## <u>RichmondWORKS Launches Professional Skills Development Academy:</u>

Project ACES (Accelerating Careers thru Essential Skills):

The project's Big Idea is to develop an industry-designed Essential Skills Academy to better prepare applicants and new employees for the burgeoning food production/warehouse sector in the City of Richmond and the East Bay. The Academy will focus on enabling participants to develop essential skills for job attainment, and more importantly, for job retention.



**Project ACES Graduation** 

## **Project Update:**

23 participants completed the first cohort of ACES and all 23 will start working in the food production sector with Food Service Partners (FSP). FSP is a privately owned company created to provide meal production and delivery services to hospitals, skilled nursing homes and long-term care facilities. FSP is a union shop and provides competitive wages and benefits for all employees.



Project ACES Cohort 1

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