



RISING SUN

CENTER FOR OPPORTUNITY

About Rising Sun Center for Opportunity

Rising Sun has built career pathways for economic equity and climate resilience since 1994. Our job training and employment programs for youth and adults in the Bay Area and San Joaquin County support individual and community resiliency, combat climate change, and build economic equity. We focus on high-road careers and pathways that offer family-sustaining wages and benefits, and prioritize opportunity youth, women, people with insufficient income, and individuals in re-entry. Our two main programs are Opportunity Build and Climate Careers.

Opportunity Build

Since 2009, Opportunity Build has offered a pathway out of poverty for nearly 1,000 people through training for high-road careers. Opportunity Build takes a whole-person, trauma-informed approach to job readiness and combines skill development and hands-on training with a year of case management, job placement, and retention support, along with other wrap-around services. Each year, adult job-seekers enroll in our certified Apprenticeship Readiness Program to break the significant barriers they've faced to employment. They graduate with their MC3, First Aid Certification, and OSHA 10 certificates, ready to start a career in the building trades, construction, and other industries at the forefront of the transition to a clean economy. Opportunity Build includes one of the only all-women MC3 programs in the nation, Women Building the Bay.

Climate Careers

Since 2000, Climate Careers has trained and employed local youth to provide residents with free energy efficiency and water conservation services each year: Green House Calls. Through this social enterprise model, youth gain real-world work experience, participate in professional development workshops and coaching, fight climate change, and help impacted residents of their communities save energy and money. Climate Careers youth are ages 15-24 and are from low-income households. Nearly 2,000 of these youth have made over 50,600 local homes more energy-efficient – supporting their own futures and that of our planet.

