

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