



## California Human Development

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### **\$165,000 Award Aims to Employ Newly Released Inmates in San Joaquin County**

Collaboration led by California Human Development will prepare  
20 former inmates on supervised release for gainful employment

Santa Rosa, CA (June 1, 2015) – California Human Development (CHD), a non-profit organization providing workforce development in San Joaquin County, has been awarded \$165,000 to deliver job training and placement to a select group of county residents who are currently on probation or parole and are struggling to support themselves. CHD will work with the San Joaquin Workforce Investment Board, the Economic Employment Development Department, Fathers and Families and the Community Corrections Partnership to implement the program in fiscal year 2015-2016. Funded by the Supervised Population Workforce Training portion of Assembly Bill 2060 and the California Workforce Investment Board, the effort will target and enroll 20 eligible participants. Those selected will receive the education, training and support services they need to obtain employment in the current and future labor markets.

“These are predominantly young, able-bodied men with many years ahead of them to contribute to their families and to our communities. Yet, because of their backgrounds, they often don’t have the skills to qualify for employment and maintain it, or even the faintest idea of how to go about getting a job,” says Chris Paige, CEO of California Human Development. “Our goal is to provide opportunities that will change the

trajectory of these lives. We believe the outcome is well worth the investment.”

A snapshot of the supervised population in San Joaquin County shows low educational levels are prominent among all. Additionally, 30% are homeless, 60% receive general assistance and half are on food stamps. The outreach effort will focus on non-violent, non-serious and non-sex offenders, those on post-release community supervision, and parole revocations. Occupations that have been identified as being in high demand industries in the San Joaquin Valley will be targeted, such as logistics, manufacturing and construction.

As the grant applicant, CHD will coordinate efforts among the service providers to provide outreach and program enrollment, training assessment, case management, occupational training, emergency assistance, allowances and work-based learning in demand occupations, job placement and follow up. CHD will also provide direct services through its two offices in San Joaquin County—a training center in Stockton and a chartered American Job Center in Lodi. Its Stockton center offers courses in truck driving, welding and building construction. The combined value of in-kind matching services provided by the non-profits in the collaboration equals and is in addition to the \$165,000 AB 2060 award.

**About CHD**

California Human Development is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and a leader in the War on Poverty for 40 years. First inspired in service to our state’s farmworkers, CHD now serves people of low income from many walks of life—giving 15,000 people a year in 31 counties a hand up in pursuit of the American Dream. Workforce development, affordable housing, immigration assistance, disABILITY services, and drug-free living programs create opportunities for success. At CHD, we believe in people helping people.

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