

TO: Workforce Investment Board

DATE: 3/28/02

FROM: WIB Staff

- For Action**
- For Information**
- Meeting Notes**

SUBJECT: Merced County Office of Education [MCOE] Regional Occupational Program [ROP] Youth One-Stop Unity Grant.

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Information

DISCUSSION: MCOE/ROP has received a Youth One-Stop Unity grant [\$99,808] that will be used to make One-Stop services user-friendly and accessible to all students. This program will start June 2002. The attached Executive Summary provides additional details.

ATTACHMENT(S): Executive Summary

YOUTH ONE STOP UNITY GRANT

A full-time career counselor will be located at the One Stop. The counselor will work from 12:00 noon to 9:00 P.M. [excluding lunch] Monday through Thursday and 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on Friday. The counselor will provide services to youth who enter the One Stop, including recruitment into the CalWORKs/ WIA funded younger youth and older youth programs. The counselor will also assist youth with homework assignments, employability portfolios, and review of basic skills in preparation for the GED or high school exit exam in the PLATO lab and to learn computer software programs.

Establish a separate satellite center on the continuation [Yosemite High], Independent Study, and Adult School campus of Merced Union High School District to be open 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Monday through Thursday. Providing classes at the satellite to prepare youth for the high school exit exam and/or the GED.

Provide mini-tours of the One Stop twice a week for approximately ten youth per tour for 40 weeks [for a total of 800 youth].

Provide linkage and referral to other needed services such as the Younger Youth Opportunity Program, Health, Mental Health, Alcohol and Substance Abuse, etc.

Providing mini-classes at the One Stop in life skills, workability and portfolio preparation.

Provide youth awareness training on the use of the ERISS job search/job connection/labor market programs available at the One Stop.

There are nine participating schools and six local Workforce Investment partners involved in this demonstration project.