



California Art Centers

The following is a list of nonprofit California Art Centers that provide artists with disabilities a studio space where they can create, exhibit and sell their art in order to advance their artistic careers. These resources are provided for informational purposes only and do not denote an endorsement by the NADC. Please feel free to email the NADC at bstoffmacher@mednet.ucla.edu if you have an organization that you would like to add to this directory.

Able ARTS Work

1903 West 16th Street

Gardena, CA 90247

Phone: (310) 527-7717

Email: SZarders@ableartswork.org

Internet: <https://www.ableartswork.org>

Able ARTS Work provides lifelong learning, community service and vocational opportunities through creative arts for people of all abilities. Their exhibitions department exists to showcase the creative works of artists through in-house gallery shows, community exhibitions and sales of artwork to private and corporate collections. Artists earn 50% commission on the sale of their work. Their exhibitions include partnerships with artists, and organizations.

Art Explorers, Inc.

333 North Franklin Street

Fort Bragg, CA 95437

Phone: (707) 961-6156

Email: contactus@artexplorers.org

Internet: <http://www.artexplorers.org/>

Art Explorers, Inc. is a nonprofit creative arts program that serves adults with developmental disabilities. Art Explorers, Incorporated's stated mission is to provide a fun, nurturing, non-judgmental, and artistically stimulating environment for creativity to thrive.

Creative Growth Art Center

355 24th Street

Oakland, CA 94612

Phone: (510) 836-2340 x115

Email: info@creativegrowth.org

Internet: <http://www.creativegrowth.org/category/news/>

Creative Growth Art Center is the oldest and largest nonprofit art studio for artists with developmental, mental, and physical disabilities. Since 1974, Creative Growth has played a significant role in increasing public interest in the artistic capabilities and achievements of people with disabilities, providing a professional studio environment for artistic development, gallery exhibition, and representation.

Creativity Explored San Francisco

3245 16th Street

San Francisco, CA 94103

Phone: (415) 863-2108

Email: info@creativityexplored.org

Internet: <http://www.creativityexplored.org/>

Creativity Explored exists to provide people with developmental disabilities the opportunity to express themselves through the creation of art. Creativity Explored provides studio artists the opportunity to earn income from the sale of their artwork and to pursue a livelihood as a visual artist to the fullest extent possible. A key focus of Creativity Explored's services is to support those individuals with developmental disabilities who wish to become self-employed artists in creating and operating fully viable and profitable businesses.

Dancing Around the Oak Tree

1050 B. Street Unit 519

San Diego, CA 92101

Phone: (619) 994-8047

Email: oaktreeartstudio@yahoo.com

Internet: oaktreeartstudio.weebly.com

Dancing Around the Oak Tree Art Studio Inc. serves the disabled community of San Diego County by providing them with a safe space to learn about and create different types of art. The studio provides awareness and empowerment to individuals who may be inadvertently excluded from other art spaces due to outside perception of their disability. Some of the services the studio provides are: art classes that will aid in the development of coping skills; opportunities for individuals with disabilities to display their art for the community at no cost; classes aimed at teaching individual's art skills; education and awareness among the general public regarding people with disabilities within the artistic community.

Exceptional Children's Foundation (ECF)

5350 Machado Road

Culver City, CA 90230

Phone: (310) 204-3300

Email: info@ecf.net

Internet: <https://www.ecf.net/>

ECF envisions a society in which all people with developmental, learning, and emotional disabilities are valued and integrated in educational, social, work and residential settings.

First Street Gallery/Art Center

Tierra Del Sol

250 West 1 Street

Claremont, CA 91711

Phone: (909) 626-5455

Email: rhamm@tierradelsol.org

Internet: <https://www.tierradelsol.org/>

Tierra del Sol operates two progressive art studios in Sunland and Claremont. Individuals discover career opportunities, advance their skills and craft their own professional career path in the arts. These pathways include a blending of these 3 roles: an exhibiting artist with a strong studio practice of creating artwork, developing a portfolio and resume and exhibiting art locally and internationally; an arts educator designing lesson-plans and leading classes and presentations; a professional in Arts Management, including curation and exhibition design, and successfully developing and launching art businesses.

