

Community Services Employment Training, INC

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Mission Statement:

CSET seeks to strengthen youth, families, and communities through education, employment training, youth development, housing, mentoring, community and leadership building, job creation, environmental stewardship and other strategies that support self-reliant families and caring communities.

Vision :

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.

Programs and Services:

Health

- Health Education
- Immunizations and TB Skin Testing Referral

Education

- Early Mental Health Education
- Families Improving Education Initiative

Family Services

- Family Case Management
- Services for Families in Crisis
- Parent Education and Skills Training
- Gang Awareness and Prevention Education
- School Readiness/Child Development

Practical Services

- Job Training (including: Welfare to Work program)
- Energy Assistance
- Junior Youth Leadership
- Emergency Shelter
- First Time Home Buyer
- Foreclosure Counseling
- Home Weatherization
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (FREE Tax services)

Resources

- Food, Clothing and Basic Needs
- Applications for public assistance
- Translation

Success Story:

Ralls Family Description

In January 2012, our house was completely destroyed by a fire. Everything we owned, including clothes, toys and food was lost. Thankfully, every member in our family made it safely out of the home and was unharmed.

We had no possessions and nowhere to go. After receiving immediate assistance from the Red Cross, we were referred to CSET's Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Program. They helped us find a place to live.

The program provided the rental deposit and the first and second month's rent. This was more help than we could ever imagine. Once CSET found us a place to live we were able to start putting our lives back together and we were financially stable.

Then after we moved into our new home, a few of the CSET staff showed up with a truck full of things for our house. Members of the CSET team had donated toys, clothing and shoes. They delivered 9 boxes of toys, 15 boxes of clothes, beds, couches, pans, lamps and blankets. Not only did CSET help us find a place to live and pay the first few months' rent, they also donated so much that all of us had clothing and the children had toys to play with. The donations were from CSET staff and other community agencies such as Wells Fargo, Country Club Mortgage and Wilson Middle School.

CSET got us back on our feet after the fire. We never imagined how much help and support we would receive. Thank you CSET for everything! We cannot thank you enough for all that you did. We are forever grateful.