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CSET to show off Drought Resource Center

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Community Services Employment Training (CSET) will hold an open house Thursday to introduce its Drought Resource Center to the community of Porterville.

The event will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Center at 185 S. Leggett St.

The Drought Resource Center provides a wide variety of services and referrals for residents impacted by the drought. On the premises are free public showers, sinks and portable toilets. CSET also operates an office onsite, which provides information and referral services to local residents. In addition, the bottled water pick up, household tank installation and bottled water delivery programs are available at the Drought Resource Center.

In addition to operating the Drought Resource Center, CSET has been installing 2,500-3,000 gallon tanks and pumps at qualified houses. The tanks and pumps provide residents whose wells have gone dry with water for their household use.

"We are very pleased to be assisting local residents as they navigate this difficult time," said Mary Alice Escarsega-Fechner, CSET's executive director. "Our goal is to provide residents with as much information and access to services as possible."

Numerous community partners will also be participating in the open house. Self Help Enterprises, Family HealthCare Network, Employment Connection and more will provide resources and information to residents.

Regularly scheduled services, including showers and water pick up, will be available during the open house.