

Working Wardrobes' Programs & Services

Working Wardrobes, an independent, nonprofit organization, helps men and women in crises re-enter the workforce through wardrobing and career development. Clients receive professional wardrobing and personal grooming services, and access to the Career Development Center offering a Career Developer for one-on-one consultations, job referrals, internet access for job searches, resume development tools and a resource library.

Since 1991, Working Wardrobes has served nearly 35,000 adults experiencing a variety of life crises including homelessness, catastrophic illness, alcohol and substance abuse, and traumatic financial losses. Working Wardrobes serves Cal Works recipients, clients of social service agencies, and individuals in 60 shelters/programs in Orange County, Los Angeles and the Inland Empire.

Following is an overview of the services we offer our clients.

Career Services Center - Clients work with volunteer Personal Shoppers to select career quality clothing for interviews and employment.

Career Development Center - Qualified career seekers can gain the tools needed to become more successful both in the job search and on the job. The Career Development Center offers online and personal career assessment tools, computers to post resumes and conduct online job searches, and a Career Developer to discuss skills assessment and job leads.

Career Readiness & Life Skills Workshops – Human Resource trained volunteers called Success Coaches facilitate workshops on-site at shelters

Days of Self Esteem – Our signature event, Days of Self Esteem are annual motivational, wardrobe, and grooming events held separately for women, men and emancipating or low-income teens.

Retail Training – All aspects of retail training are available through our Donation Center; The Hanger, our upscale clothing resale boutique; and Working Wardrobes' Thrift Shop.

Cinderellas for Life – An event providing foster care teens and young women in economic need with a series of workshops and prom dress shopping.

Breast Cancer Initiative – Clients who are struggling with changing body shapes due to breast cancer recovery can select career appropriate clothing.