



Website address: [www.ableindustries.org](http://www.ableindustries.org)

### **PROGRAM SERVICES**

ABLE Industries offers a broad menu in programs to individuals with disabilities. They include work-service, vocational evaluation; supported employment and WIB/HHS funded employment and training programs.

**WORK SERVICE** is the largest of ABLE's programs in number of individuals served. Close to 200 individuals are served daily in this component. The program offers vocational training, both center-based and in the community, on a variety of challenging contracts with the goal of facilitating personal growth and independence.

**VOCATIONAL EVALUATION SERVICES** can assess job readiness skills and identify needs/strengths for employment success.

**ABLE'S ON THE JOB TRAINING PROGRAM** offers employer-based training for a specified period of time. It reimburses employers for half the training costs. This program is funded through the Tulare County Workforce Investment Board.

**ABLE'S SUPPORTED WORK PROGRAMS** afford participants and employers job coach assistance during the initial period of employment. Job Coach intervention is based on individual need. These programs are funded through the Department of Rehabilitation and Tulare County Workforce Investment Board.

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### **DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING SERVICE CENTER, INC.**

Website address: <http://www.dhhsc.org/>

The Deaf and Hard of Hearing Service Center, Inc. is an agency "of, by and for the deaf and hard of hearing" and we provide a variety of services including: communication assistance, information and referral, peer counseling, employment assistance, community education, advocacy, and independent living skill instruction.

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## **THE TULARE ADULT SCHOOL**

Website address: <http://www.tulare.k12.ca.us/>

The Tulare Adult School provides academic and vocational education programs to adults throughout Tulare. The vocational programs include Business Careers, Computer skills, Health careers, welding, and landscaping. The academic courses include High School Diploma program and GED. In addition, the Tulare Adult School also offers community services classes, such as computers, customer service, arts/crafts, scraping booking, and painting.

Visit the Tulare Adult School website, at <http://www.tulare.k12.ca.us/>, for course schedule and additional program information.

The Tulare Adult School is located 575 West Maple Avenue, Tulare. The office telephone number is (559) 686-0225, and fax is (559) 687-7447. The adult school day times hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 6:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

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## **COMMUNITY SERVICES & EMPLOYMENT TRAINING (C-SET)**

Website address: [www.cset.org](http://www.cset.org)

Community Services & Employment Training (C-SET) is Tulare County's community action agency, dedicated to reducing the causes of poverty by strengthening youth, families and communities.

From its inception in 1976, C-SET has focused on youth development, working with youth in school and in their communities to help them succeed and to prepare for success in the workforce. Work experience in the public sector and internships in the private sector form the core of the service offered to youth, but related services include leadership development activities, community service opportunities, study skills and tutoring, career exploration, and life skills training. The Tulare County Conservation Corps offers out of school youth a chance to earn a high school diploma in C-SET's charter school and to learn a variety of vocational skills through recycling, YouthBuild, park development, and other projects.

C-SET also works with adults to prepare them for work and to link them with employment opportunities. Supporting businesses in their search for an effective work force is also a priority. C-SET has developed customized approaches for special groups of dislocated and disadvantaged adults, including older workers, agricultural workers, and women looking for nontraditional work. C-SET offers a "one stop" resource center, a satellite of the Tulare County Employment Connection, in Visalia and Orosi, with an open door to all residents, offering WIA core and intensive services.

Other services offered to support people in their quest for self-sufficiency and safe communities are weatherization, computer training and internet access in rural communities, micro-enterprise training, home energy payment assistance, after school programs, Junior Leadership programs in rural communities, Champion Community activities for community building, gang violence prevention and juvenile justice programs, mentoring, housing assistance, and other programs.

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## **EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (EDD)**

Website address: [www.edd.ca.gov](http://www.edd.ca.gov)

The EDD administers the Job Service, Unemployment Insurance, Disability Insurance, Workforce Investment Act, and Welfare-to-Work programs. As California's largest tax collection agency, EDD also handles the audit and collection of employment taxes. EDD employees serve millions of Californians each year with:

- Assisting California employers in meeting their labor needs.
- Helping California job seekers obtain employment.
- Administering the federally funded workforce investment programs for adults, dislocated workers, and youth.
- Assisting the disadvantaged and welfare-to-work recipients to become self-sufficient.
- Helping unemployed and disabled workers by administering the Unemployment Insurance (UI) and Disability Insurance (DI) programs.
- Supporting state activities and benefit programs by collecting and administering employment-related taxes (UI, DI, Employment Training Tax, and Personal Income Tax withholding).
- Providing comprehensive labor market information.

