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**About the Kings/Tulare County Homelessness Youth Advisory Board**  
*A New & Local Youth Initiative Addressing Homelessness in Tulare & Kings Counties*

[Tulare & Kings Counties, CA] - Community Services Employment Training (CSET) is pleased to announce the launch of the Kings/Tulare County Homelessness Youth Advisory Board (YAB). The mission of this youth-led board is to end homelessness in young adults ages 18-24 through community service, self-improvement, and leadership. The YAB will launch on June 21, 2021 by recruiting young community members to join this exciting board. Join us on Zoom from 3-4 PM to learn more - [click here for the zoom link](#).

**THE 100-DAY CHALLENGE:** The YAB's inaugural event will be the launch of the 100-Day Challenge to reduce youth homelessness in Tulare and Kings Counties - one of four regions selected by HUD to take part in 2021. The 100-Day Challenge goal for Kings and Tulare Counties is to house 50 homeless young people (18-24) in safe and stable housing with 100% connected to mental health and support services. #100DayChallengeAccepted

Each 100-Day Challenge, led by Rapid Results Institute, is a carefully structured journey designed to inspire frontline teams to set unreasonable goals and harness the innovation, collaboration, and execution required to achieve them. In other communities, the RRI 100-Day Challenge has housed more than 3,400 youth and young adults across 35 regions - [click here to view the 100 Day Challenge update](#).

**INVITATION TO APPLY:** Young people ages 18-24 with lived experience with homelessness in Tulare and Kings Counties are invited to complete an online interest form for the youth advisory board, and CSET staff will contact you to learn more about your interest - [click here to access the interest form](#).

“Kings/Tulare County YAB has been a blessing to me because it has shown me the importance of community, leadership, and passion,” shared Angel Hernandez, YAB Board President. “Don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone. We need people like you, now more than ever, to address youth homelessness in our region!”

Youth board members will connect with community members, participate in community service, and gain skills in civic engagement, professional and

leadership development, and self-improvement. To learn more about YAB, contact Alison Recendez at (559) 713-5193 or [alison.recendez@cset.org](mailto:alison.recendez@cset.org) or visit our website at [www.cset.org/youth-development](http://www.cset.org/youth-development).

**WHY WE EXIST:** According to the Kings and Tulare Counties 2020 Point in Time Report (8/27/2020), there are 166 homeless youth under the age of 24 years old in Kings and Tulare Counties. Youth Advisory Board's mission is to end homelessness in young adults 18-24 years old by performing acts of community service, creating self-improvements, and promoting leadership. CSET's Youth Development Department will facilitate the local youth-run YAB to advocate and bring awareness to homelessness in Tulare and Kings Counties. YAB partners include Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency, College of the Sequoias, Crescent Valley Charter High School, Kings One-Stop Job Center, Kings/Tulare Homeless Alliance, Mental Health Systems, Inc., Aspiranet's Transitional Aged Youth housing program, Tulare County Office of Education, and Visalia Unified School District.

**Samantha Camaquin** (YAB Vice President): "Being part of YAB gives me the opportunity to do what I love most: serving my community. Whether it be creating a new event or simply partaking in one, we are able to serve and ensure wellness in our community. It is our mission to build connections with others to have a home away from home. This opportunity is hard to miss, and as Vice President of the Youth Advisory Board, I hope to see you there!"

**Alison Recendez** (CSET Program Coordinator for Youth Department): "Youth homelessness is something that I personally would like to see go away forever but until then it is an honor to work alongside our partners and young adults to collaborate and tackle this issue."

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*More than 500 youth and young adults in Tulare County benefit yearly from CSET's Youth Leadership programs, which teach valuable leadership development, job readiness training, civic engagement, college and career exploration pathways, as well as mentorship and networking opportunities. More information about CSET's Youth Leadership programs is available at [www.cset.org/youth-development](http://www.cset.org/youth-development).*

*Community Services Employment Training (CSET) inspires youth, families and communities to achieve self-reliance through innovative pathways and collaboration. Since 1976, CSET has been the Community Action Agency for Tulare County. To learn more about CSET's services and impact in Tulare County, please visit [www.cset.org](http://www.cset.org) or call (559) 732-4194.*

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