



# STEP UP

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**2010 Step Up Youth Summit**  
*Connect, Educate, Equip & Inspire*

March 11, 2010 • 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
McDermont Field House • 365 Sweet Brier, Lindsay, CA

## What is the Step Up Youth Summit?

The goal of the Step Up Youth Summit is to educate and inform your at-risk students about opportunities available to them and provide them with information on positive decision-making.

The purpose of the youth summit is to connect, educate, equip and inspire Tulare County's youth to live violence- and drug-free lifestyles, pursue educational achievement and connect to their community in a positive manner.

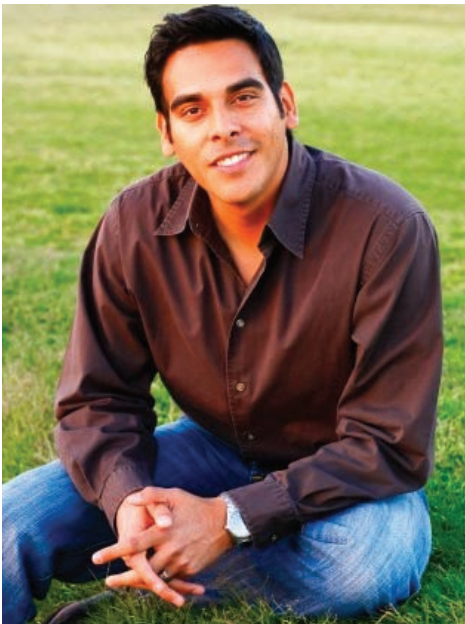
The Step Up Youth Summit is a collaborative project developed by the Tulare County Gang Prevention Task Force — a coalition made up of the general public, media, local businesses, faith-based organizations, schools, non-profit organizations, community-based organizations, local government and law enforcement agencies.

## How will the event fulfill its mission?

The Step Up Youth Summit will offer a variety of powerful featured guest presenters, breakout sessions geared toward youth and a resource fair.

## Guest Presenters:

Currently, three nationally-recognized presenters have agreed to attend the Step Up Youth Summit.



### Master of Ceremonies & Breakout Session Presenter: **Gabe Salazar**

Gabe Salazar is a nationally-known, professional youth speaker. His message challenges teenagers and encourages them to make positive choices in their lives. Through the use of powerful skits, dynamic insights and real-life illustrations, Gabe's message inspires and motivates his audience to action.

For more information on  
Gabe Salazar, visit  
[www.gabesalazar.com](http://www.gabesalazar.com).

## Breakout Session Presenters: **Bill & Ezra**

Dr. Bill Michaelis and Ezra Holland are co-owners of [www.Children-Together.com](http://www.Children-Together.com). Bill is a Professor Emeritus at San Francisco State University. Ezra is a faculty member at San Francisco State University. Together they have presented more than 2,000 fun-filled, thought-provoking workshops, events, and keynotes around the world and are experts on play and its applications to creativity, learning, development, self-esteem, leadership and healthy living for all age groups.

For information on Bill & Ezra, visit [www.children-together.com](http://www.children-together.com).

## Breakout Session Presenter & Closing Performance: **Homeboy Industries, Inc.**

Homeboy Industries is a Los Angeles-based non-profit organization that assists at-risk and formerly gang-involved youth to become positive and



“Nothing Stops A Bullet Like A Job”

year and 8,000 gang members from 700 different gangs.

contributing members of society through job placement, training and education. Former rivals work side-by-side, finding true community and friendship in place of the limited community of gang life. Homeboy Industries is now the nation's largest gang intervention program, serving 12,000 clients per

For information on Homeboy Industries, Inc. visit [www.homeboy-industries.org](http://www.homeboy-industries.org).

## Resource Fair

The Step Up Youth Summit Resource Fair aims to provide each student with a diverse mix of career, vocational, and higher education opportunities and resources. Booth displays from all over the Central Valley will be on hand with information on finding a job, career exploration, vocational training services, and local community colleges and four-year institutions. From the health field to agriculture to automotive and hospitality industries, students attending the Step Up Youth Summit will walk away with a variety of options to help build their future.

**[www.stepuptc.com](http://www.stepuptc.com)**

For questions about students participating in the  
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