

Workforce Investment Board
Dept of Workforce Investment, Large Conference Rm
1880 W. Wardrobe Ave, Merced, CA
July 13, 2006, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Meeting Agenda



<http://web.co.merced.ca.us/wi/wib/wib.html>

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call.....
 2. Approval of Agenda
 3. Approval of May 11, 2006 Minutes.....
 4. Public Opportunity to Speak.....
 5. Consent Agenda
 - a. Registered Nurse Renewal Dave Davis
 - b. Empower Out-of-School Youth Contract Dave Davis
 - c. Youth Opportunity Program Younger Youth Contract Renewal Dave Davis
 - d. Child Abuse Treatment (CHAT) Agreement Renewal Dave Davis
 6. Action Agenda
 - a. Certification of Los Banos Worknet Employment Resource Center Albert Montejano
 7. Announcement
 - a. Workforce Investment Board Retreat – July 24, 2006 Dave Davis
 8. Presentation
 - a. Trade Adjustment Assistance & Trade Readjustment Allowance Kurt Silva (20 min)
 9. Information Agenda
 - a. Allocation Update Dave Davis
 - b. Inside E. D. – Workforce Training Is Key Location Factor Dave Davis
 - c. Implications for Action Lee Andersen/Andrea Baker
 - d. Letter to Congressman Cardoza Dave Davis
 - e. Child Support Services Grant Dave Davis
 - f. Responsible Fatherhood Initiative Dave Davis
 - g. Funding Request to Employment Development Dept Dave Davis
 - h. Participant Report Dave Cramer
 - i. LMI Updates Dave Cramer
 - j. Fiscal Report Jackie Walther-Parnell
 - k. Committee Reports - www.co.merced.ca.us/wi/wib/wib.html (or faxed upon request)
 10. Director’s Comments..... Andrea Baker (5 min)
 11. Chair Comments..... Robert Harmon (5 min)
 12. Other
 13. Next Meeting – September 14, 2006
 14. Adjourn

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Meeting Notes



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Members Present:

Lee Andersen	Andrea Baker	Bob Bittner
Sharon Cresswell	Kathleen Cookham	Ben Duran
Ernie Flores	Phil Flores	Peter Fluetsch
Robert Fore	John Fowler	Scott Galbraith
Carol Greenberg	Robert Harmon	Charlie Lambert
Albert Montejano	Anne Newins	Terry Nichols
Alfonse Peterson	Larry Pitts	Carole Roberds
Chris Rosander	Vann (Mike) Smith	Mike Sullivan
Steve Tinetti		

Members Absent:

Nick Benjamin	Don Bergman	Nellie McGarry
Rick Osorio	Al Romero	Thomas Tsubota

Others Present:

Dave Davis	Eddie Harding	Teresa Kinney
Dee Knight	Alfredo Mendoza	Joanne Presnell
Jackie Walther-Parnell		

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call – The Vice Chair, Mr. Michael Sullivan, called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. Roll call was taken.
 2. Approval of Agenda – It was *M/S/C Tinetti/Crookham* to approve the agenda as published.
 3. Approval of Minutes – It was *M/S/C Fowler/Bittner* to approve the March 9, 2006 minutes.
 4. Public Opportunity to Speak – None.
 5. Consent Agenda: It was *M/S/C Galbraith/Tinetti* to approve the Consent Agenda.
 - a. Renewal of WIB members' terms
 - b. Limited Funds Policy
 - c. Merced PLATO Lab Contract
 - d. Workforce Investment Act Performance Measure for 2005/06
 - e. Individual Training Account Exceptions
 - f. Subcommittee Attendance and Membership
 - g. Youth Council Membership – Ms. Isabel Nash
 - h. Youth Council Membership – Ms. Deloris Sharp
 - i. Youth Council Membership – Ms. Wendy Lomeli
 - j. Youth Council Membership – Ms. Nancy A. Silva
 - k. Youth Council Membership – Ms. Sheena Murry
 - l. ETPL Addition – Central Valley Massage Institute
 6. Action Agenda:
 - a. Election of Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Officers – There were no nominations from the

floor. It was *M/S/C Fowler/Galbraith* to approve by acclamation the following officers:

- Mr. Robert Harmon, WIB Chairperson
- Mr. Michael Sullivan, 1st Vice Chairperson
- Mr. Albert Montejano, 2nd Vice Chairperson

b. Worknet One-Stop Centers Month – It was *M/S/C Tinetti/Fluetsch* to request that the Board of Supervisors proclaim May 2006 as “Worknet One-Stop Centers Month”.

c. Request from Fresno County Workforce Investment Board – It was *M/S/C Andersen/Tinetti* that the WIB Executive Committee be given authority to make decisions regarding lobbying for this issue during the coming year. The WIB Chair will send a response to the Fresno County WIB.

7. Presentations:

a. Regional Business Participation in WIB, P-16 and MCEDCO – Mr. Scott Galbraith and Mr. Lee Andersen noted they were soliciting ideas of how to get more private sector volunteers to participate on the MCEDCO Board and P-16 Council. Once the Business Alliance portion of P-16 is started, there will be more work for the business volunteers to do. There were some suggestions made. Mr. Galbraith and Mr. Andersen will meet to strategize on the suggestions made. If members have suggestions at a later date, please contact them. They will keep the WIB informed on their plans to build a Business/Education Alliance.

b. WIB Alignment – Ms. Joanne Presnell facilitated a discussion on alignment and workforce development, which stemmed from a previous discussion the Executive Committee had at its last meeting. Ms. Presnell provided a handout of the questions and answers from that meeting. It was determined the following should be considered in alignment with businesses and education:

- Identify what it takes to reach the goal, stick to it and be persistent to the end.
- Create a large-scale partnership with specific businesses for kids to spend time learning different career skills along with their education.
- Align with employers to come into the schools and businesses to discuss softskills.
- Develop programs that address the needs of the male youth.
- There is good alignment with WIB goals and the various programs that are trying to better prepare the workforce—P-16 Council, MCOE Youth Programs, and Valley High School Career Workforce Academy programs.

8. Announcements:

a. May 25, 2006, Regional Forum, in Modesto, CA, for local economic and workforce development professionals. If you would like to attend, contact Ms. Baker so you can be registered.

b. May 26, 2006, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Dr. Holly Moore, a retired Community College President from the Seattle/Kings County area, who now works for a Chicago organization called Center for Experiential Adult Learning. She will be here to talk about a pilot program—Lifelong Learning Accounts. All healthcare providers have been invited as the WIB’s priority sector. If you would like to attend, contact Ms. Dee Knight at 724-2107.

c. Ms. Baker noted handouts of the High School Exit Exam’s “Frequently Asked Questions” were provided for information. Dr. Robert Fore noted 94% of Merced County seniors passed.

d. On June 14, 2006, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., at the Castle Conference Center, Ms. Jody Sue Kelley, a national speaker, will make a presentation for small businesses on “How To Hire For Retention”. There are 50 seats available for this presentation. If you would like to attend, let staff know.

