

CENTRAL VALLEY FOUNDATION

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Overview

California's Central Valley is considered to be one of the most ethnically diverse regions of the world - as rich in the varied cultures of its people, who speak over 60 different languages, as it is in the bounty of its agriculture.

It is among the California's fastest growing regions, with a sizable immigrant population and more children entering school at a faster pace than elsewhere in the state. About 43% of these children come from homes where English is not spoken and the families are poor. And, as it is for poor children everywhere, they are less likely to graduate from high school and emerge from the cycle of poverty.

At the Central Valley Foundation, we recognize that, while many cultures and different languages can create barriers, they also bring enriched education opportunities for students, and for all of us. So we work to find promising new ways to close the gaps and to advance the region's most valuable resource – the abundant cultural wealth of its people.