Café UTEC is way more than your average lunchtime eatery. Your lunch order supports UTEC’s important mission to ignite and nurture the ambition of our most disconnected young adults to trade violence and poverty for social and economic success.

As one of our workforce development and social enterprise programs, Café UTEC provides young people most in need the opportunity to gain valuable job skills and real earnings to help them pursue positive life choices.

Working closely with a team of culinary professionals, learning goals for young adults include:

- Culinary operation skills
- Introduction to business financials
- Food Service Accreditation (ServSafe)
- Healthy eating and food justice education
- Leadership training

We also offer full-service catering! Consider Café UTEC’s catering services for your next event. Visit cafeutec.org for menus and details.

My co-workers and I visited UTEC for a tour and then lunch. As a group, we pretty much ordered one of everything, and nothing disappointed. The ingredients were fresh, the combinations of flavors were innovative, and the service was friendly and efficient ... This food would be amazing at any price, but the fact that it’s affordable makes it all the better. As if that wasn’t enough, your money will go towards supporting an amazing organization. What more could you want out of lunch? If I lived closer to Café UTEC, I would probably have lunch there every day!

Vivian F., Westfield, NJ
Offering:

- Build-Your-Own Salads
- Weekly Specials
- Paninis
- Specialty Coffees
- Veggie Chili and Daily Soups
- Local ingredients from Mill City Grows

We also offer local delivery! Order online on GRUBHUB

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.

When you choose our social enterprises, it’s more than good business. It’s good for our communities.

Visit us today!

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