

Transitional Employment

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This month, the LA City Board of Public Works highlighted the Pit Stop Program and the Pit Stop Ambassador's heroic acts. We are proud to partner with Christ-Centered Ministries (CCM) on this project. CCM employees received certificates from the Board for heroic actions such as administering "Narcan" to overdosing patrons and performing CPR, which saved lives. We have over 90,000 visits each month to our Pit Stops. This program continues to demonstrate the positive impact of Ambassadors in the community. Great job, team!

San Diego

This month our Human Resources Department visited our program locations to provide training and enhance support for drivers and supervisors. Pictured above, Mary Vigil, Director of HR, discusses our employee handbook and Injury and Illness Prevention policies in San Diego.



Quest For Democracy

Quest For Democracy is an annual demonstration at the Capitol in Sacramento to showcase Justice-Impacted Issues. Lobbyists work within the system for change that benefits our participant population. Five Keys and our partner Butte County Office of Education (BCOE) were in attendance this year, representing our Stockton programs. Pictured below are Robert Wroten, Fabian Perez, Eduardo Crabbe, Alyssia Nunez, Cara Bush, and James Richardson.





Our Stockton programs, partnering with the Salvation Army, have created a food bank! Food deliveries containing vegetables, fruits, bread, and nonperishables are continuing to be organized twice a week to get to our participants. We understand that sometimes meeting basic needs comes before anything else. To find success, we can help them get food for their families so they can better concentrate on education and employment success.

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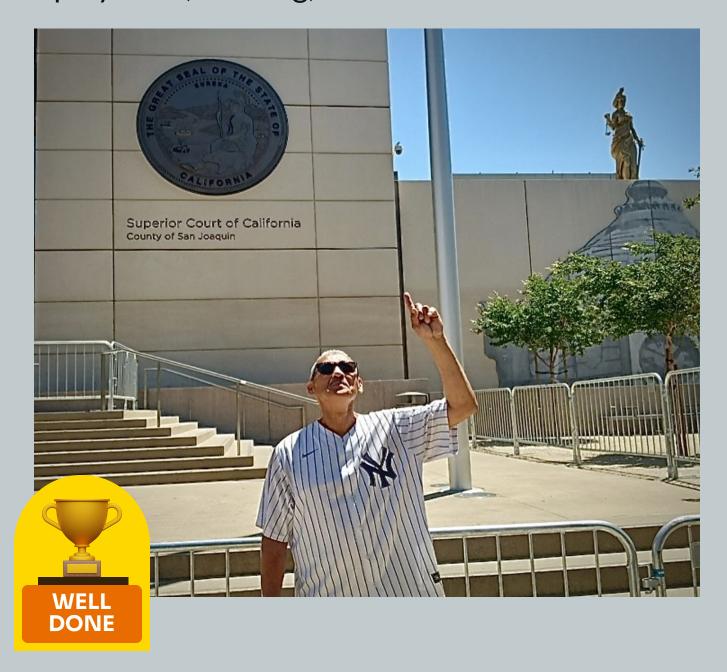
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SB731



Our Reinvest program is proud to announce that our participant **Alvaro Salazar**, who had been facing many challenges due to his criminal history, had his record expunged! SB731 is a new law in California that seals most felony convictions once a person has completed their supervision process and has gone four years without reoffending.

Mr. Salazar was **1 of 8** in California to first file under this law. Removing the stigma of a criminal record allows a fresh start for bigger and better chances at employment, housing, and education.



Los Angeles

One of our LA participants showed off some brand-new interview clothing that he received from our community closet. Just another way that Five Keys supports our client's needs. Our closet is fully stocked with everything from socks to full suits.

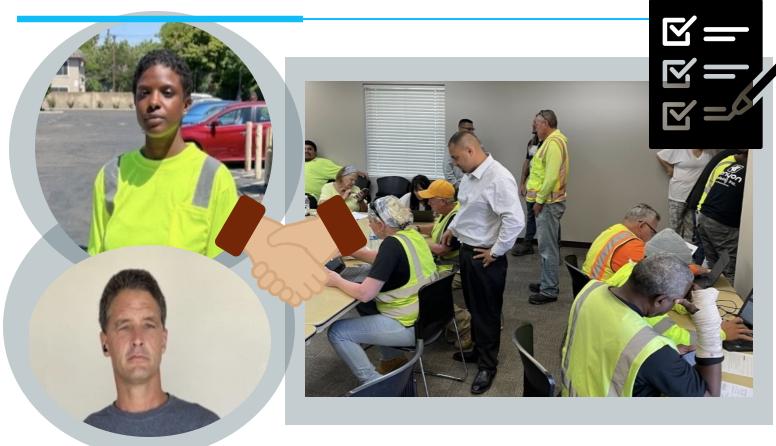






Five Keys would like to give a huge shout out to the Pit Stop Supervisory staff from Christ-Centered Ministries (CCM). Our Pit Stop program has been a great success, as a direct result of their professionalism, organization, and hard work. Because of their dedication, we are able to provide clean and safe restrooms for the unhoused. These restrooms are staffed with Ambassadors with lived who are reentering society and with those who have previously experienced homelessness.

