



# BACK 2 WORK

2021 Quarter Two Newsletter

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## Back 2 Work Safety

The Back 2 Work program performed over 672 tailgates on COVID recognition, disinfection and abatement strategies. These Quarterly Safety trainings also included Public Health Guidelines, Caltrans Guidelines for Essential workers and more. What would usually be a 2-month process to train each individual site within the 13 counties that we serve (Butte to San Diego), was completed between three, 3 hour trainings. We were able to train over 400 plus participants via a virtual zoom environment!

## Father's & Families of San Joaquin/ Caltrans Conference

On Monday October 26, Back 2 Work, Fathers & Families of San Joaquin, Caltrans, District 10 and former Stockton Mayor Michael Tubbs, held a press conference with the Caltrans District 10 Director Dennis Agar. We are so appreciative for our partnership with FFSJ and their commitment to provide employment and healing opportunities to our participants in the Stockton community. Since 2019, they have been able to employ over 372 community members looking to re-enter or better integrate themselves into society. In 2020 alone they provided employment and healing opportunities to 272 individuals. Our participants have worked over 21,558 hours of on-the-job training, totaling to approximately \$323,500 going back into the community. Father's and Families of San Joaquin continues to go above and beyond expectations to give back to the community. We are proud to give continuous recognition and show our support!



## Highway Cleanup Transformation

Check out this transformation! This is our subcontractor **Center for Employment Opportunities (CEO)** Back 2 Work crew off of Highway 41 in Fresno, California.

This is just a quick snapshot of the work that our crews do every day to beautify the highways, and #KeepCaliforniaBeautiful. CEO has (3) crews currently in #Fresno that picked up over 1,000 bags of trash, and put in almost 100 hours of litter cleanup this quarter.

Through innovative partnerships with Caltrans, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and community based organizations such as CEO, we are able to provide temporary paid employment along with supportive services for men and women reintegrating back into the workforce.





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## Teamsters OSHA 10 Training

The Back 2 Work team held two OSHA 10 trainings quarter two, one on October 7-9th and October 22nd-23rd, in Collaboration with Northern California Teamsters Apprenticeship Training. During these virtual trainings, 29 individuals Nationwide were able to obtain their OSHA 10 Construction cards. The course satisfied the training requirements of the OSHA construction safety and health outreach Program! We also had the Hazwoper (Hazardous waste Operations & Emergency Response) 8 hour refresher course. This refresher is needed every year to keep certification.



## B2W Success Story - David Aguilar

David Aguilar, a member on the Five Keys San Diego Crew, came into the B2W program in November 2020. Since that time he has obtained his drivers license after being without one for nearly 20 years. He quickly began applying to jobs and was feeling motivated and positive about his future! As of January 2021, David has been approved for VASH (Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing) and is on his way to getting his own place! He is currently in transitional housing, but very soon David will have a place of his own to call home.

We are SO proud of him!



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