Our Web site [www.edd.ca.gov](http://www.edd.ca.gov) is your link to:

- An online job and résumé bank (CalJOBS<sup>SM</sup>), which boasts thousands of job openings and the largest pool of candidates in the state,
- Labor market tools designed to help you make educated decisions,
- Information on filing an Unemployment Insurance or Disability Insurance claim,

- The latest employment tax information and forms, and
- A wide array of employment and training services, and more!

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## **TULARE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES (TDCSS)**

Website address: [www.tdcss.com](http://www.tdcss.com)

Tulare County Department of Child Support Services assists with the following:

- Parentage establishment, establishment of court orders for child support (getting the court to set a child support payment amount)
- Medical Support (health insurance) establishment and enforcement
- Enforcement of court orders for child support (Collecting child support)
- Modification of court orders (for instance; changing the monthly support amount)
- Location of non-custodial parents

If the non-custodial parent lives in another state, the Tulare County Department of Child Support Services will request the assistance of the Child Support Agency in that state to establish or enforce an order.

We can answer simple case information questions over the phone if the customer provides us with their Tulare County Department of Child Support Services case number. We cannot, however, change custody or visitations, provide restraining orders, or handle a divorce.

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## **RURAL EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE & PLACEMENT (REAP)**

Website address: [www.climbthejobtree.org/english/common/t1PtnTurningP0.htm](http://www.climbthejobtree.org/english/common/t1PtnTurningP0.htm)

The Turning Point REAP Training Program also known as REAP (Rural Employment Assistance & Placement) program is a job training service for ex-offenders provided by Turning Point of Central California and funded by the Tulare County Workforce Investment Board, Inc.

**Through willing employers, REAP provides on-the-job training designed to place participants into productive employment and allows them to acquire the knowledge and skills essential to successful performance on the job. The program places a special emphasis on job retention and long-term employment.**

In addition to on-the-job training opportunities, REAP also provides services such as: (a) career counseling, (b) resume writing development and composing, (c) informational seminars about tax credits, bonding and other information useful specific to the population and job search, (d) staff assisted job development, (e) job leads, (f) resource

room accessibility, (g) supportive services such as bus passes, assistance in purchasing tools and (h) other related services.

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## VISALIA ADULT SCHOOL

Website address: [www2.visalia.k12.ca.us/vas/](http://www2.visalia.k12.ca.us/vas/)

Welcome to Visalia Adult School! As one of the top 20 largest adult schools in California, our programs are fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and our staff consists of state certified instructors with expertise in working with adult learners.

Students may pursue academic programs for English as a Second Language, Adult Basic Education, or GED/High School Diploma. We offer outstanding short-term (9 weeks to 13 months) vocational programs leading to state certifications in medical careers, industrial arts, and business education in the following: **Vocational Nursing, Certified Nurse Assistance, Medical Office Assistant, Medical Billing and Coding, Auto Body Repair, Welding, Cosmetology, Accounting Clerk, and Computer Operator.**

Visalia Adult School Changes Lives! Persons who have had the opportunity to attend the excellent programs at Visalia Adult School to complete their educational/vocational goals express this statement with emotion and sincerity. Our students receive individual attention, academic and career counseling, and job placement assistance. Call 730-7646 for more information if you are ready for a change!



**PROTEUS, INC.**

Website address: [www.proteusinc.org](http://www.proteusinc.org)

### *Tulare County Program Descriptions*

Proteus, Inc. is a private non-profit corporation specializing in employment services. We offer these services to both job seekers as well as employers in Tulare, Fresno, Kings and Kern Counties. Services for eligible job seekers include: Vocational Training, Pre-employment Counseling, On-the-Job Training, Job Placement Assistance, and Free Access to Employment Resources in our Resource Centers. Services for employers may include: Custom Personnel Matching, Reimbursement of Training Wages and Tax Credits. Proteus, Inc. is a proud partner in the Employment Connection.