More than the way to meet our day-to-day needs, work helps us define ourselves, build skills and change our community. Work transforms lives.

Our leadership in this field is based on these principles and with this strong foundation, we’re going deeper and wider with new initiatives and services. For generations we have built better futures for our families, friends and communities. Today, these futures are more vital than ever.

Our mission
JVS (Jewish Vocational Service) transforms lives by helping people build skills and find jobs to achieve self-sufficiency.

1. Find and hire qualified employees.
2. Update your staff’s skills with JVS training.
3. Help JVS reach new people.
4. Join us on your expertise through annual JVS programs.

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40 years

Founded in 1973, JVS is a non-sectarian, not-for-profit corporation with funding from the Jewish Community Foundation of Northern California, the San Francisco Foundation, individual donors and government agencies. JVS has received a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, the highest rating possible.

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Facing the challenges we face today, the nation’s workforce is more critical than ever. For policymakers, our unemployment is an urgent issue. Good jobs at decent wages help people lift themselves, generate the growth and stability that a community needs to be a stronger partner in our nation’s economic growth.

Over the past 40 years and through economic cycles, JVS has helped tens of thousands of people from all backgrounds achieve economic security. To help more people, we must focus for greater impact.

1. Focus for greater impact.
2. Develop five-year strategic plan.
3. Focus for greater impact.
4. Our leadership team is hard at work on these principles and with the strong foundation we’ve created, we’re growing stronger and ready with new models, locations and services. The challenges are great but our new mountain can be our next great adventure. Together we will chart a course for success. Let’s rise to the greatest challenge we’ve ever faced, and take steps to create a world that works for everyone.

4 ways your company can work with JVS

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1 focus for greater impact

In 1982, Jerry and Melody Weintraub co-founded JVS – named for its JVS programs – as a response to the high unemployment and poverty in San Francisco. Since 2002, JVS has offered a variety of high-quality workforce development programs, including those that target youth, people with disabilities, and other underserved populations.

We help people find stable jobs in a variety of industries to improve their economic futures.

Connecting training to opportunity

Bazilius Bay is a tech talent from the Institute for Urban Affairs in San Francisco. “JVS provided me with a pathway to get my credentials and pay my way through college.”

Bazilius enjoys learning real-world skills. “JVS is the first place I’ve ever worked with people who are employed in technology.”

A new leader in special education

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2 be nimble seize opportunities

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Preparing for a job can be daunting. JVS helps clients build skills and boost their confidence.

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4 work smarter

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Working smarter means thinking about our clients’ needs, their goals, and how we can best support them.

We're working smarter.

The impact of JVS:)

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Several years and one recession later, Mamoudou is a registered nurse in College of San Francisco while working part-time as an aide with Telecare. Mamoudou found JVS quickly, and with educational partners that provide training, and employers provide the nursing refresher – a program that trained healthcare workers will continue to rise. Led the City’s healthcare academy, which has trained nearly 40,000 Jews flocked to the Bay area. The Jewish community is thrilled to be giving back by helping to design new technology training for youth at Balboa High School. His job is stressful, but rewarding, and he serves on the San Francisco Youth Commission as well as the Board of Education and the City College Board of Trustees.

Connecting training to opportunity

Mamoudou Bary, RN, Kaiser Permanente

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**focus for greater impact**

In 1982, JVS and City College of San Francisco collaborated to provide a comprehensive career services program that continues to grow today. Since that time, JVS has assisted nearly 200,000 people in the Bay Area, mainly through the City’s Community College District. Since then, we have expanded our work beyond the City’s boundaries, serving over 100,000 people each year. JVS provides services to all ages, from high school students to mature workers, and to those with limited English proficiency and other diverse needs.

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**be nimble seize opportunities**

We skip ahead to 1993, when the world was on fire: a major earthquake hit Loma Prieta and soon after nine months later, the second terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. JVS helped thousands of people who lost their jobs.

**break the cycle of poverty**

Beginning in 1997, the world was on fire again: a major earthquake hit the Loma Prieta region and soon after the year 2000, the second recession hit. JVS helped thousands of people who lost their jobs.

