



2Gen Center @ UTEC

An ECC-licensed early childhood education program in downtown Lowell



About half of the young adults at UTEC are also young parents. **Our two-generation approach makes the most of our unique opportunities for whole-family engagement.** This starts with the 2Gen Center @ UTEC, an onsite early education center for the children (ages 0-5) of our young adults.

Research demonstrates that children of incarcerated or formerly incarcerated parents often experience a range of adverse outcomes, including academic and behavioral challenges. At UTEC, proven-risk young parents *and* their young children can work together on the **social-emotional development, along with essential life skills** (academic for kids and employment for parents) that will help them break the cycle of intergenerational poverty.

Program Highlights

- Child-driven curriculum inspired by the Reggio Emilia approach
- State-funded vouchers accepted
- No cost to UTEC families without vouchers
- Two-way transportation
- Daily-made USDA approved hot meals served
- Experienced, educated teachers

“ I have become a better parent thanks to the onsite early education center, too. I feel much safer knowing that Jnalee is close to me and I know what's going on with her. ”

José, Young Adult



CHIPPING AWAY **IGNITE SOCIAL JUSTICE**
THINK BIG **CLEAN SLATE**
SEE BEYOND THE MASK **MADD LOVE**
CONTAGIOUS **RESPECTFUL CURIOSITY**
PASSION **BE A SPONGE** **ASSUME GOODNESS**



UTEC's Story

UTEC is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping young adults (ages 17-25) overcome the very real challenges of poverty, unemployment, gang involvement, and cultural barriers that are pervasive in the communities we serve. UTEC uses a proven model to create success and better futures for our young people, and ultimately, for all of us.

Through UTEC's **social enterprises** — Mattress Recycling, Woodworking, and Food Services — young adults gain the work and life skills that are essential to the “social and economic success” of UTEC’s mission.

The long-term recidivism rate of UTEC’s young adults averages less than 15%, compared with a statewide average of more than 50%. And about **80% of young people are still employed two years after leaving** our program.



About half of UTEC participants are also parents. With the 2Gen Center @ UTEC, we can serve the whole family. We are licensed for up to 35 children, ages 0-5, in our onsite early childhood education center.

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