9. Information Agenda:

- a. Joint Request for Funds – Dept of WI and Central Valley Opportunity Center
- b. Program Year 2006 Allocation
- c. Letter of Appreciation – Guerrilla Marketing
- d. Implications for Action
- e. VITA Update – It was noted the economic impact is \$1.4 million. It was noted that we're leaving about \$75 million on the table. More volunteers are needed to get this money for Merced County. The IRS trains the volunteers. It was suggested recruitment announcements/flyers about the program be sent to businesses, colleges and high schools.
- f. Fiscal Monitoring By Employment Development Dept
- g. Youth Council Retreat
- h. Chamber Business Connector Mixer – Merced Worknet
- i. Training for Businesses
- j. P-16 Advocacy Letter
- k. SB 1537 Advocacy Letter
- l. Fiscal Report
- m. Participant Report
- n. LMI Updates

10. Director's Comments: Ms. Baker noted the Department is tracking various legislation that pertains to economic development—whether or not there will be an Enterprise Zone Program. When anything happens, WIB members will be informed.

11. Chair Comments: None.

12. Other: None.

13. Next Meeting – July 8, 2006, Dept. of Workforce Investment, 1880 W, Wardrobe Ave, Merced.

14. Adjourn - Meeting was adjourned 4:34.

TO: WIB

DATE: 7/13/06

FROM: Executive Committee

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Renewal of Registered Nurse Contract

PROPOSED MOTION(S): That the Registered Nurse (RN) Contract be approved.

DISCUSSION: In 2002, the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) chose to expand its participation in the production of RNs from Merced College. WIB-sponsored enrollments were increased to 24. At this time, 6 WIB-sponsored RNs graduate each semester, and 6 new students enter each semester.

The contract will run from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007, at a total contract cost of \$179,721. This is a 32% increase from last year's contract. The cost increase is attributed to salary increases and a 20+% increase in the College's benefits package.

The Department of Workforce Investment did receive a grant last year to cover the cost of the RN program for two years. The grant will cover all but \$21,919 of next year's contract.

ATTACHMENT (S): N/A

TO: WIB

DATE:7/13/06

FROM: Youth Council

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Empower Out-of-School Youth Contract

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Approve the renewal of the Empower Out-of-School Youth contract.

DISCUSSION: Merced County Office of Education (MCOE)/Regional Occupational Program had a contract with Merced County to provide workforce development services and activities to Workforce Investment Act eligible out-of-school youth, ages 17-21. That contract expired June 30, 2006, at a total contract cost of \$696,537.

This year's initial budget for the renewal contract is \$494,963. The State of California's allocation from Dept of Labor (DOL) is 14% less than last year's allocation. It is expected that additional monies will be received from DOL, but amounts are unknown. If additional dollars are received, they will be added into this contract. MCOE will serve approximately 300 youth, and will continue to provide all required services. The new contract will run from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

ATTACHMENT (S): N/A

TO: WIB

DATE:7/13/06

FROM: Youth Council

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Youth Opportunity Program (YOP) Contract

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Approve the renewal of the YOP Younger Youth contract.

DISCUSSION: Merced County Office of Education (MCOE)/Regional Occupational Program had a contract with Merced County to provide workforce development services and activities to Workforce Investment Act eligible youth, ages 14-18. The contract expired June 30, 2006, at a total contract cost of \$847,434.

Next year's initial budget for the renewed contract is \$606,277. The State of California's allocation from Dept of Labor (DOL) is 14% less than last year's allocation. It is expected that additional monies will be received from DOL, but amounts are unknown. If additional dollars are received, they will be added into this contract. MCOE will serve approximately 450 youth, and will continue to provide all required services. The new contract will run from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

ATTACHMENT (S): N/A

TO: WIB

DATE: 7/13/06

FROM: Youth Council

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: CHAT Operational Agreement

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Approve the renewal of the Operational Agreement between Human Services Agency (HSA) and the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) to work together toward the mutual goal of providing maximum available assistance for child crime victims residing in Merced County.

DISCUSSION: On May 12, 2005, Human Services Agency and the Workforce Investment Board signed an Operational Agreement defining procedures in support of the Child Abuse Treatment (CHAT) program. The Agreement stated that HSA will accept child client referrals from representatives from the WIB, and will provide services to the youth and limited services to the non-offending parent if the referral involves domestic violence.

HSA is requesting that the Operational Agreement be renewed.

Note: The agreement was signed by the WIB Chair on June 14, 2006, because the application deadline for funding would not allow waiting for WIB approval.

**ATTACHMENT (S):
Operational Agreement**

OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT

This Operational Agreement stands as evidence that the *Merced County Human Services Agency* and the *Merced County Workforce Investment Board* intend to work together toward the mutual goal of providing maximum available assistance for crime victims residing in *Merced County*. Both agencies believe that implementation of the *Child Abuse Treatment (CHAT)* proposal, as described herein, will further this goal. To this end, each agency agrees to participate in the program, if selected for funding, by coordinating/providing the following services:

The *Merced County* project will closely coordinate the following services with the *Merced County Youth Council* through:

- Project staff being responsive to *Merced County Human Services Agency* for service support by *referring children that are suspected victims of child abuse/neglect to the CHAT program for assessment*;
- Regularly scheduled meetings (*monthly*) between (*CHAT Program Manager and a Council Representative*) to discuss strategies, timetables and implementation of mandated services.
 - Specifically: Discussions will focus on the percentage of WIB youth eligible for CHAT services in relation to those referred and assessed for CHAT services.
 - List specific activities that will be undertaken between the two agencies or other specifics of the agreement.
 - Cases will be reviewed to determine effectiveness of CHAT services post-treatment
 - A review of needed vis-à-vis available services and exploration of methods/processes to improve existing services and increase the number and types of services in order to meet the needs of the service delivery population

We, the undersigned, as authorized representatives of *Merced County Human Services Agency* and *Merced County Workforce Investment Board*, do hereby approve this document.

For _____ For _____

Date _____ Date _____

TO: WIB

DATE: 7/13/06

FROM: Quality Assurance Committee

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Affiliate Site Certification

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Approve the request for a two-year Affiliate Site Certification to the Los Banos Worknet Employment Resource Center.

DISCUSSION: On January 27, 2006, the Los Banos Worknet Employment Resource Center requested that the Quality Assurance Committee begin the process to certify the Center as an Affiliate One-Stop Site. During the Quality Assurance Committee's March 2006 meeting, the Center presented its formal application for certification.

A site visit took place April 28, 2006.

The Quality Assurance Committee unanimously recommends that the Workforce Investment Board grant a two-year Affiliate Site Certification to the Los Banos Worknet Employment Resource Center effective July 13, 2006.

