Community Kitchen
Spurring culinary creativity for local food entrepreneurs and young adults to launch new food product lines

**Food with a Mission**

UTEC’s Community Kitchen is the largest rental commercial kitchen space in the Merrimack Valley area. We offer 5,000 square feet designed for up to three distinct production spaces, with multiple workstations and a wide array of processing, cooking, and packaging equipment. With flexible scheduling and competitive rental rates, this facility includes ample room to store, prepare, and finish a variety of food products.

Built as a vehicle for growth, our space, staff, and partners are here to help our resident entrepreneurs scale to success. We help turn ideas into vibrant local businesses, in partnership with the City of Lowell, Entrepreneurship for All (EforAll) Lowell-Lawrence, and Mill City Grows.

Community Kitchen rentals also enable UTEC-enrolled young adults to gain skills in food service and food manufacturing operations. Community drives growth for all through UTEC social enterprises.

> The partnerships are a huge asset, and the city with its marketing can help identify entrepreneurs who would stay here in the city.

**Gregg Croteau, UTEC Chief Executive Officer**

**Kitchen amenities include:**

- 2 hot production lines
- Outfitted cold production area
- Bakery line with 60 quart mixer
- Double rack revent oven
- Full scullery - chemicals included with rental
- Cooking utensils and smallwares
- Dry, refrigerated, and frozen storage
- Freight elevator
- 24/7 access

Located at 15 Warren Street Downtown Lowell, MA
Why #chooseUTEC?

- Commercial kitchen rentals help support our mission
- Partnerships will boost local economy
- Easy access to commercial space
- Flexible scheduling and competitive rental rates
- Community building events such as pop ups, potlucks, and demonstrations
- Future opportunities for ServSafe certification and food entrepreneur workshops

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.

Contact us today!

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