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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- ▶ Registered Apprenticeship
- ▶ Work-Based Learning
- ▶ Adult & Career Ed. Leadership
- ▶ Workforce System Partnerships
- ▶ Equity-Centered Program Design
- ▶ Grant Development & Management
- ▶ Policy & Strategic Planning
- ▶ Employer Engagement

EDUCATION

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

M.A., School Administration
Loyola Marymount University
2005

Adult Ed. Teaching Credential
University of California, Los Angeles
2003

B.A., Communications
Loyola Marymount University
1996

Regional Apprenticeship & Workforce Education Leader

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, 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. Earlier, as Director and Assistant Principal in Burbank Unified, he built high-quality CTE programs, managed multi-source grant portfolios, and served on regional workforce and adult education consortium boards.

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. He also consults for **New Ways to Work**, where he helps register innovative apprenticeship programs in emerging sectors.

CAREER AT A GLANCE

25+
Years in Workforce & Adult Education

\$155M
Budget Managed at LAUSD

52K+
Annual Students Served (LAUSD)

PROFESSIONAL TIMELINE

2023-Present **Regional Apprenticeship Director** · SD & Imperial Counties CC Regional Consortium

2022-Present **Senior Consultant** · New Ways to Work

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

2009-2014 **Director, Adult Education** · Burbank Unified School District

2006-2009 **Assistant Principal, CTE** · Burbank Unified School District

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