Mission
UTEC’s mission is to ignite and nurture the ambition of young people disconnected from school or work, to trade violence and poverty for social and economic success.

Social Enterprise
Through social enterprise employment at UTEC Mattress Recycling, UTEC Food Services, and UTEC Woodworking, young people who’ve been justice-involved or with histories of incarceration gain valuable job skills, essential life skills, and real earnings to help them pursue positive life choices.

Track Record
UTEC’s intensive outreach and comprehensive, long-term program model has reduced recidivism, increased employability, and increased education for proven-risk young adults aged 17 to 25. Today, UTEC is nationally recognized as a model agency serving justice-involved young adults.
Raised in challenging circumstances, José experienced housing instability and spent time in jail. After he was released, he wanted to build a better life for himself and his family and decided to enroll at UTEC. He entered UTEC’s holistic program and was able to access their 2Gen Center, an onsite early education center designed to assist participants who are young parents and their children. José says, “The support from UTEC is incredible, especially with the on-site 2Gen Center to take care of my daughter while I am in the program.” Today José works in UTEC’s Food Services social enterprise gaining paid work experience, creating menu recipes, and learning about kitchen operations. He’s also gained leadership and public speaking skills, and recently gave a speech on criminal justice reform and reentry at the State House. With the help of his Transitional Coach, he has his eyes set on college and creating a more stable life for his family.

UTEC does incredible work to train and equip young people with important skills that they will use long after leaving the program. — Charlie Baker, Governor of Massachusetts