

## WHO WE ARE

The Merced county Office of Education EMPOWER Program provides career education training to young adults between the ages of 16 and 24 at enrollment. This program provides work experience opportunities through community agencies, corporations and primarily through the private industry sector throughout Merced County. The focus of the EMPOWER program is to prepare youth for careers.

## WHAT THIS MEANS TO YOU AS A LOCAL BUSINESS

- Ability to provide a Work Experience opportunity for young adults within your organization
- Minimum wage paid by EMPOWER
- Workers Comp covered by EMPOWER
- All liabilities covered by EMPOWER
- Co-supervision of employee by EMPOWER staff

## EMPOWER PROGRAM OUTCOMES

- Provide educational opportunities for young adults to improve basic skills needed for success in the workplace
- Develop an understanding that skills taught in school can be applied to a career
- Build responsible social attitudes and behaviors
- Provide eligible young adults with practical work experience while encouraging life long learning
- Provide an opportunity to earn money
- Provide one year of follow-up services and mentoring upon exit from the program



## INTERESTED IN BECOMING A WORK-SITE?

Getting started is easy,  
contact our office at  
**209-381-5926**

## MISSION

The mission of the EMPOWER Program is to empower young adults to make informed decisions by providing self-awareness, options, and accountability that lead to successful employment.

## Core Values

Always be welcoming  
Always be professional  
Show the highest level of integrity  
Show our Commitment to you  
Always be knowledgeable


## EMPOWER SUCCESS STORY

Rosalinda Carreno-Venegas enrolled into EMPOWER in October 2020. Rosalinda's goal was to become a Professional Truck Driver. She was referred to Advanced Career Institute's Class A Driver License training in December 2020. Rosalinda excelled in her training and obtained her Class A License in March 2021. EMPOWER provided Rosalinda with training clothes and tools, and assistance with the job search process. Rosalinda is now employed as a full-time Professional Truck Driver with Central Valley Concrete & Trucking. ROSALINDA IS A TRUE EMPOWER SUCCESS STORY!



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## Business Partner Information



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