Modesto



Five Keys Stockton staff Eduardo Crabbe (far right) and James Richardson (not pictured) came out to assist our crews with the application process for the Caltrans Service Assistant Maintenance Crew position. Many of our crew members were eager to fill out and submit their application. Also pictured are our participants, Jamesnique Dailey (top) and Elmer Savage (bottom), who were a big asset in helping their colleagues with the application process.

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Solar Grid Cohort

Five Keys partner, Solar Grid, graduated Romano Scott, Johnny Valadez, and Davoy Sigala from the Solar Grid Cohort. Five Keys partnerships are crucial to providing opportunities beyond the Back2Work Program. We are proud of the work and accomplishments of our program participants!



Santa Barbara



Senior Employment Transitions Coordinator Sindy Prado and Butte County Supportive Services Coordinator John Lorance help our participants navigate the CalCareer portal. A step-by-step slideshow demonstration and Chromebooks for all participants were provided. We appreciate the collaborative effort invested in each crew member to succeed.

Los Angeles



Joshua Hunt from our LA CCI Calcrew program hasn't had a valid driver's license for over ten years. Now he is all smiles after passing his driving exam, which helped him transition to his new job with Ambrose Construction. Congratulations, and thank you for working the program with us. We are proud of your accomplishments!

San Francisco

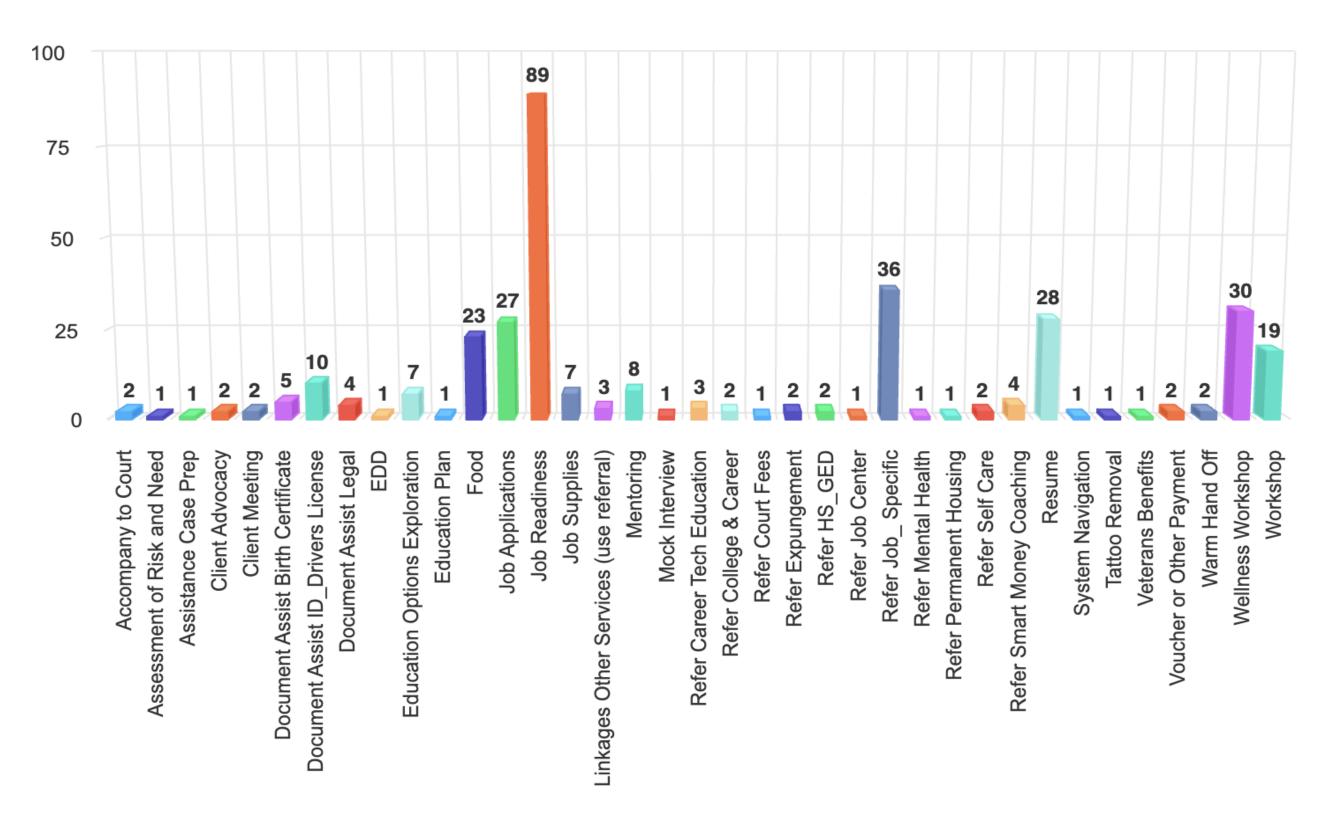
Lead Supervisor Juan Salazar and Calcrew participants (Ronald Mack, Lenard Nelson, and Michael McDonald) provide outreach efforts at the 45th annual Carnaval celebration in San Francisco. They were welcomed by many reentering the community. We are proud to see them utilizing their presence and influence to spread awareness about the program.



Transitional Employment Coordinator Report

We have Coordinators serving our crews in Los Angeles, Modesto, Stockton, Santa Barbara, San Diego, San Mateo and San Francisco!

May 2023 Service Provided



May 2023 Placement Outcomes