**ATTACHMENT(S):
Application**

Worknet

**of Merced County
Employment Resource Center**

800 7th Street
Los Banos, California 93635

Application for Affiliate One-Stop Certification

March 31, 2006



**Merced County
Workforce Investment Board**



Affiliate Certification Application

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Date: _____

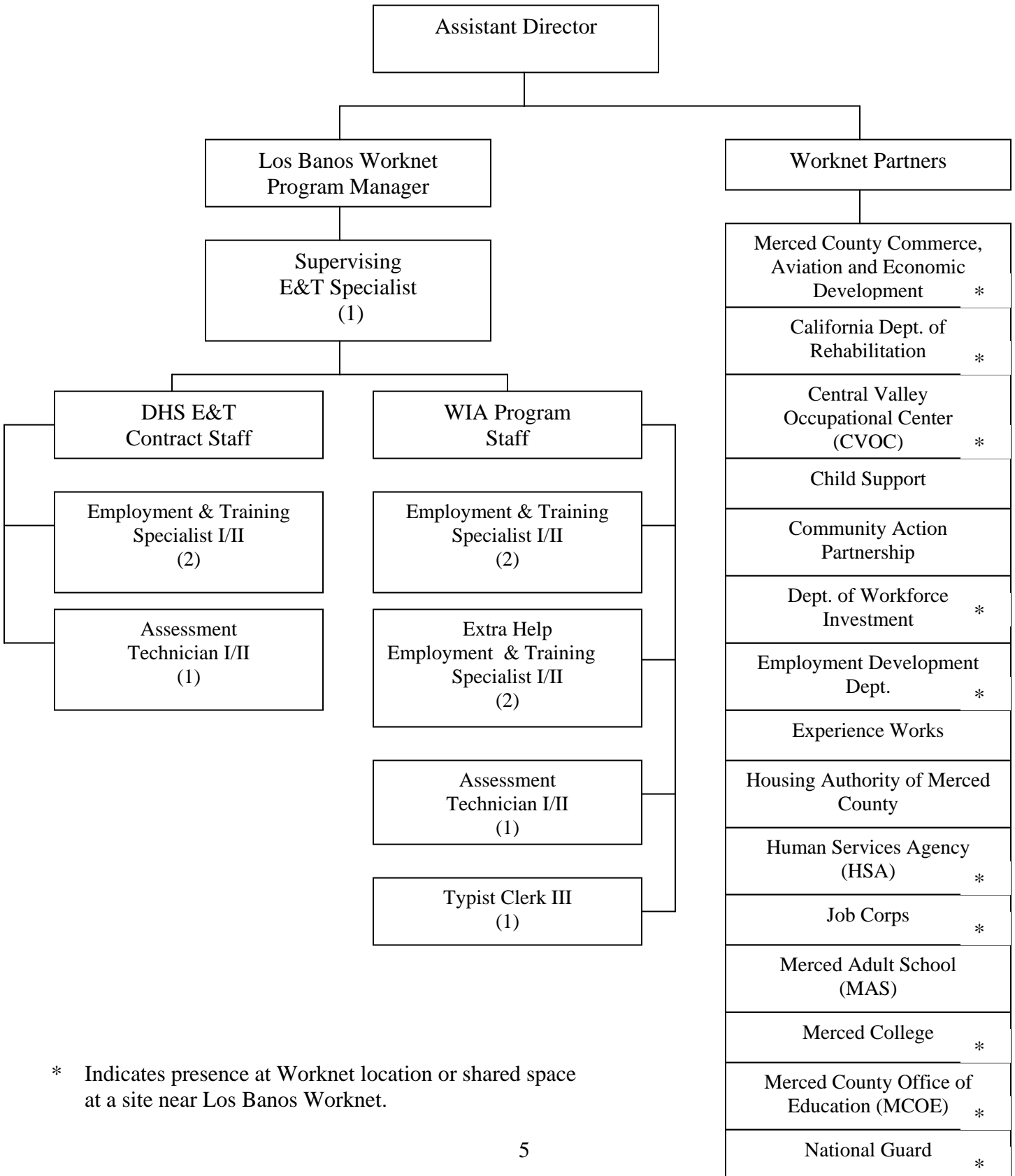
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Glossary

ADA	American with Disabilities
BOS	Board of Supervisors
DOL	Department of Labor
Dept of WI	Department of Workforce Investment
EDD	Employment Development Department
EOO	Equal Opportunity Officer
ERC	Employment Resource Center
ETPL	Eligible Training Provider List
GED	General Education Diploma
IT	Information Technology
JTPA	Job Training Partnership Act
LMI	Local Market Information
MCOE	Merced County Office of Education
MIS	Management Information System
OOR	Occupational Outlook Report
PITD	Private Industry Training Department
ROP	Regional Occupation Program
SAGE	System of Assessment and Group Evaluation
UI	Unemployment Insurance
WIA	Workforce Investment Act
WIB	Workforce Investment Board
WLT	Worknet Leadership Team
WtW	Welfare-to-Work

Worknet Organizational Chart



* Indicates presence at Worknet location or shared space at a site near Los Banos Worknet.

To members of the Quality Assurance Committee
Re: Request for Certification of the Los Banos Worknet Employment Resource Center

Introduction

Opened in 1986, the Los Banos office has grown and improved its programs and services to meet customers' and community needs. Today our official title is the Los Banos Worknet Employment Resource Center (ERC); housing a fully equipped job search resource room, a PLATO Lab and a PESCO Lab. The Los Banos Worknet ERC patterns its activities and procedures in concurrence with the comprehensive Merced Worknet Employment Resource Center.

The Los Banos Worknet Employment Resource Center has requested that the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) certify it as a Certified Affiliate One Stop. The manager has obtained approval from the members of the Worknet Leadership Team who support this request. Their approval was given at their January 2006 meeting. A subsequent request was made of the WIB Quality Assurance Committee the same month.

The WIB Quality Assurance Committee accepted the responsibility to study and evaluate the Los Banos Worknet ERC application, conduct a site visit, and make a recommendation to the WIB.

To be recommended for certification, the Los Banos Worknet ERC must receive a minimum score of 100% for the statutory requirements as listed in the Workforce Investment Act, Section 134(d)(2) of the Act.

Documenting Narrative

To be certified, the Los Banos Worknet ERC must meet the statutory requirements as listed in the Act Section cited above. The Los Banos Worknet ERC provides all 11 of the core services. This application documents the provision of those services.

1. Determination of whether individuals are eligible to receive assistance.

Eligibility determination is available for Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funded Core B, Intensive and Training Services for Adult and Dislocated Workers. Eligibility determination for other program services is also available at the Los Banos Worknet Center for partnerships and contracts. The following are examples, but not a complete listing: Merced Office of Education (MCOE), Out of School Youth services; Central Valley Opportunity Center (CVOC), Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Programs; Merced College, GED and basic education services; and Employment Development Department (EDD), Wagner Peyser funded services.

2. *Outreach, Intake and orientation to information and other services available.*

Outreach efforts to customers all over Merced County include brochures, billboards, newspaper ads, job fairs, radio announcements, flyers and posters to announce events and services available at one or all three Worknet ERC locations. Each location produces a calendar for partner and WIA events happening at the center for the month. Partners provide the Worknet ERC with brochures, flyers, and posters announcing events, which are posted on the Los Banos Worknet ERC bulletin boards. All Worknet staff have access to information binders, which collect current information about activities and services available in the community.

Intake information is gathered from customers utilizing Worknet services. Information is requested of individuals coming to Worknet for initial and subsequent visits in order to track and report customer activity, types of services used and requested, customer satisfaction, and referrals to other community services.

Orientations to the Worknet System are held twice a week, on Mondays at 4:00 pm and Wednesdays at 10:00 am. Orientations are comprehensive and include information about the Worknet System and entry information to WIA intensive and training services, as well as partners, and resources. Orientation packets are prepared and handed out at orientation. Packets have current information on partners and services, community resources and contact numbers. Partner and community agency speakers are invited to come in person to talk about their services and how to connect with them.

