The Merced County Office of Education EMPOWER Program provides career education training to young adults between the ages of 18 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?**

- The 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

**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.

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**EMPOWER 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.

**EMPOWER VISION**

By 2023, EMPOWER will be recognized by our community as the premier program that prepares young adults to be responsible and contributing members of society.

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**OUR CORE VALUES:**

To always be **Welcoming**
Always be **Professional**
Show the highest level of **Integrity**
Show our **Commitment** to you
Always be **Knowledgeable**

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**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING OUR YOUNG ADULTS BY BECOMING A WORK-SITE?**

We will provide you with everything you need to become a partner:

- A Worksite Request for you to complete
- A Job Description Form for each job title.

You then return the completed Worksite Request Form & Job Description to:
Merced County Office of Education
EMPOWER
732 W. 13th Street #W12
Merced, CA 95341

Please mail your request as soon as possible. Contact our office (209) 381-5926 or fax the request to (209) 381-5992 and we will get you started. We look forward to working with you and appreciate your interest in our program.
EMPOWER SUCCESS STORY

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