**work smarter**

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When thousands of people lost their jobs in 2000, we increased the number of people we worked with, by 2002, we were serving 20,000 people per month. In 2002, we began experimenting with new ways to help people connect to work. We launched the first multi-site career services program in the Bay Area. We expanded our services to include transportation assistance, computer training and English language instruction. We expanded our services to include transportation assistance, computer training and English language instruction.

**Connecting training to opportunity**

Beginning with the first location in downtown San Francisco, we have expanded to include six locations across the Bay Area.

**Preparing disadvantaged for jobs**

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**A new leader in special education**

In 2012, JVS launched a new program to help people with disabilities get back to work after a long period of unemployment. The program was called “Back on the Job” and focused on helping people who had been out of work for over six months.

**In the midst of our uncertainty, JVS is helping me hold on to HOPE. JVS’s professionalism is helping me to mature without—managing my dignity and self-respect.” — Lenora Hamilton, JVS Client**

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1 focus for greater impact

In 1962, JVS and City College of San Francisco collaborated to provide job training in technology and computer science. That job-training program has expanded to today’s computer technology programs at all eight City College of San Francisco locations. Since 2002, JVS has provided job training for high school students through its TeenLink program. In 2012-13, TeenLink assisted more than 1,400 students gain valuable work experience and resumes.

If you’re looking for a career in technology, computer science, or an advanced manufacturing field, JVS provides the training you need to succeed.

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2 be nimble seize opportunities

Beginning in 1971 with workshops for local computer networkers, JVS has provided training in emerging technologies, including more conventional skills such as computer literacy. We’ve been there: before the City’s information technology sector boomed, before healthcare systems became more centralized. Veteran JVS clients who have participated, such as Roberta Zucker, today enjoy satisfying careers.

Paying it forward

Family-owned, 4G Global Solutions provides a prime vehicle for Bay Area residents to up-skill and re-skill for good, well-paying jobs. Our partners, including JVS, are leaders in helping Americans move up the ladder. We’re not just training jobs, we’re creating them.

Breaking the cycle of poverty

In 1995, JVS opened a partnership with San Francisco United for zajil (Safe Access to Jobs) to foster skills and prepare minority youth for jobs in the retail sector. We’ve expanded that partnership to include the Hospitality sector.

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A new leader in special education

JVS entered an exciting new era in 2013 when Bob and Leslie Benet leveraged decades of successful mentoring and leadership in business and the local Jewish community to create and support an innovative new agency. Today, JVS is leading the Bay Area in creating opportunities for local students and providing special education.

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— Lauren Hamilton, JVS Client

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When thousands of people lose their jobs in a recession, we retrain them for new kinds of work. For example, in the months following the 2009 recession, JVS created the Occupation Link program to train thousands of laid-off workers for jobs in quality assurance testing within the technology sector.

Nothing makes a person feel less competent. For most people, when they lose their jobs, they feel nothing but powerless, alone and vulnerable. JVS provides them with the opportunity to inspire a new life. We help people stimulate interests and become a new leader for themselves.

— Sam Rabin, Graduate Student, San Francisco State University

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JVS's professionalism is helping me — HOPE

It's important to be there for youth, particularly those with disabilities. I can support them in the way JVS supports me in becoming an account executive.

— Craig Edelblut and Alex Drucker, Strategy Groups Co-Chairs and Co-Founders

to support with college transition. Students connect on-the-job skills with classroom learning.

Connecting training to opportunity

Robert Burns is a new JVS client from the Redwood City Volunteer Corps. Robert had been laid off from his job in the food and beverage industry and needed training to stay competitive in his field. His JVS career counselor helped him with basic computer skills, identifying marketable skills and leveraging collaborative learning through small group resume reviews.

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We help people find jobs in stable industries with opportunities for long-term careers.

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Beginning in 1971 with the help of local community needs, JVS developed its first course: using computers to control manufacturing equipment. JVS’ strength lies in its ability to respond to the needs of local employers.

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When thousands of people lost their jobs in 2008, we remained open, providing courses for people who were laid off as well as those who needed new skills. To adapt to changing needs, we expanded the number of programs offered.

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4. Leverage your expertise through additional JVS programs

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