3. *Initial assessment of skill levels, aptitudes, abilities and support service needs.*

WIA staff perform an initial assessment of the customer's skill levels, aptitudes, abilities, and support services required. Determination is first made to discover the reason the customer is at Worknet and to clarify what services or partner is most likely to satisfy the customer's needs. Following the determination of customer needs, the individual is provided with information and referrals for assistance.

If the customer is at Worknet to look for employment rather than seeking other types of assistance, the customer is provided a tour of the Worknet ERC and is offered several options as to how Worknet may assist in job search activities. Customers may choose self services and direct their own job search, using one or more of the Worknet ERC tools such as the computers, fax, telephones, books, newspapers, or job boards. However, if the customer requests staff assistance, there are several levels of assistance or options to select from. The initial step would be to attend the orientation and assessment, which would provide invaluable information about skill levels, aptitudes, and abilities. The Los Banos Worknet ERC has various paper and pencil type assessment tools. The System of

Assessment and Group Evaluation (SAGE), Career Navigator, Job Skills Office/Industrial, PLATO and Mavis Bacon Typing Tutor are a few of the tools available.

A portfolio is opened to collect the results from the various assessments and other information completed by the customer. Types of information included in the portfolio are educational background and level, work history, a listing of transferable skills, and career exploration. Also included in the portfolio is a review of any barriers to employment the customer may have. These barriers are taken into consideration when planning for supportive service needs. Also included are the development of a personal budget and determinations for the customer's need for childcare and transportation.

4. *Job Search, placement assistance and where appropriate, career counseling.*

At the Los Banos Worknet ERC, job search assistance is provided through a combination of resources. Job boards hold announcements of open positions from state, local governments, schools, Merit System, and local businesses. Customers may use Worknet ERC computers to complete on-line applications and attach their resumes. Internet based job search listings are available and job seekers may use such sites as CalJobs, America's Job Bank, Monster.com and Central Valley Jobs.com. Customers may with staff's assistance, open e-mail accounts to obtain responses from employers. Daily newspapers with local job opportunities are also available.

Special interest boards announce on-going mini workshops on job search topics such as interviewing, resumes, and applications.

The Worknet ERC also hosts local employers and employment agency "mini job fairs". Staff and partner staff have invited new and established businesses to come to the center to meet and interview job seekers who consistently use the services. Recently, a new employer, Big 5, contacted the Los Banos Worknet to help in their recruitment and selection for 15 new employees. Although the Worknet ERC does not limit its contacts to just the local staffing services, it is the consistent choice of two particular agencies. Worknet staff have on a continuous basis, set up testing and or interviews for job seekers for these agencies with excellent results.

Career counseling for individuals as appropriate is provided by partner and WIA staff in the Worknet ERC, or by appointment with WIA Specialist staff. Representatives of EDD provide the official labor exchange job search and placement services, both through workshops and individual counseling.

- 5. Employment statistics information for local, regional and national labor market areas including job vacancy listings, information on job skills necessary to obtain the jobs described in the clause, and local information relating to local occupations in demand and the earnings and skill requirements for such occupations.***

Labor market Information (LMI) is available to job seekers and employers in many ways. Access to local, regional and national labor market information is provided through the Worknet ERC computer lab as well as at the local EDD office through their computer bank. The information is available through the Internet and accessible through the EDD, Workforce Investment Board (WIB), Worknet and Department of Workforce Investment (WI) websites.

Websites provide links to local, regional and national labor market areas. Information on job skills necessary to obtain an occupation is available through the local Occupational Outlook Report (OOR), which is on-line and in printed form. The OOR includes information on occupations in demand, earnings, skill requirements, education, experience, and benefits for such occupations. Each of the Workforce Investment Areas in California also provides similar labor market information through the OORs accessible on the EDD website. A link to another LMI resource is to America's Career Infonet that provides nationwide labor market information. America's Job Bank also provides nation-wide job listings. The Worknet ERC is always staffed to provide customers with information on how to find and use LMI resources.

- 6. Provision of performance information and program cost information on eligible providers of training services.***

Customers utilize computers in the Worknet ERC to access the Eligible Training Providers List (ETPL) on the EDD website (edd.ca.gov) or the Worknet website. Customers may search by provider, training or location. Information on program cost is also available on the website. Customers may use the Worknet ERC phone bank to call schools, or e-mail the schools to obtain any information they need but cannot find through the website. The Worknet staff also keep information given to us by the schools which includes brochures, flyers and financial and performance reports. This information is available for our customers to assist them in making training choices.

The Worknet ERC web page also has a list of the Eligible Training Providers specific to Merced County.

- 7. Provision of information regarding how the local area is performing on the local performance measures.***

Information on the Merced County Workforce Investment Area's performance in relation to local performance measures is available on the Department of

Workforce Investment's website. Utilizing computers at any of the Worknet ERC's customers may access performance information and staff are available for those who need assistance.

8. *Provision of accurate information relating to the availability of supportive services including childcare and transportation available in the local area.*

The Family Resource Council provides a Community Resource Directory that is up-dated annually. It is available on-line and in hard copy. The Resource Directory is used to provide information about county-wide community support services. These include food, general assistance, health services, homeless resources, childcare resources and referral services, transportation, human services and veteran's services. The Los Banos Worknet staff provide information and facilitate referrals for supportive services. A local brochure that summarizes the services available and most used is given out to any customers as well as included in the Worknet Orientation Packet.

The local Childcare Resource and Referral Agency provides brochures and flyers with information on programs they operate. There are also brochures that have bus routes and rates for the Merced County Regional Transit System. These and other resources are posted on the customer information bulletin boards.

9. *Information regarding filing claims for unemployment compensation.*

Unemployment Insurance (UI) Claim filing can be accomplished by utilizing the phones in the Worknet ERC or on-line using the Resource Room computers. Staff are aware of the procedure for filing UI Claims. Brochures are available with the phone number and website. The local EDD partner is also able to answer general questions that Worknet staff are unable to.

10. *Assistance in establishing eligibility for welfare-to-work and programs of Financial Aid assistance for training and education programs.*

WIA Welfare-to-Work funded programs no longer exist. Referrals are made by staff at the LB Worknet Center for all types of financial aid, scholarship and grant programs for vocational or educational schools. Staff ask customers who are seeking training to investigate as many sources of grants as are available through the vocational schools. For customers who have no other resources for general living expenses, a referral is made to the local Human Services Agency.

11. Follow-up services, including counseling regarding the workplace, for participants in the workforce investment activities who are placed in unsubsidized employment for not less than 12 months (defined as applying to WIA only).

The Department of Workforce Investment has one Follow-Up Unit that case manages customers who have entered unsubsidized employment through the exit process. Follow-up is individualized. The process is followed for 12 months after employment. The Follow-Up Unit accomplishes this service for all customers of the department's three locations. Services include counseling, supportive services to assist customers in retaining employment and referrals to partner and local community services.

TO: WIB

DATE: 7/13/06

FROM: WIB Staff

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Retreat

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Information only.

