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Monterey Cadre to host Sustainability Fair on Saturday, September 25th

Event to highlight local sustainable resources and organizations

Wednesday, September 22, 2021, Salinas, CA – The Monterey County Workforce Development Board's Cadre Program will hold an outdoor Sustainability Fair on Saturday, September 25 from 10am to 2pm at 344 Salinas Street in Salinas. The event is the capstone project for the group, that graduates on October 1. The event will feature sustainable products and businesses, sustainable resources and organizations, a giving closet and volunteer opportunities.

"We're bringing sustainability to our community!" said Monterey County Workforce Development Board, Executive Director, Chris Donnelly. "The Cadre participants have worked very hard to learn about event planning as well as sustainability and stewardship to our community. The Workforce Development Board is very proud of this Cadre program and the hard work of the Cadre participants and the staff."

The Monterey Cadre is a program that builds leadership skills over a 12-week period for Monterey County young adults ages 18 to 24 and helps each participant give back to their community. Through its emphasis on responsible actions, leadership, and innovative thinking, the Monterey Cadre program lays the foundation for an informed citizenship and develops the capacity to inspire and mobilize others. "Through paid work experience and civic engagement our Cadre participants become leaders," said Donnelly. "When young adults learn to improve their communities, they also develop the ability to organize individuals into a team to pursue a goal," he said.

The program blends community service and service learning while teaching young adults to become innovative citizens through a transformative hands-on learning process.

The next Monterey Cadre program cohort will start on October 11. Applications may be downloaded on the Monterey County Workforce Development Board website: <https://www.montereycountywdb.org/monterey-county-works/monterey-cadre/>