

# CSET Vision Statement

We share a vision for all communities and residents of Tulare County to gain the knowledge, skills and resources needed to climb ladders leading to the American Dream. We see children, youth, parents, and families all learning to be competitive in a world transformed by technology and global economic forces, a flat world with new challenges to local economies and new opportunities for individuals.

We see the American Dream for all in education, health, housing, employment, the environment, economic self-sufficiency, and civic community engagement. We will see our success in the eyes of youth excited to succeed in school and get jobs, of parents who purchase their first homes, of grandparents who breathe more easily in cleaner air, and in the eyes of families whose steady employment supports them beyond each paycheck.

We are committed to serving as a resource for Tulare County residents and communities to move up the ladders of opportunity. Thus we will continue to strengthen our organization by developing our own leadership, with integrity in all aspects of our work as our prime value, by working as a close team within our ranks and with numerous and diverse partners, by continuing a positive working environment, and by increasing opportunities for our Board and staff to exemplify a learning organization.

*Adopted March 2006*

# Community Development

## Champion Communities

Recognized by USDA, residents of Goshen, Pixley, Teviston, Earlimart, Tipton, Cutler, Orosi, and Woodville pursue their visions of safe, healthy, and prosperous places to live. Call Community Development at CSET for more information on these and other community opportunities.

## Energy & Housing Assistance

*(Income Guidelines Apply)*



**Home Weatherization** helps to reduce heating and energy costs by improving the energy efficiency of homes and apartments.  
**LIHEAP** provides emergency help for low-income families in paying utility bills.  
**EAGR** provides minor home improvement at no cost to people who are disabled and require assistance to make their rental unit more accessible (available only in rural communities).  
**Housing Assistance** is available to CSET participants who are low-income and reside in Tulare County.  
**Senior Home Repair** provides minor home repairs for adults over 55 or disabled living within Visalia city limits.

## Microenterprise

The Tulare County Microenterprise Program offers technical assistance, financing, training, microenterprise loans, and business services centers. Business services are free of charge to assist entrepreneurs to grow or start businesses. **Pre-Venture** classes cover the basics of running a successful microenterprise and help participants determine if a small business is a viable option for them. Income guidelines apply. Classes available in Spanish and English.

# Workforce Development

## On-the-Job Training

Eligible participants learn new job skills while working and earning a living. Employers can save money and train their own way by participating in this program.



## Proven Performers 55+

There is no reason for age to be a barrier to continued employment. Let us be your career coach if you are 55 years plus. We provide retraining opportunities.

## Women Without Limits

If you are a woman who enjoys working with your hands, solving technical problems or working outdoors, a non-traditional career may be right for you.

## Adult Career Transitions (ACT)

Individuals receiving cash aid can develop job skills through a variety of workshops, find and retain full-time employment, and become self supporting. We have a variety of resources to help provide extra support including resume writing, work experience and coaching.

## Veterans Services

CSET's Veterans Services program provides information on benefits, assistance in obtaining benefits, services such as job placement, on-the-job training and workshops, and referrals. For more information, call CSET and ask for the Veterans Services Advisor.

## Resources for Businesses & Job Seekers

Businesses can benefit from our recruitment, screening and matching services. On-the-job training can save employers up to 50% on employee salaries. For job seekers, a variety of workshops, employment videos, books, resume help and much more are available. Eligibility guidelines apply for some services.

**1976**  
 Self-Help Enterprises (SHE) "spins off" Self-Help Training and Employment to provide youth employment training and rural community services. First chairman of the Board: Joe Friedman.



**1986**  
 CSET creates the Tulare County Youth Corps to serve young people who want to continue their education and prepare for work.

**1994**  
 CSET joins pro-youth collaborative to begin renewal of community action in North Visalia at family and neighborhood levels.



**1997**  
 Wellness Foundation funds Goshen Planning Council. CSET creates Community Initiatives Department to target community building. CSET and KCAO submit Empowerment Zone II application.

**2000**  
 CSET funded to operate Gang Violence Reduction Project with partners Probation and Sheriff, Ivanhoe Youth Center, and Tulare County Housing Authority.

**2005**  
 CSET moves into new headquarters, built in part by a State Park Bond; first building in the City's North Visalia Community Campus.  
  
 CSET starts Electronic Recycling program, processing 377 tons of E-waste in its first year.

**2006**  
 CSET celebrates 30 years and TCYC turns 20 years old!



**1984**  
 Self-Help Training and Employment becomes Community Services & Employment Training (CSET), taking on the role as Tulare County's Community Action Agency.



**1995**  
 YouthBuild funded by HUD for CSET and SHE to teach youth to build homes. In 2005, YouthBuild participants completed their 38th home.



**2002**  
 John Muir Charter School established to provide young adults with job training while completing their education.



# Youth Services

## Work Experience

CSET provides youth and workforce development services: Skills training, alternative secondary schools, paid and unpaid work experience, occupational skills training, citizenship and leadership development and much more. This program is funded by the Tulare County Workforce Investment Board.



## Gang Prevention

Gang prevention instruction is provided to youth, parents, community groups and school faculty. Youth gain positive alternatives to gang activity as well as tools for understanding gang mentality. Parents and teachers learn to identify gang affiliation and prevention strategies.

## Junior Leadership

This activity-based leadership development program relies on the belief that youth learn by doing. The curriculum is designed to be highly interactive and flexible to foster the creativity and full participation of youth. In our community-based setting, Jr. Leaders set college and career goals and gain the skills to take on leadership roles in their communities today and in the future.

## Tulare County Youth Corps

This local conservation corps offers many exciting education and career preparation opportunities. Earn your high school diploma at our charter school and make money while you learn skills on the job. Call 559-732-4194 for orientation schedule.

- Receive training in construction and minor home repair, trail maintenance, park construction and tree planting.
- Provide education to elementary schools and the public on environmental issues, such as energy efficiency, recycling and conservation.
- Learn to use computers and software at our computer labs and charter school.

## Construction Trades

Prepare for good jobs in the construction industry through programs such as YouthBuild and the Construction Trades Training Partnership. Gain hands-on training in public works projects, industrial work, and residential housing construction.

## Recycling Services

We offer a wide variety of recycling services, funded by the Department of Conservation.



- Commercial Business Recycling
- School Recycling
- Special Event Recycling
- Multi-Family Housing Recycling
- Neighborhood Parks Recycling
- Mountain Recreation Area Recycling
- Recycling presentations to school and the public

## E-Waste

E-Recycling Solutions is a social enterprise of CSET, serving government, schools, businesses and residents of South San Joaquin Valley. We provide an environmentally safe and convenient solution to dispose of obsolete and unwanted electronics while supporting CSET's mission to strengthen youth, families and communities.

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Tulare County  
Youth Corps

1976 - 2006

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30th



Celebrating  
a Tradition  
of Strengthening  
Youth, Families  
and Communities

community  
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employment  
training



Strengthening Youth,  
Families and Communities