DISCUSSION: It has been 21 months since the WIB had its last retreat. Monday, July 24, 2006, the WIB will hold a retreat, 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., at the Department of Workforce Investment, 1880 West Wardrobe Avenue, Merced. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

The WIB was organized along its present committee structure in 2003. Since that time the WIB has expanded its strategic outlook, identified industry clusters to support, redefined its goals, developed Implications for Actions, and is now aligning with education, economic development and workforce housing.

The goals of this retreat are:

- Review and update the WIB's goals
- Evaluate the WIB's committee structure and redesign if needed

The retreat will be facilitated by Ms. Virginia Hamilton, Executive Director, California Workforce Association. Many of the WIB members have met her at CWA conferences.

ATTACHMENT (S):

Biography

Virginia Hamilton Biography

Virginia Hamilton is the Executive Director of the California Workforce Association (CWA), a non-profit that develops public policy strategies and builds local capacity to address critical workforce issues. The Association represents California's 50 Workforce Investment Boards, over 200 One-Stop Career Centers and other local non-profits, government, educational institutions and community based organizations involved in training, education, economic development, welfare, and employment. Ms. Hamilton developed strategic alliances with other statewide associations and has secured grants from the federal Economic Development Association, the US Department of Labor, the James Irvine, Hewlett, San Francisco and Ford Foundations.

She serves on the Board of Directors of the California Association for Local Economic Development, the National Workforce Association, the Institute for Work and the Economy, and the California Space Authority, and served on the Community Transportation Association of America Jobs project Expert Panel, Children Now's Working Families Business Advisory Committee. Ms. Hamilton has collaborated with Toffler Associates, founded by Alvin and Heidi Toffler, on developing future scenarios for workforce in California. She serves on numerous panels, task forces, and boards related to workforce policy, welfare reform, and employment, training and education issues.

Prior to CWA, Ms. Hamilton was Chief of the Office of Workforce Policy at the State Employment Development Department. There, she was responsible for planning and implementing the One-Stop career center system in California, and for the administration of State and federal workforce programs. Ms. Hamilton has 20 years of experience in workforce, welfare-to-work, economic development, and related public policy areas. She is also trained as a master facilitator, and facilitates groups using participatory methods. She is a native of New York City and lives in Sacramento, California.

TO: WIB

DATE: 7/13/06

FROM: WIB Staff

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Program Year (PY) 2006-07 Allocations and Planning Estimates

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Information only.

DISCUSSION: Allocation information for PY 2006-07 has been received approximately one month late, and is not yet in final figures. The Dept of Labor (DOL) allocated funds to the states based on guidelines issued under Training & Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) No. 25-05. The TEGL states that computation of the full state allotments for the Adult and Youth programs have been delayed while states identify their Areas of Substantial Unemployment (ASU) data for PY 2006-07.

Because of the lack of ASU data, the states were told they would initially receive allotments for the Adult and Youth programs based on the minimum amounts a state would be guaranteed under the WIA formula. Funding to states for the Dislocated Worker (DW) program will reflect the full year's allotment.

The State has figured our local allocation using similar provisions. Once all the states have submitted revised ASU data, and the data is certified, DOL will issue the remainder of the formula funds. The State will then revise the allocation to the local Workforce Investment Areas. No dates have been forecast. The State has made it clear that negative as well as positive adjustments may be required once the final computations are made.

PY 2006-07 Allotments and Planning Estimates

Youth funds have been received as an allocation through Master Subgrant Agreement R760332. Rapid Response funding has been forecast and should not change. Both Youth and Adult funding are now being referred to by the Employment Development Dept as Planning Estimates.

PY 2006-07 Allocations/Planning Estimates

Program	2006-07 Allocation/PE	2005-06 Allocation	% Change
Adult	\$1,296,055	1,648,659	- 21.4%
Youth	1,407,379	1,805,052	- 22%
Rapid Response	278,173	211,238	+ 31.7

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TO: WIB

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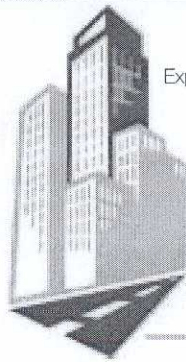
SUBJECT: Article – Workforce Training Is Key Location Factor

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Information only.

DISCUSSION: The following article from the April 2006 Expansion Management Magazine’s newsletter “Inside E.D.” discusses the impact and importance of workforce training on economic development.

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WORK FORCE TRAINING IS KEY LOCATION FACTOR

States must be ready to assist companies train their employees.

By Ken Krizner, Managing Editor

IN A WORLD WHERE THE TIME TO GET A RETURN ON INVESTMENT is practically non-existent, the ability to have a well-trained work force that knows how to handle the task at hand from the beginning and not experience the inevitable missteps that come with on-the-job training is more than just a luxury. It is a necessity for companies competing in the global economy.

That puts the onus on work force training before the new plant is in operations. When companies are looking for a new site for their facility, whether that is in their current city or state, or in another state, they want to know what's available in terms of work force training programs.

Work force training could be the deciding factor when a company is down to its final list of potential location for its new facility.

"One of the first questions companies ask when they consider locating or expanding a facility is about the quality of the work force," said Jackie Rohosky, assistant commissioner for economic development programs for the Georgia Department of Technical and Adult Education (DTAE). "They all recognize that a skilled, dedicated work force can make the difference between success and failure."

That's why states put such a premium on work force training programs, sometimes administered by a state agency or sometimes administered by community and technical colleges.

Each state offers a work force training program. Eligibility rules vary, as does the cost to employees, funding restrictions and wage requirements. Many states offer multiple programs — some to retain companies already located there and some to attract new companies.

"We place a premium on work force training because, first, a skilled work force is what brings business to Georgia and keeps it here," Rohosky said. "Second, work force training is important to maintaining the quality of life in Georgia by making

sure our citizens have the skills that are in demand by industry in the 21st century."

Successful work force training programs are two-way streets between the state and company. Georgia's Quick Start takes that approach with companies that are considering an expansion project in the Peach Tree State.

Quick Start customizes its training program to the needs of individual companies. To help with training, DTAE has developed four certification programs that prepare Georgia's work force in the areas of customer service, manufacturing, warehouse and distribution, and construction-related occupations. The cost is picked up by the state of Georgia.

Once the initial training is complete, the 34 colleges in Georgia's Technical College System are available to provide ongoing, customized training support.

Collaboration between a client-company and Quick Start enables it to design, develop and deliver training that is customized to the specific needs of each company. That was the case when Perkins-Shibaura, which assembles diesel engines, announced that it was locating a plant in Griffin, Ga.

"Our team traveled to Great Britain, observed and documented the manufacturing processes that it would be transferring to the plant in Georgia, and then returned to develop the customized training materials," Rohosky said. "The company then provided Quick Start with sample engines, which we used as models to develop detailed assembly instructions."

Following this approach, employees of Perkins-Shibaura in Griffin were trained and ready to go to work as soon as the plant was operational.

There is a very similar approach in Alabama, where Alabama Industrial Training (AIDT) has helped in the

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maturation of the state's manufacturing and high-tech industries.

AIDT designs a work force training program. Most of the training is done at the company site. But if that's not possible, AIDT has 34 mobile work force training units equipped with what's needed for a particular job function. The cost is picked up by the state.

AIDT finds a pool of workers from which companies can choose from if they are locating in Alabama. The organization recruits and assesses potential employees on the pre-employment side, and trains them once they are hired.

