



CENTRAL VALLEY OPPORTUNITY CENTER



Alex A. Navarro, Title I DLW

As a kid, born and raised in Oakland by his grandmother, along with two brothers and a sister, he had to overcome many hardships. Later, he moved to Delhi, California and worked seasonally harvesting and sorting peaches earning minimum wage. He knew he needed a change.

Having a high school diploma and being bilingual, Alex knew he had the potential to do something better with his life. This is when he came to CVOC for services. On October 1, 2014, Alex came into CVOC. He was interested in the welding course. He was hoping that this



training was going to give him the opportunity to find full-time employment and be financially stable.

Once he was in training, he was an excellent, attended class every day, studied hard, graduated and obtained his welding certification.

After receiving his welding certificate, he looked for employment. Immediately following graduation, he had an interview with Houston Manufacturing. He was hired as a welder. He's still working there and earns \$14.00 per hour plus benefits.