

ACADEMIC SERVICES

- Academic Classes
- ELD Support
- Homework Help
- Remedial Learning Support
- Tutoring

COLLEGE PREPARATION SERVICES

- College Application Assistance
- College Skills Training
- College Tours
- Curricular Planning
- Extra-Curricular Support
- Financial Aid Counseling
- Standardized Test Prep

SOCIAL- CULTURAL- EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

- Basic Needs (food, clothing etc.)
- Legal Support
- Housing Support
- Medical Support
- Parent/Guardian Support

LEADERSHIP AND ADVOCACY

- Leadership Training

LANGUAGES PROVIDED

- English
- Spanish

MISSION STATEMENT

Canal Alliance's mission is to development self-sufficiency and leadership for a healthier community.

TYPICAL STUDENT

Low-income, mostly Latino immigrant students between middle school and college age who need academic, social and emotional support in order to graduate from high school and attend college.

PROGRAMS OFFERED

Canal Alliance has been serving Marin's growing immigrant community for 29 years with a full spectrum of immigrant integration initiatives – from basic services to systemic solutions. Many Latino immigrants first came to Marin County in the 1980s and over the years have become more informed and integrated into the community. Canal Alliance's role has changed as well. In the past we focused on helping people to survive. Now we also invest our resources in proven Pathways to Success—youth education, income enhancement, access to resources, and leadership development— so they may thrive.

Youth Education

Canal Alliance's Youth Scholarship Program (YSP) is a comprehensive out-of-school education program that provides low-income, mostly Latino immigrant youth who are academically at-risk with the support and skills they need to overcome root barriers to educational success and self-sufficiency. YSP works toward this goal through a unique combination of academic training, leadership development, parent engagement and family case management.

We begin working with students and their families at the middle school level and continue until they graduate from high school, at which point our College Support Program offers additional guidance, support and financial assistance.

When program meets: Monday through Friday, 3-6

Commitment: 3 hours per day on average

Location: Canal Alliance offices

Contact: Miguel Godoy

Phone: (415) 306-0412

Income Enhancement

We offer a range of economic development classes to help adult clients increase income and improve economic self-sufficiency, including English as a Second Language, small business development workshops, computer literacy, and financial education.

When program meets: Open to the public 9 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday; class times and days vary.

Commitment: Depends on need of client

Location: Canal Alliance offices

Contact: Bob Jackson

Phone: (415) 306-0438

Case Management

We provide case management, emergency food distribution, emergency financial assistance, domestic violence support groups, and assistance accessing health and social services.

When program meets: Open to the public 9 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday, walk-ins welcome as well as by appointment

Commitment: Depends on client needs

Location: Canal Alliance offices

Contact: Sandy Ponak

Phone: (415) 306-0422

Immigration Legal Services

Our goal is to make sure that undocumented immigrants have the information, advice, and support they need so that they can make every possible effort to secure legal status and continue their lives here.

When program meets: Open to the public 9 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday; appointments are required.

Commitment: Depends on client needs

Location: Canal Alliance offices

Contact: Alyssa Simpson

Phone: (415) 306-0420

Leadership Development

Our community organizing efforts support grassroots community/civic engagement and leadership development and ensure that community members have the skills and strategies they need to implement effective community-based programs. Canal Alliance community organizers have developed and trained two grassroots community leadership groups, the adult Comité de Vecinos ("neighbors") and the Youth Concilio, who work to affect change in the Canal neighborhood.

When program meets: Varies

Commitment: Varies

Location: Canal Alliance offices

Contact: Maite Duran

Phone: (415) 306-0440

HOW TO APPLY

Students must complete an application and submit an essay; students and their parents must attend an interview with YSP staff. For more information, contact Miguel Godoy at (415) 306-0412 or visit our website at www.canalalliance.org.

ADMISSIONS DEADLINES

Open enrollment begins April 1 and ends May 31 for the fall semester. For enrollment after the deadline, contact Miguel Godoy at (415) 306-0412.

STUDENTS SERVED

SPECIALIZING IN

- First generation college students
- Immigrant students
- Primarily students from a single ethnicity
- English language learning students
- Latino

ACADEMIC STATUS OF STUDENTS

- Underachievers, but likely to be college eligible
- At-risk to not be college eligible
- At-risk to not graduate high school

% ON FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH

- More than 75%

AGE

- Middle School Students
- High School Students
- College Students

SCHOOL DISTRICTS SERVED

- San Rafael High School District