"We put the most qualified people in the job category we're trying to hire for," said Ed Castile, director of AIDT. "We are guaranteeing the company we can deliver those qualified people.

The company makes the decision on whom to hire. We provide a pool of potential employees."

Castile said more companies need employees who can think and problem-solve, as well as make decisions that will enhance production.

"There are a lot more skills needed than just a few years ago," he said. "There is also more of a burden on the system that supplies those workers to deliver a trainable employee."

That type of worker will continue to be in demand across the country as the offshore migration of labor-intensive manufacturing jobs continues to occur.

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WORK FORCE FACTS

RANKING SPOTLIGHTS STATES WITH GOOD WORK ENVIRONMENTS

DELAWARE SCORED TOPS AMONG STATES IN ITS WORKING ENVIRONMENT, reported the Political Economy Research Institute (PERI), in its Work Environment Index (WEI). Other states with high WEI rankings included New Hampshire, Minnesota, Vermont and Iowa. States with the lowest WEI rankings were Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Utah, South Carolina and Mississippi.

Each state received a ranking on a scale of 1 to 100 in three categories: job opportunities, job quality and work place fairness. These rankings were then averaged out to determine the state's total score. Delaware received a score of 89, while Louisiana, at the bottom, received 31 points.

Unemployment rates, average wage per job and pay equity between men and women were some of the measures used to develop the WEI. Also considered were whether states have right-to-work provisions and the proportion of workers who receive health and retirement benefits.

One goal of the WEI was to determine whether states that provide a decent work environment end up paying a penalty in slower economic growth. The answer is no, said Robert Pollin, co-director of PERI.

"We found that having a good work environment does not correlate negatively with economic growth, job growth or new business startups," he said. "States that rank high on our index do at least as well, if not somewhat better, in terms of these indicators of business climate. This means that states can try to develop both as good places for workers and good places for business."

The WEI research discovered a strong relationship between good working environments and low poverty rates across states.

"This finding will be particularly

interesting for economic development directors as they think about what factors may contribute to strong regional economic growth and vibrancy," said Jeannette Wicks-Lim, a research fellow at PERI.

For more information, access <http://www.umass.edu/peri/>.

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STATES THAT SCORE WELL IN WORK ENVIRONMENT

Rankings	State	Job Opportunities Rank & Score	Job Quality Rank & Score	Workplace Fairness Rank & Score	Overall Score
1	Delaware	6 (85.2)	2 (89.6)	3 (93.2)	89
2	New Hampshire	4 (89.8)	7 (77.6)	16 (74.1)	81
3	Minnesota	21 (62.0)	1 (100.0)	13 (79.4)	80
4	Vermont	5 (85.9)	36 (46.0)	1 (100.0)	77
5	Iowa	11 (78.5)	6 (82.0)	30 (57.3)	73
6	Connecticut	36 (49.3)	4 (87.1)	14 (79.3)	72
7	Indiana	24 (61.0)	11 (72.0)	12 (80.0)	71
7	Nebraska	7 (83.3)	15 (68.1)	28 (61.0)	71
7	Wisconsin	29 (56.2)	8 (76.6)	11 (81.7)	71
10	South Dakota	2 (94.4)	25 (54.2)	29 (60.8)	70
11	North Dakota	1 (100.0)	18 (64.0)	33 (42.2)	69
12	Maine	18 (64.7)	29 (49.1)	4 (91.7)	68
12	Pennsylvania	28 (56.8)	10 (74.3)	16 (74.1)	68
12	Rhode Island	31 (55.4)	21 (58.3)	5 (90.4)	68
15	New Jersey	23 (61.3)	13 (70.5)	19 (70.4)	67
16	Kentucky	17 (65.5)	16 (67.2)	24 (66.6)	66
16	Missouri	37 (48.9)	5 (85.2)	26 (63.8)	66
18	Hawaii	9 (80.5)	32 (48.2)	25 (65.0)	65
18	Massachusetts	25 (60.7)	27 (52.4)	10 (82.5)	65
20	Maryland	10 (80.0)	39 (40.0)	20 (69.7)	63

Several ties in this ranking. Source: Political Economy Research Institute at the University of Massachusetts Amherst

TO: WIB

DATE: 7/13/06

FROM: WIB Staff

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SUBJECT: Implications for Action

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Information only.

DISCUSSION: Education – The P-16 Council is presently contracting with Department of Workforce Investment to design and maintain website for the Council’s activities and meetings. The site will be readily available to all Workforce Investment Board (WIB) members.

Economic Development – Mr. Scott Galbraith, Executive Director of Merced County Economic Development Corporation, has recently resigned from the WIB due to personal reasons. WIB staff will be working with MCEDCO to reestablish a MCEDCO presence on the WIB.

Workforce Housing – The Workforce Housing Taskforce traveled to Ripon on May 3rd for a personal look at Ripon’s below market rate housing policy. All who attended were impressed. Ripon has 10% of its housing categorized as “below market rate”, and it was difficult to distinguish from market rate housing. The lessons learned will be integrated into the Taskforce’s recommendations for community inclusionary housing.

ATTACHMENT (S): N/A

TO: WIB

DATE: 7/13/06

FROM: WIB Staff

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SUBJECT: Congressman Cardoza Advocacy letter

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Information only.

DISCUSSION: On June 18, 2006, the National Association of Workforce Board issued a Workforce Alert concerning the House Appropriations Committee's decision to rescind \$325 million in FY 2006, to be taken from WIA system carryover. Local Workforce Investment Areas were urged to contact their representatives urging opposition to the proposed rescission.

It was our intention to inform Congressman Cardoza that Merced did not have large amounts of carryover dollars, and to quantify the impact on our program if carryover dollars are lost. The attached letter was delivered to Congressman Cardoza's office on June 20, 2006.

**ATTACHMENT (S):
Advocacy Letter**



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June 20, 2006

The Honorable Dennis Cardoza
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Dear Congressman Cardoza,

The Merced County Local Workforce Investment Area strongly opposes the House Appropriations Committee's proposal to rescind \$325,000,000 from WIA system carryover in FY 2006. The incorrect assumption that funding reductions would not impact the WIA system is invalid for Merced County. We have spent our dollars and do not have large carryover amounts. Our carryover projected for FY 2006/07 is minimal, only 15% of our total available funding (\$735,515 carryover/- \$4,799,201 available) and is needed to fund services in the first quarter of FY 2006/07.

Carryover funding is an intentional strategy built into WIA to assure proper and consistent operation of the workforce system. We estimate that if carryover funds are lost:

- 569 Merced County job seekers would not be served,
- 165 participants presently enrolled would not be served,
- 88 youth would no longer receive services, and
- Although incalculable, there would be a negative impact on services to business.

Please, do not support any proposed FY 06 WIA budget rescission.

Sincerely,

Joanne Presnell
Assistant Director

TO: WIB

DATE: 7/13/06

FROM: WIB Staff

For Action

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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

TO: WIB

DATE: 7/13/06

FROM: WIB Staff

For Action

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SUBJECT: Responsible Fatherhood Activities Grant

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Information only.

DISCUSSION: The Department of Workforce Investment, in collaboration with the Department of Child Support Services, has submitted a proposal to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Family Assistance, for grant funding to support Responsible Fatherhood activities.

