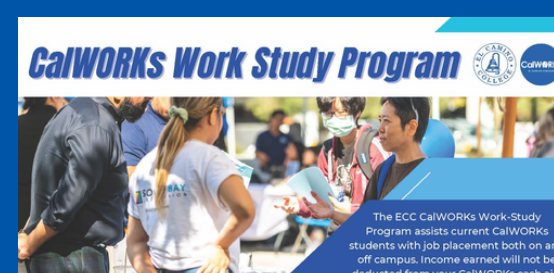
**When can I Attend**

- Date: Tuesday, April 23, 2024
- Time: 4PM-5:30PM
- Location: East Dining Room 2nd Floor of Bookstore
- RSVP: <http://tinyurl.com/ParentAppreciationsP24>

**ECC STATEMENT:**  
The El Camino Community College District is committed to providing an affirmative and equitable environment, to which all persons, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, religion, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, marital status, military and veteran status, disability, or any other status as required by state and federal law.

**For More Information, email [careinfo@elcamino.edu](mailto:careinfo@elcamino.edu)**

### CalWORKs Work Study Opportunities



Interested in earning extra income that's exempt from your CalWORKs cash aid? CalWORKs Work Study has on-campus student employment positions available for the Spring 2024 semester. Students that meet the following eligibility requirements are welcome to apply:

- Have a minimum 2.0 GPA
- Be in good academic standing at El Camino
- Provide current Verification of Benefits

For more info email Karin Baluyot at [kbaluyot@elcamino.edu](mailto:kbaluyot@elcamino.edu) or complete our **CWWS interest form**

**WE OFFER**

- ONE-ON-ONE ADVICE**  
The CalWORKs Advisor will assist you with your resume, interview preparation, and more. Interviews, professional development, and more to ensure you are competitive in the job market.
- SUBSIDIZED INCOME**  
Work Study is a form of income that does not affect your CalWORKs cash aid.
- WAYS TO COMPLETE YOUR GAIN REQUIREMENT**  
Businesses receive credit for your required CalWORKs approved activities while completing your hours of study.  
Work study hours (20 hours maximum) can be applied to "work" hours for a student's "work-to-learn" plan.

**CONTACT US**

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### CARE Linktree

Trying to stay up to date with CARE but don't know how? No worries, check out our LINKTREE where we post all our important events and resources!

<http://linktr.ee/ecccare>



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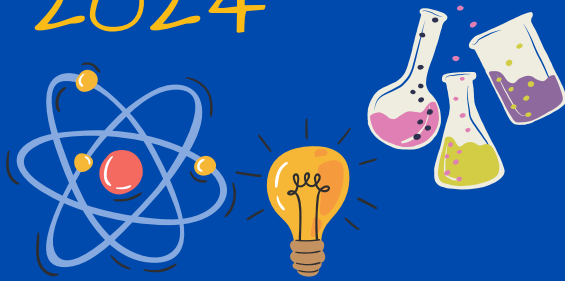
# CARE & CalWORKs Warriors Calendar of Events for The Family

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### City of STEM 2024

Saturday, April 6th 9am - 6pm

LA's Downtown Historic Park  
1315 N Spring St. Los Angeles 90012



Join Southern California's largest celebration of science, making, creativity, invention, and fun! The event will be free and open to the public with hands-on activities, amazing experiences, workshops, lectures and appearances by famous creators and science celebrities! This event reflects the diversity of the greater Los Angeles region and promotes access to science and creativity for all! This event is a combination of City of STEM and Los Angeles Maker Faire. \*The event will also include content in Spanish.\*



SATURDAY  
APRIL 13, 2024  
10AM - 2PM

Saturday, April 13th 10 AM - 2 PM

Whittier Sanitation Districts' Joint Administration Office  
1955 Workman Mill Road  
Whittier, CA 90601

The Earth Day festival features fun and educational activities for the whole family, including tours of the facilities, giveaways, arts and crafts, live entertainment, food and of course a chance to learn about the many ways to protect the environment.

For more information, contact Maria Rosales-Ramirez at (562) 908-4288 x 2311 or [mrosales@lacs.org](mailto:mrosales@lacs.org). See flyer [HERE](#).

### Parks After Dark!

Now through April 11th!



Parks After Dark returns for the spring season with **FREE** activities at 34 LA County Parks. Bring your family and friends and explore all the art and culture activities they have to offer. Dust off your dancing shoes and join for a night full of music and dance and a variety of free activities for the whole family! Visit their website to get a list of all events [HERE](#).

### YMCA 2024 Healthy Kids Day!



Sunday, April 21st 12pm - 4pm

LA Memorial Coliseum  
3911 S. Figueroa St. Los Angeles, CA 90037

Healthy Kids Day is the Y's largest national initiative to improve the health and well-being of kids health and families. This year will be no different highlighting how the Y helps build healthy, resilient kids through programs, sports activations, services, initiatives, advocacy, partnerships, social-emotional learning and more. Join to meet your favorite LA Sports teams, enjoy the YMCA Kids and Teen Zone, listen to live bands, challenge yourself with the rock climbing wall, explore the aquatics zone, receive free medical screenings for kids and so much more!

See a full list of activities and reserve your spots [HERE](#).

### Cherry Blossom Cultural Festival

Sunday, April 7th 11am - 4pm

Columbia Park  
4045 190th St. Torrance, CA 90503



The City of Torrance invites families to its Cherry Blossom Cultural Festival! The festivities at this family-friendly event include an arts and crafts fair, Pan-Asian performances, on-site food trucks, vendor booths, and more. Check the website for details on free parking and shuttle service [HERE](#).

### SouthBay Pavillion Autism Awareness Spring Art Class

Sunday, April 14th 2pm - 3pm

SouthBay Pavillion  
20700 S Avalon Blvd. Carson, CA 90746



Join for a fun Spring Art Workshop led by Know Me Network! Children ages 6-12 are welcome. Classes are designed to support children with Autism and other disabilities. Seats are limited! Please RSVP each child separately [HERE](#). \*Check-in will start at 1:30 pm.\*

### Free Kids Event: Lakeshore's Space Adventure



Sunday, April 20th 11pm - 3pm

Lakeshore Learning  
2695 E. Dominguez St. Carson, CA 90895

Make believe you're a kid astronaut and join for a space journey filled with hands-on learning fun! Create crafting shuttles you can take home and make mission stops to learn about the moon, solar system and galaxy. Play with some of the coolest space-themed products along the way! No need to make a reservation—just join the fun and SAVE with an exclusive offer! Ages 3+. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



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