Neighborhood Center for the Arts (NCA)

Address: 200 Litton Drive #212

Grass Valley, CA 95945

Phone: (530) 272-7287

Email: ncadirector@nccn.net

Internet: <http://www.neighborhoodcenterofthearts.com>

Neighborhood Center for the Arts' mission is to provide the opportunity for adults with developmental disabilities to grow to the best of their ability through the arts and community integration. The featured programs promote creativity, independence and dignity. Each day, up to 50 artists ranging in age from 21 to 75 attend the studio and create weavings, ceramics, paintings, drawings, woodwork and computer arts. Many of NCA's artists have had their works exhibited in numerous solo and group exhibitions, including European galleries.

Neighborhood Center for the Arts also serves the whole person by incorporating the creative arts, paid work, education, training and independent living in a total synthesis. They believe there is no limit to the level of expressive accomplishment any person can achieve. The art created is uninhibited, authentic and inspiring. The artists receive the majority of the proceeds from the sale of their art in NCA's gallery.

NIAD Art Center

551 23rd Street

Richmond, CA 94804

Phone: (510) 620-0290

Internet: <http://niadart.org/>

Mentored by skilled professionals (all of the staff hold a Masters of Fine Arts degree and are themselves accomplished artists), NIAD's artists see and study contemporary art by visiting local galleries, studios and museums. Inspired, they return to the NIAD open studio to create their own work. The NIAD studio environment has been described by visitors and participants alike as inclusive, nurturing, and welcoming. Here are the features of NIAD's program: NIAD

provides professional guidance for clients, imparting both artistic and independent living skills. NIAD proffers a way for adults with disabilities to explore creativity, acquire new skills, and earn money from selling art. NIAD offers talented and skilled staff with connections in the contemporary art world and fosters a supportive community and environment.

Short Center North/Developmental Disabilities Service Organization (DDSO)

5051 47th Avenue

Sacramento, CA 95824

Phone: (916) 456-5166

Email: info@ddso.org

Internet: <http://www.ddso.org>

Short Center North's (DDSO) mission is to enrich the quality of life for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities by fostering individual growth, creativity, and community involvement through innovative strategies and artistic expression.

Slingshot Alpha Art Forum

4501 Cathedral Oaks Road

Santa Barbara, CA 93110

Phone: (805) 683-2145, Ext. 105

Email: info@alphasb.org

Internet: <https://www.slingshotart.org/>

SlingShot is an art studio and gallery for artists with intellectual and developmental disabilities who want to create and sell art. SlingShot's work is notable for its uninfluenced raw creativity. Each piece, whether it is a drawing, painting, sculpture or textile, tells a story reflecting the perspective an artist with disabilities. The open studio environment is designed to encourage creative expression and the on-site gallery offers an exhibition space that fosters a supportive link the Santa Barbara art community.

St. Madeleine Sophies Center

2119 E Madison Ave

El Cajon, CA 92019

Phone: (619) 442-5129

Email: vsmith@stmisc.org

Internet: <http://stmisc.org/>

St. Madeleine Sophie's Center mission is to educate and empower individuals with developmental disabilities to realize their full potential. The vision at St. Madeleine Sophie's Center is to serve individuals with developmental disabilities through nationally recognized innovative programs. St. Madeleine Sophie's Center combines their culture of care and creativity within quality programs to provide liberal arts education, practical skills development, employment, and dignity for a lifetime.

Southside Unlimited

Services are provided in a multitude of locations in Northern California. Call for a scheduled tour at the closest location.

Phone: (916) 387-8080

Internet: <https://southsideunlimited.com/>

Southside Unlimited's mission is to create a forum that applies the medium of opportunity, blending artistic expression, personal progress, and active citizenship toward individual empowerment. Southside Unlimited sees people with developmental challenges as full citizens of the community who have the ability and the opportunity to contribute to society, prosper financially, and make decisions that affect their lives.

The Creative Center

606 N Bridge Street

Visalia, CA 93291

Phone: (559) 733-9329

Email: contact@thecreativecenter-visalia.org

Internet: <http://www.thecreativecenter-visalia.org/>

The Creative Center is a non-profit community arts center for adults with developmental disabilities with the mission of fostering self-expression, self-worth and personal growth through the arts, community integration, and provide cultural resources to the community.