



## **LABOR PROFILE**

### **Fresno Plumbers' & Electricians' Unions**

Size: Medium  
Region: Urban/Rural  
Industry: Construction/Trades

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### **Overview**

Fresno plumbers' and electricians' unions, in partnership with the Fresno Chamber of Commerce and the local School-to-Career partnership (State Center Consortium), have implemented Apprenticeship Familiarization Days. Now in its third year, the event began as an overview of apprenticeships for teachers, counselors and administrators. The following year students were invited to attend, and now the demand is so great that the organizers need three days to ensure all students can participate. Though spearheaded by the plumbers' and electricians' unions, the event involves most other Fresno-area unions as well as business and education partners. Students learn about the prerequisites, benefits and challenges of apprenticeships in a range of fields and receive hands-on experience in all aspects of the building trades.

Apprenticeship Familiarization Days succeeds because it broadly covers apprenticeship opportunities in numerous trades and provides a coordinated way for all local unions to work with schools and students.

### **Strategies/Activities**

- Job shadowing
- Site visits
- Apprenticeships