

TO: Workforce Investment Board

DATE: 3/27/03

**FROM: Program Planning and Development
Committee**

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Child Care Initiative-Packard Foundation

PROPOSED MOTION(S): To support the community collaboration of agencies working with the Packard Foundation by contributing \$1,000 to fund an economic impact report showing how the Child Care Industry affects Merced County.

DISCUSSION: The committee received information about the Packard Foundation at its 1/29/03 meeting. The Packard Foundation is meeting with a collaboration of agencies in Merced County to promote the initiative. The Department of Workforce Investment will be participating on behalf of the WIB. An initial step for Merced County is to do an Economic Impact Report in order to participate fully in the initiative. In 2003, the David and Lucillie Packard Foundation and its partners will launch California's Affordable Buildings for Children's Development (ABCD) Initiative enabling childcare centers in California to meet the costs of facilities development and assist them with their long-term real estate financing needs. ABCD will employ four key strategies in the following order, the first three to begin in 2003:

- 1. The ABCD Fund**
- 2. ABCD Development Assistance**
- 3. ABCD Connections**
- 4. ABCD Campaign to Sustain Child Care**

ATTACHMENT(S): The ABCD Fund paper, ABCD Development Assistance paper, ABCD paper