

JOSEPH **STARK**

New Ways To Work Consultant

LOCATION

Chula Vista, California

EXPERTISE

- Registered Apprenticeships
- Work-Based Learning
- Equity-Centered Program Design
- Adult & Career Education
- Workforce System Partnerships
- Grant Development & Management
- Policy & Strategic Planning
- Employer Engagement

EDUCATION

Claremont Graduate University
Ph.D., Education & Urban Leadership
2025

Loyola Marymount University
M.A., School Administration
2005

UCLA
Adult Ed. Teaching Credential
2003

Loyola Marymount University
B.A., Communications
1996

WORK EXPERIENCE

Regional Apprenticeship Director 2023–Now
SD & Imperial Counties CC Regional Consortium

Executive Director, Adult & Career Education 2016-2022
Los Angeles Unified School District

Director, Adult Education 2009-2014
Burbank Unified School District

Assistant Principal, CTE 2006-2009
Burbank Unified School District

Teacher & Dept. Chair, ABE 2000-2006
Culver City Unified School District

ABOUT ME

Joseph Stark, Ph.D. is a seasoned workforce and adult education leader with more than two decades of experience designing and directing programs that open economic pathways for underserved learners. His career spans classroom instruction, site administration, and executive leadership across some of California's most complex public education systems — from the Culver City and Burbank Unified School Districts to the Los Angeles Unified School District, and now to a regional role with the community colleges in the San Diego and Imperial Counties. Currently serving as Regional Apprenticeship Director for the San Diego & Imperial Counties Community Colleges Regional Consortium, Dr. Stark leads interagency partnerships that connect community colleges, workforce boards, employers, and economic development agencies to build and sustain registered apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship pathways. He recently secured a $750,000 James Irvine Foundation grant to advance inclusive regional apprenticeship intermediary efforts and has championed landmark programs in behavioral health, fire trades, advanced manufacturing, and healthcare. As Executive Director of LAUSD's Division of Adult and Career Education—overseeing a $155 million budget and serving more than 52,000 students annually — Dr. Stark led the district's first adult education pre-apprenticeship program, pioneered guided career pathways, and drove a 20% enrollment increase.Dr. Stark is a published researcher, author of *Pre-Apprenticeship as a Lever for Workforce Equity* (CGU, 2025), and a practitioner-scholar committed to advancing human-centered, equity-driven education.

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