\$250,000 over 5 years is being requested, and will be used to provide employment services and training for noncustodial fathers who are connected to child support. The grant will also provide for parenting workshops. Up to 52 grants will be awarded. Proposals were due July 3, 2006. No award dates have been announced.

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TO: WIB

DATE: 7/13/06

FROM: WIB Staff

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SUBJECT: Funding Request to Employment Development Dept (EDD)

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Information only.

DISCUSSION: The Department of Workforce Investment has recently submitted a request to the State for additional WIA funding to address the expansion of Quebecor World, Merced, of 200 jobs from March to December 2006. The request is for \$250,000, and it will be used to serve 40 individuals. The expansion is in an area of high wage, high growth economic development opportunity for Merced County.

Quebecor is investing \$100,000,000 in new equipment in Merced, and expanding its workforce by 200 employees. Dept of Workforce Investment is helping with the hiring and funding on-the-job trainings for Ink Jet Operators at \$14.97 per hour, Stackers at \$9.47 per hour, Material Handlers at \$10.97 per hour and General Workers at \$9.19–9.49 per hour.

To date, Workforce Investment has been working with Quebecor to handle the first phase of a six-phase expansion. WI has been able to accomplish three short-term upgrade On-the-Job-Trainings (OJTs), 15 new hire OJTs and 11 direct hires. Unfortunately, because of limited funding, WI has had to pass up OJTs for 6 Material Handlers and 15 General Workers. The money requested will allow for these kinds of additional OJTs. The request to EDD emphasized that securing the funding quickly is of vital importance, and that timing is critical as the employer is moving ahead and is hiring and training as the new equipment and lines are being installed.

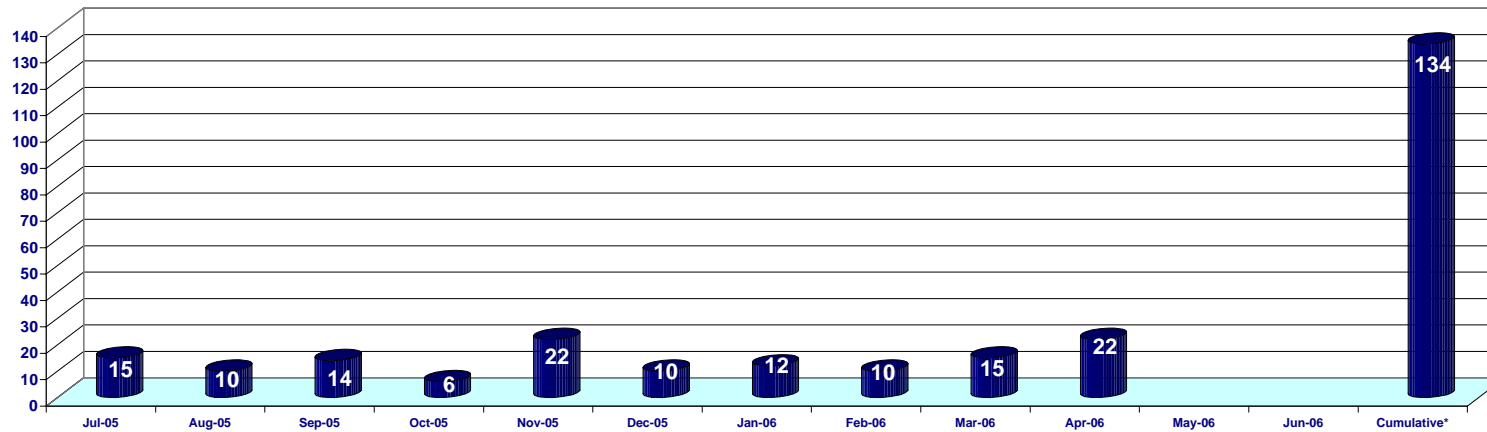
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WIA PARTICIPANT SUMMARY REPORT - ADULT
PY 2005/2006
Report Range 07/2005 to 04/2006

	ADULT												Cumulative*	Part. Plan PY 04/06	% of Plan Attained
	Jul-05	Aug-05	Sep-05	Oct-05	Nov-05	Dec-05	Jan-06	Feb-06	Mar-06	Apr-06	May-06	Jun-06			
Total Participants	188	198	212	187	209	219	208	225	256	250			307	317	96.8%
Participants Carried In	173	188	198	181	187	209	201	215	241	228			173	223	77.6%
New Participants Entering Grant	15	10	14	6	22	10	12	10	15	22			134	94	142.6%
Total Participants Exiting WI			31			20			36				87	133	65.4%
Entered Unsubsidized Employment			20			16			22				58	98	59.2%
Training Related			15			5			11				31	63	49.2%
Entered Military Service			0			0			0				0		
Entered Qualified Apprenticeship Program			0			0			0				0		
Entered Post-Secondary Education			0			0			0				0		
Entered Advanced Training			0			0			0				0		
Attained Recognized Certificate/Diploma/Degree			18			8			14				40		
Attained High School Diploma/GED			0			0			0				0		
Returned to Secondary School (Youth Only)			0			0			0				0		
Exits Excluded from Performance			2			0			1				3		
Other Exits			27			17			26				70	79	88.6%

Program Activities/Services Summary	Enrolled												Cumulative*	Part. Plan PY 04/06	% of Plan Attained
	Jul-05	Aug-05	Sep-05	Oct-05	Nov-05	Dec-05	Jan-06	Feb-06	Mar-06	Apr-06	May-06	Jun-06			
Core Services (Registered)	188	198	212	187	209	219	150	225	256	248			307	317	96.8%
Intensive Services	172	181	194	172	193	202	123	208	230	206			274	170	161.2%
Training Services	76	90	99	89	97	105	64	117	126	115			143	100	143.0%
Youth Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0		
Concurrent Program Participants	10	12	14	13	14	14	9	18	29	38			32		
Individual Training Accounts	5	5	5	5	5	5	2	5	5	4			5		
Goals Set (Younger Youth Only)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0		

