



BACK 2 WORK / PARTNERS COVID-19 RESPONSE

When the shelter in place orders were placed all over the world, the Back 2 Work Department and our partners immediately jumped into action. This included modified work done by the crews, economic assistance provided, ongoing safety training for work and personal use and more. Our subcontractors were able to provide legal assistance, free legal services, housing other social support services. Our participants were provided with an opportunity to become digitally proficient for employment competition in the 21st century.

Given this unprecedented crisis, CEO worked with philanthropic partners to launch the Returning Citizens Stimulus (RCS) program to provide immediate income support to returning citizens. This targeted effort has the goal of serving more than 7,000 people nationally. Participants will receive up to \$2,750 paid in 3 monthly installments; helping individuals with their immediate financial needs while also encouraging them to stay engaged with reentry providers in their community. In California to date (as of July 28, 2020), 3,161 people have received a stipend through the RCS program (532 of CEO participants, and 2,629 recently released individuals working with other service providers), totaling \$6 million in payments.

To read more about what CEO is doing in response to COVID-19, click [here](#).



**Center for
Employment
Opportunities**



As one of the Central Valley's premiere service providers, Community Services Employment Training (CSET) has service tentacles that provide assistance and opportunity throughout the Central Valley. CSET's mission to promote safe youth, strong families and healthy communities is made evident with the following programs:

Family & Community Development (Senior services, Drought services, Recycling Services, Family Resource, Urban Forestry.)

Youth and Young Adults: (Sequoia Community Corps, John Muir Charter School, TechConnect, Youth@Work ,Youth Development Dept,

Housing (includes Energy Assistance, Home Weatherization, First Time Home Buyer, Continuum of Care, Rental / Mortgage assistance.)

Financial strength and Employment Program (Employment Connection, CSET Jobs, Bridge Loan Fund, Free Income Tax Prep.)

CSET has continued to offer high quality services, training and opportunities to the Central Valley residents during this pandemic.

To read more about what is doing in response to COVID-19, click **[here](#)**.

Fathers and families partnered with GRID Alternatives to provide a 5 week solar installation training program with classroom instruction and 360 hours of hands on training and installation for a career in the Solar industry. **9** participants successfully completed the program and earned a total of \$9,000 in stipends and direct linkages to employment. Additionally, they advocated for **4** participants' approval for scholarships for trucking school that totaled over \$24,000. In the last 6 months, they held two unique legal clinics that provide livescan services, legal support and crimmigration consultation. During these clinics they provided livescan services to **41** participants, **13** crimmigration, **51** seen helped with legal advice, 30 petitions were filed, and **\$45,000** in free legal services were provided.





Five Keys not only provided continuing safety and employment training for our participants, but was able to do amazing work in serving the Unsheltered community by providing access to clean and monitored showers and restrooms promoting decency with dignity. In partnership with the Los Angeles Mayor's Office and Urban Alchemy, these programs employ over 100 individuals and primarily support the homeless population in Los Angeles: by providing access to hygiene and better personal care. Five Keys also works with Social enterprise agencies in Los Angeles to provide temporary shelter for participants to put them on a path to a sustainable permanent residence and operates 4 hotels in the San Francisco Bay area providing housing and showers to participants and the community at large. Some of their amazing programs include:

Pit Stop: Provides public restrooms in 19 different locations throughout the Los Angeles Area.

Shower Stop: Provides public mobile showers in the Los Angeles Area.

Shower Care Plus: Provides public mobile showers in 6 different locations through the Los Angeles Area. This program employs approximately 35 individuals.

- **Hygiene Kits:** We are able to produce a total of 1000 hygiene kits every month that are distributed by the Pit Stop Practitioners.
- **Tents for LA:** 400 tents to unsheltered individuals, promoting a safer environment for the LA residents. It allows for better social distancing to reduce the risk of transmission of the COVID-19 Coronavirus.



In preparation and response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Elijah House immediately ramped up safety training, which included staff and resident participants. This included modalities to address morale and other psycho-social issues due to the pandemic. Elijah House was able to provide online access to the program to continue to provide vital services to their community, while providing new skills and opportunities to their Participants. The Elijah House has also taken over operations of a COVID-19 Homeless Shelter in Lake County, where they are providing a safe environment to help vulnerable individuals get off the streets and stay safe, while affording us an opportunity to help them find work, housing, and training to help them get back on their feet. Elijah House also became area coordinators of emergency supplies for disaster relief. Shipping and receiving tons of emergency supplies for those in dire need.

Elijah House recently partnered with Tiny Pines to create tiny houses for victims of disaster and the unsheltered. This enterprise provides new opportunities for training and permanent employment to Elijah House participants.

In response to the current COVID -19 crisis, Chrysalis quickly ramped up operations to include safety and awareness of the disease, transforming their intake and operations to a mostly virtual platform to continue to provide critical services to those in need. Chrysalis operates a myriad of social enterprises which offers housing, job training, employment and counseling services.

Some of their amazing achievements during this time include:

Training 3,700 participants to work and receive services virtually, getting them ready for 21st century job search and development.

Signing up 600 new participants since March, 2020.

Securing outside employment for 414 participants since mid-March.

Employing 450 participants in Chrysalis enterprises since March.

Housing, storage and street cleaning services to underserved, unhoused and disenfranchised communities.

- Chrysalis works with residential access facilitators such as The Weingart Center, Volunteers of America Los Angeles, Union Rescue Mission and various other social enterprises that provide temporary shelter, budget assistance and access to permanent housing for their participants.

Read more about what Chrysalis is doing during COVID-19 [here](#).



During these unprecedented times our amazing partners were able to continue to safely provide employment, training, housing and counseling services throughout the state. Together, we have been able to positively impact the lives of hundreds of participants and their families.

As a team we have provided employment and training opportunities, concrete and utilitarian information on COVID-19 prevention for workers and their families, self sufficiency and an increased sense of self worth and respect. Collectively, we have assisted our participants to be better able to compete in the 21st century economy and continue to grow socially, educationally and economically.