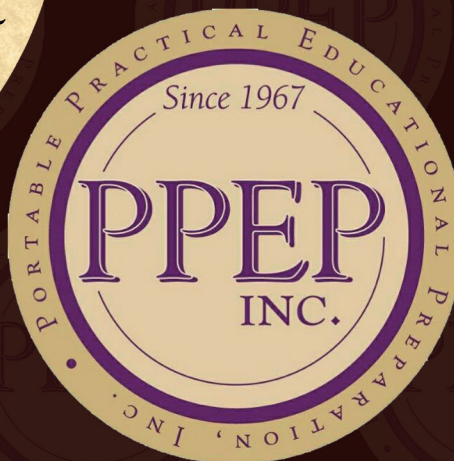


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Cesar Chavez La Paz 1978



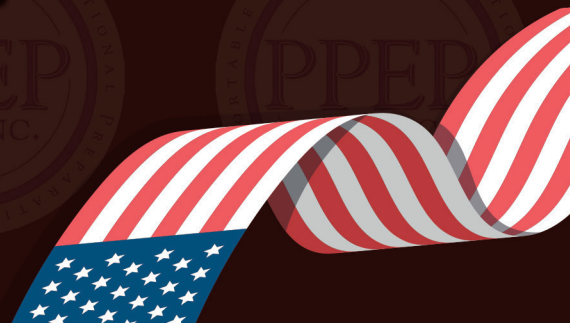
PPEP's First Staff 1967



Mexican Ohtli diplomatic  
award 2016



"La Tortuga" 2007







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# PPEP



## PORTABLE, PRACTICAL EDUCATIONAL PREPARATION, INC.



PPEP and the Mexican Consulate staff sign the Plazas Comunitarias agreement may 2022

**P**ortable, Practical Educational Preparation (PPEP), Inc, also known as Project PPEP, was founded by Dr. John David Arnold in 1967. PPEP's mission is to improve the quality of rural life, and over the past 55+ years, around 4,000,000 people have received services from PPEP.

PPEP's services are provided by professional and dedicated staff. These services include a variety of, economics, microbusiness, education, charter schools, health, housing, counseling, employment, job training, humanitarian aid, and services to the individuals with developmental disabilities, to name a few. These services empower rural people to improve their quality of life and be self-sufficient under the portable, practical educational preparation model. Journey with us and see how this is being accomplished.

In 1967, while working for the Head Start program, Dr. Arnold wrote a grant proposal and submitted it to the Tucson War on Poverty Program, which was funded by grants initiated by the Kennedy/Johnson administration. The grant was funded at \$19,000 and PPEP was born.



Outreach to Guaraquillo tribe Sonora

Dr. Arnold purchased a 1957, 48-passenger, Chevy school bus and equipped it with educational books and supplies. He painted it green and named it "La Tortuga" (tortoise). He was the driver, mechanic and schoolteacher, all rolled into one. His first students were Bracero farmworkers in the Santa Cruz Valley pecan farms south of Tucson. Having





Rural food box distribution program



Chamula Tribe Chiapas embroidery project



Women of Northwest Cameroon Agricultural project



Youth Build trainees San Luis Arizona



Mayo Tribe youth sports Echohoa



Royal Nigerian Chieftaincy Award 2019

lived in Guadalajara, Mexico, he knew first-hand what it was like to live in an unfamiliar society with a different language and culture. So, in his portable classroom, he began teaching English and basic education to the same Bracero farmworkers he had ministered to in the past, helping them prepare for life in America, by gaining a practical education. Hence, Portable, Practical Educational Preparation's mission is to improve the quality of rural life.



Food security Arivaca AZ organic garden

Five decades later PPEP remains dedicated to carrying out the dreams of its first Bracero migrant farm workers students for a better way of life.

"La Tortuga" is the original bus used by Dr. John David Arnold to travel to local Tucson area farms, providing the farmworkers with basic education and English classes: the first portable educational program offered by PPEP. Today, La Tortuga, refurbished to its former glory, sits in PPEP's Farmworker Hall of Fame, where it's used as a meeting room for PPEP visitors.

Over the 55 years of PPEP, there have been many important programs developed benefiting the farmworkers and our Latino Community. This includes the micro loan program and business advice to small businesses. Over 29 million dollars benefitting 4,000 small businesses has been lent

since 1985 to local micro business PPEP also has started micro loan programs in Sonora, Mexico; and even in Ghana and Cameroon, both in Africa.

In education PPEP Tec High School ([ppeptechs.org](http://ppeptechs.org)) was created in 1996 to give students a second chance to learn. PPEP Tec HS is a public school, free of charge, and offers an official diploma when graduating, same as any other public school. Classes are for day time and night time students that may work. PPEP also offers free online schooling through its partner STRIDE k-12.



Computer literacy Rainforest Ghana

Over one of the newest programs at PPEP is the "Plazas Comunitarias" teaching Mexican immigrant parents from Mexican curriculum so they can finish their schooling from Mexico while their children study at PPEP Tec Charter High School on 1840 E. Benson highway .520 294 6997. This is a joint project with the Consulate of Mexico in Tucson and PPEP Inc.

For more information and details please use our QR's and our website [ppep.org](http://ppep.org).



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Little Joe canción para PPEP



Senador Mike Enzi 'Good News'



Migrant Education documentary