

Find Your Path: Education & Career Map

Encuentra Tu Camino: Mapa de Educación y Carrera

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Education doesn't look the same for everyone — and that's okay. Whether you want a degree, a trade, or a new skill, every pathway can open doors to opportunity. This guide is a starting point for exploring your options, not a promise of outcomes. Anchored Pathways helps families explore options that fit their goals, schedules, and finances.

La educación no se ve igual para todos — y eso está bien. Esta guía es un punto de partida para explorar sus opciones, no una promesa de resultados. Anchored Pathways ayuda a las familias a explorar opciones que se ajusten a sus metas, horarios y finanzas.

CHOOSE YOUR PATH / ELIJA SU CAMINO

- **Workforce Training** — Learn a trade or earn a certification that can lead directly to a job. Examples: Welding, HVAC, CNA, CDL. (Approximately 3–9 months; verify exact length with the program)
- **Community College** — Earn an associate degree or transfer to a university. Generally affordable and local. (Approximately 2 years)
- **University** — Earn a bachelor's degree or higher. Offers broad career options and higher earning potential. (Often 4 years; transfer students may finish sooner or later)
- **Adult Education** — GED, ESL, and foundational skills programs that prepare you for college or job training. Program names may vary by provider, and some classes are free for eligible participants. (Ongoing, flexible)

Timelines and costs vary by school, program, and eligibility. / Los plazos y costos varían según la escuela, el programa y la elegibilidad.

KEY QUESTIONS TO GUIDE YOUR CHOICE / PREGUNTAS CLAVE

- What kind of work excites you or feels meaningful? / ¿Qué tipo de trabajo le entusiasma o le parece significativo?
- How much time can you commit to school or training? / ¿Cuánto tiempo puede dedicar a la escuela o capacitación?
- Do you need flexible hours, online learning, or evening classes? / ¿Necesita horarios flexibles, clases en línea o nocturnas?
- What financial support or aid do you qualify for? See our FAFSA/TASFA guide. / ¿Qué tipo de ayuda financiera puede recibir?
- If this path leads to a regulated field, are there licensing or immigration-status requirements to check first? / Si este camino lleva a un campo regulado, ¿hay requisitos de licencia o estatus migratorio que verificar primero?
- What support do you need with transportation, childcare, or work schedules? / ¿Qué apoyo necesita con transporte, cuidado de niños u horarios de trabajo?

LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES / OPORTUNIDADES LOCALES

Anchored Pathways helps families explore trusted programs across Houston and the Gulf Coast region. Verify each organization's current name, contact information, and enrollment process before applying, as these can change.

Anchored Pathways ayuda a las familias a explorar programas confiables en Houston y la región de la Costa del Golfo. Verifique el nombre, la información de contacto y el proceso de inscripción de cada organización antes de solicitar, ya que pueden cambiar.

- Capital IDEA Houston
- WorkTexas Training Center
- SER Jobs for Progress
- Houston City College (formerly Houston Community College)
- Lone Star College Adult Education

⚠ IMPORTANT / IMPORTANTE

Texas Licensing Alert: As of January 26, 2026, some TDLR-regulated licenses require documentation establishing lawful presence in the United States. This does not apply to every pathway — check licensure requirements before enrolling only if your chosen path leads to a regulated occupation.

Alerta de Licencias en Texas: A partir del 26 de enero de 2026, algunas licencias reguladas por TDLR exigen documentación que establezca presencia legal en los Estados Unidos. Esto no aplica a todos los caminos; verifique los requisitos de licencia antes de inscribirse solo si su camino elegido lleva a una ocupación regulada.

How Anchored Pathways Can Help / Cómo Puede Ayudar

Anchored Pathways walks alongside families to explain each education and training option. We help you compare programs, understand financial aid, check licensing requirements, and choose a path that fits your life and goals.

Always confirm program availability and deadlines directly with each school, since these can change.