

ABSTRACT

Central Valley Opportunity Center, Inc. (CVOC) - Winton, California

CVOC provides a commuter HEP Program to prepare farm workers to complete High School Equivalency Diploma (HSED) requirements in the context of a quality and comprehensive program providing an array of services. This program is designed to extend educational opportunities to farm workers, a group that in this region has been severely underrepresented in institutions of higher education and career employment. CVOC is uniquely situated to provide educational opportunities to farm workers based on our 44 years of service to farm workers and our current operation of the HEP Program. CVOC HEP services will be offered at our three primary service centers located in Madera, Merced and Stanislaus Counties. CVOC will also be offering HEP classes at three farm labor camps during the busy harvest season when farm workers can not come to our centers. CVOC programs increases the educational resources available to farm workers through supportive services and referral to collaborative area colleges, service agencies and, health agencies.

Objectives: CVOC will prepare 90 commuter farm workers for the HSED each year, as well as prepare students to access postsecondary educational resources and upgraded employment.

Activities: Students are provided individualized instruction in HSED test preparation in their primary language. HSED preparation will be provided in all required subject areas. Students are equipped to access educational and career opportunities after participation in our program.

Outcomes: GPRA #1 - At least 70% (63 students per year)) of our students will complete the course and receive the HSED. GPRA #2 - At least 80% (50 students per year) of HSED graduates will enter postsecondary education or training, upgraded employment or military.

Competitive Preference Priority: CVOC is a 2019-2024 HEP Grantee. (See Project Design)