

**TO: WIB**

**DATE: 7/13/06**

**FROM: WIB Staff**

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

**SUBJECT: Parents Achieving Capacity for Employment and Support (PACES) Grant**

**PROPOSED MOTION(S): Information only.**

**DISCUSSION: The Merced County Department of Child Support (DCSS), in collaboration with the Department of Workforce Investment (WI), has submitted a proposal to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Grants Management, for grant funding to support Parents Achieving Capacity for Employment and Support (PACES) activities.**

**\$465,471 over two (2) years is being requested - \$235,963 for first year and \$229,308 for second year. The grant will be used to increase child support collections by replacing the current system of agency and court referrals with immediate available on-site services both at court and the local child support agency office.**

**The role of WI will be to provide two (2) Employment and Training Specialists on-site at DCSS and in Family Law Court to provide assessment and evaluation for employment or employment services. Eligible participants will be enrolled in Workforce Investment Act programs as appropriate.**

**Proposals were due May 24, 2006. No award dates have been announced.**

**ATTACHMENT (S): N/A**