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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



Workforce Development met with [Rancho Cielo](#) to support their efforts in becoming an NCCER Accredited Training Unit. Rancho Cielo offers vocational training and high school education to provide students with the skills to be prepared to enter the workforce or enroll in post-secondary education, such as ABC NorCal's Apprenticeship Program. Rancho Cielo campus is located in the heart of Salinas Valley.



Workforce Development will be meeting with [Goodwill of San Jose](#) to map out Electrical Trainee classes in the peak hiring months. We will partner with Goodwill of San Jose again this year to roll out three, 4-week Electrical Trades world. This class has created pathways into apprenticeship, and helped members with Electrical Trainees on private jobs. If you are a student interested in this course or a member interested in hiring, please reach out to dominique@abcnorcal.org.



youth, adults and their families. They are located in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, and have connected with us on our re-entry programs. We will be working with them in collaboration with [The Salvation Army Oakland](#) to create a referral program into TSA Oakland's pre-apprenticeship classes.

Workforce Development connected with [Centerforce](#) in a new partnership this year. Centerforce provides life skills, career pathways and life intervention for formally incarcerated



Workforce Development did a Merit Shop Philosophy presentation and talked free enterprise with students from [Fortitude Careers](#). The students photographed are finishing up a Construction Trades core class with Fortitude Careers and are deciding if they should join the union or ABC NorCal. Our answer is—always be a free thinker!



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