

Partner Overview

Antelope Valley Technical Institute (AVTECH)

Youth Workforce & College Pathways for Out-of-School Youth (Ages 16–24)

About AVTECH

Antelope Valley Technical Institute (AVTECH) is a California nonprofit public benefit corporation dedicated to serving **out-of-school youth (OSY) ages 16–24** in the Antelope Valley.

AVTECH focuses on young people facing **significant barriers to education and employment**, including but not limited to: - Youth involved in or transitioning from the **foster care system** - Youth experiencing **homelessness or housing instability** - Youth from **CalWORKs or low-income households** - Justice-impacted or system-involved youth - Youth disconnected from school and work

Our mission is education-first: industry credentials are a **launchpad**, but our north star is helping youth **reconnect to postsecondary education**, earn credits, access financial aid, and persist toward long-term economic stability.

Youth-Only Program Model

Google IT Support Certificate — AVTECH OSY Cohort

AVTECH delivers the **Google IT Support Professional Certificate** through a structured, in-person cohort model designed specifically for **out-of-school youth**. Programming integrates workforce preparation with college navigation and case-managed supports aligned with **AJCC Youth (WIOA Title I Youth)**.

Program Model (Model B) - Population: Out-of-School Youth (OSY), ages 16–24 - **Duration:** 16 weeks - **Schedule:** 3 in-person days per week, 3 hours per day - **Independent Work:** ~6 hours/week with guided support - **Instructional Content:** Google Career Certificates (Coursera) - **Facilitation:** AVTECH Guides provide labs, tutoring, mentoring, and accountability

Credential & Postsecondary Alignment - Google IT Support Professional Certificate - **ACE-recommended credit:** up to 15 semester hours (college acceptance subject to registrar evaluation) - Postsecondary transition support with a focus on **Antelope Valley College (AVC)** and aligned institutions

Alignment with AJCC Youth & WIOA Title I

AVTECH is structured to function as a **Youth Provider partner** within the AJCC system, supporting multiple **WIOA Title I Youth program elements**, including:

- Paid and unpaid **Work Experience (WEX)**
- Occupational skills training
- Postsecondary preparation and transition
- Financial literacy and FAFSA/CADAA completion
- Supportive services coordination
- Follow-up services and persistence support

AVTECH coordinates closely with **AJCC Youth Counselors** to ensure eligibility determination, case management alignment, and compliant reporting.

Education-First Pipeline

1. Re-Engagement & Training

Guide-led OSY cohorts with structured schedules, hands-on labs, tutoring, and progress monitoring.

2. Postsecondary On-Ramp

Support with college applications, FAFSA/CADAA, orientation, counseling, education plans, and credit articulation where available.

3. Paid Work Experience & Persistence

Connection to WEX/OJT opportunities, employer exposure, and term-to-term follow-up to support education and employment outcomes.

Impact Targets (Year 1 – OSY Focus)

AVTECH tracks outcomes aligned with AJCC Youth performance indicators.

- **≥ 70%** postsecondary enrollment or training continuation within 60 days
 - **≥ 65%** persistence into the following education or training term
 - **≥ 85%** FAFSA/CADAA completion
 - **≥ 40%** receipt of college credit, placement, or prior learning recognition
 - **≥ 75%** Google IT Support Certificate completion
 - **≥ 60%** participation in paid work experience (WEX)
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Who We Serve

- Out-of-School Youth (OSY), ages **16–24**

- Antelope Valley residents
- Youth facing foster care involvement, homelessness, poverty, or system barriers

AVTECH prioritizes youth with the highest need and coordinates referrals through community partners and AJCC Youth.

Partnership Opportunities

AVTECH is seeking **Founding Youth Partners** to support launch and scale.

AJCC & Workforce Partners - Youth referrals and co-enrollment - Paid Work Experience (WEX) coordination
- Supportive services alignment

Employers - Host WEX or entry-level placements - Provide mentors or guest speakers - Participate in youth-centered hiring pathways

Colleges & Education Partners - Credit articulation and prior learning assessment - Bridge programming and persistence support

Community-Based Organizations - Youth referrals and outreach - Space for labs or study halls - Wraparound support collaboration

Funders & Sponsors - Sponsor OSY cohort seats - Donate devices, equipment, or transportation support - Fund college transition and follow-up services

Data, Reporting & Compliance


AVTECH provides partners with: - Aggregate AJCC-aligned outcome reporting - Postsecondary enrollment and persistence data - Work experience participation metrics - Credential attainment outcomes

Data practices are **FERPA-aware**, consent-based, and de-identified for reporting.

Contact & Next Steps

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AVTECH welcomes partnership conversations focused on expanding opportunity for out-of-school youth.

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