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Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County Receives \$738,340 Grant to Support Workforce Development Strategies for Young Adults and People with Disabilities.

Tulare County, California – The Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County (WIB) has been awarded a grant of \$738,340 to support its efforts in developing a skilled workforce in the region, with a particular focus on addressing employment gaps and providing access to quality jobs for Disconnected Youth (DYA) and People with Disabilities (PWD).

The grant, which is part of the United States Department of Labor (DOL) and Employment Development Department (EDD) Equity Target Population Fund, will support the WIB's Access to Careers and Employment (ACE) program. ACE will offer work-based learning, transitional jobs, on-the-job training, and cohort-based training to DYA and PWD in advanced manufacturing, healthcare, transportation, and logistics.

ACE is a collaborative effort that includes key partners such as Employment Connection of Tulare County, Community Services Employment Training (CSET) youth@work, Department of Rehabilitation (DOR), Visalia, Tulare, and Porterville Adult Schools, South Valley Industrial Collaborative (SVIC), Tulare-Kings Healthcare Partnership, Tulare County Office of Education (TCOE) youth@work and Ticket to Success, and Employment Development Department (EDD) Wagner Pysner Department.

"ACE is a critical investment in the future of our workforce, and we are thrilled to partner with our community partners to offer comprehensive workforce development services to dislocated young adults and people with disabilities in Tulare County," said Adam Peck, Executive Director of the WIB.

A career coach will guide participants in identifying their career path and creating a plan that leads to a good quality job with livable wages. An Integrated Resource Team (IRT) will meet regularly to implement co-enrollments and co-case management strategies and provide a network of supportive services.

"We are committed to providing equitable access to training and quality jobs for all members of our community, and ACE is a critical step towards achieving that goal," Peck added.

Through ACE the WIB and its partners will serve 151 individuals as a part of the WIB's broader efforts to develop a skilled workforce that meets the needs of local employers.

For more information on the Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County, visit: www.tularewib.org

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The mission of the Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County (WIB) is to advance the economic vitality of Tulare County through strategic funding investments aimed at growing the skills and talent of our workforce. The WIB brings funding to the region to convene industry, identify skills gaps, and broker solutions that help local businesses find the skilled workforce they need to succeed.

This project is funded by the Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County, an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. This project is fully funded by the California Employment Development Department (EDD) with Department of Labor Funds as a part of an award totaling \$738,340.