

SHARE YOUR STORY



Community Action Month



“Never Give Up! Trust the people that are trying to help you succeed in life! Always believe in your dreams because they do come true! Thank you CSET for all you did for me and my family over 20 years ago!”

- Lorraine Filomeno

LORRAINE'S STORY

Lorraine began her journey at CSET in 2002, when she was referred to the Welfare-to-Work program. Working with job developer Joy Graves, Lorraine interviewed with Continental Labor & Staffing Resources and received an on-the-job training contract. After 3 months in the program, they hired Lorraine as a permanent full-time employee with benefits. Before participating in the program, Lorraine recalled feeling discouraged about her lack of work experience. With the positive influence of her job developer, Lorraine worked through her discouragement and gained

confidence. After 12 years with Continental Labor & Staffing Resources, Lorraine had developed skills she felt could be used to help others, leading her to apply for a Senior Program Specialist in CSET's Welfare-to-Work program. She saw this as a chance to give back and help others as CSET had helped her. Her experience and enthusiasm brought her full circle when she was selected for the job. Five years later, she continues to serve customers of the Tulare Employment Connection Affiliate as a Senior Program Specialist for the NextStep program.