WIA Participant Summary - Adult
New Participants Entering Grant
PY 2005/06



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WIA PARTICIPANT SUMMARY REPORT - DISLOCATED WORKER

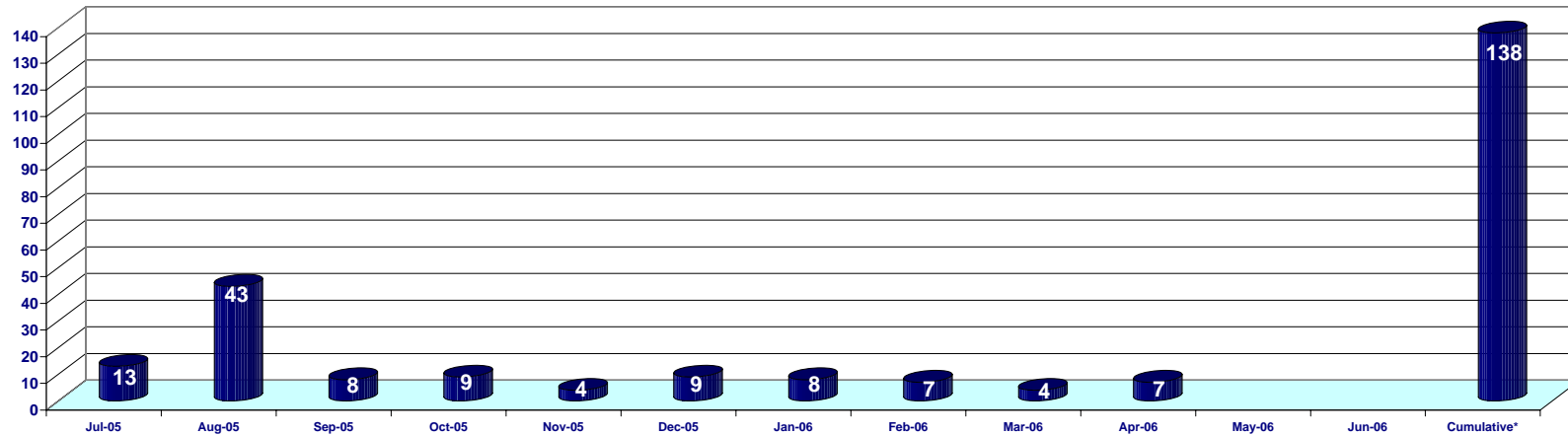
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Report Range 07/2005 to 04/2006

	DISLOCATED WORKER												Cumulative*	Part. Plan PY 04/05	% of Plan Attained
	Jul-05	Aug-05	Sep-05	Oct-05	Nov-05	Dec-05	Jan-06	Feb-06	Mar-06	Apr-06	May-06	Jun-06			
Total Participants	135	178	186	179	183	192	190	211	221	188			260	224	116.1%
Participants Carried In	122	135	176	170	179	183	182	204	217	181			122	161	75.8%
New Participants Entering Grant	13	43	8	9	4	9	8	7	4	7			138	63	219.0%
Total Participants Exiting WI			16			12			44				72	72	100.0%
Entered Unsubsidized Employment			14			11			35				60	54	111.1%
Training Related			9			5			12				26	28	92.9%
Entered Military Service			0			0			0				0		
Entered Qualified Apprenticeship Program			0			0			0				0		
Entered Post-Secondary Education			0			0			0				0		
Entered Advanced Training			0			0			0				0		
Attained Recognized Certificate/Diploma/Degree			11			5			16				32		
Attained High School Diploma/GED			0			0			0				0		
Returned to Secondary School (Youth Only)			0			0			0				0		
Exits Excluded from Performance			0			0			0				0		
Other Exits			15			11			40				66	55	120.0%

Program Activities/Services Summary	Enrolled												Cumulative*	Part. Plan PY 04/05	% of Plan Attained
	Jul-05	Aug-05	Sep-05	Oct-05	Nov-05	Dec-05	Jan-06	Feb-06	Mar-06	Apr-06	May-06	Jun-06			
Core Services (Registered)	135	178	186	183	183	192	190	211	220	187			259	224	115.6%
Intensive Services	117	156	163	160	160	169	172	184	194	165			229	154	148.7%
Training Services	48	49	51	46	46	47	54	58	65	59			82	84	97.6%
Youth Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0		
Concurrent Program Participants	18	53	57	65	65	68	65	76	78	75			85		
Individual Training Accounts	7	7	7	6	6	6	7	7	7	5			8		
Goals Set (Younger Youth Only)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0		

WIA Participant Summary - Dislocated Worker
New Participants Entering Grant
PY 2005/06



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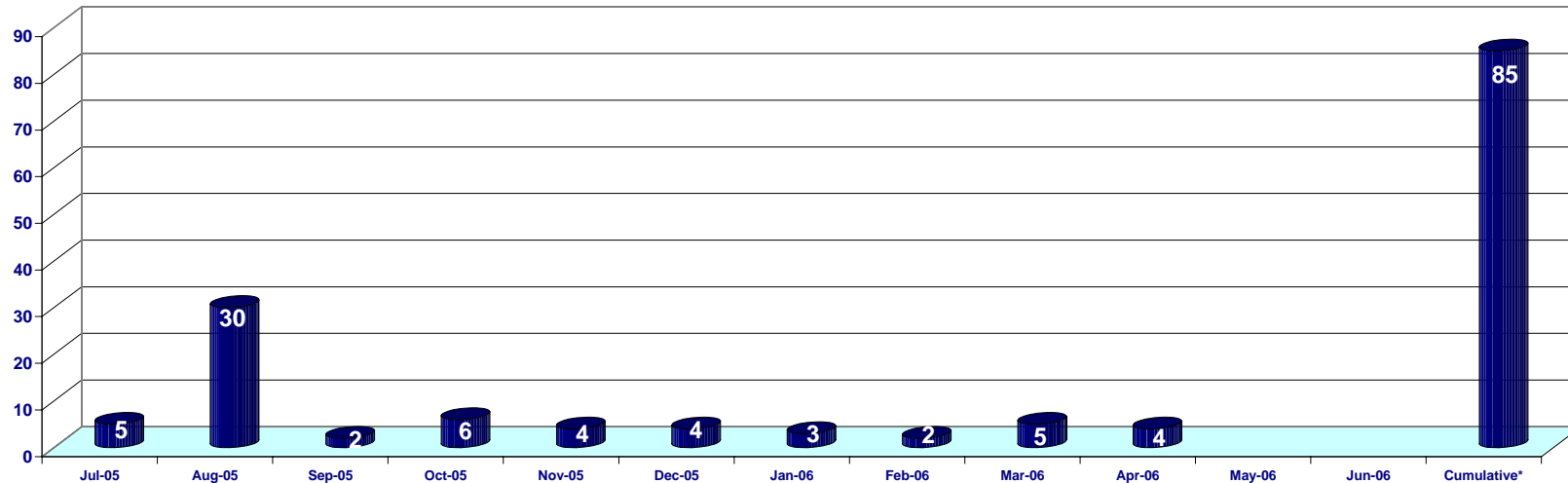
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WIA PARTICIPANT SUMMARY REPORT - DISLOCATED WORKER AUGMENTATION
PY 2005/2006
Report Range 07/2005 to 04/2006

	DISLOCATED WORKER AUGMENTATION												Cumulative*
	Jul-05	Aug-05	Sep-05	Oct-05	Nov-05	Dec-05	Jan-06	Feb-06	Mar-06	Apr-06	May-06	Jun-06	
Total Participants	5	35	37	43	47	51	55	69	79	80			85
Participants Carried In	0	5	35	37	43	47	52	67	74	76			0
New Participants Entering Grant	5	30	2	6	4	4	3	2	5	4			85
Total Participants Exiting WI						1			4				5
Entered Unsubsidized Employment						1			4				5
Training Related									2				2
Entered Military Service													0
Entered Qualified Apprenticeship Program													0
Entered Post-Secondary Education													0
Entered Advanced Training													0
Attained Recognized Certificate/Diploma/Degree									2				2
Attained High School Diploma/GED													0
Returned to Secondary School (Youth Only)													0
Exits Excluded from Performance													0
Other Exits						1			4				5

Program Activities/Services Summary	Enrolled												Cumulative*
	Jul-05	Aug-05	Sep-05	Oct-05	Nov-05	Dec-05	Jan-06	Feb-06	Mar-06	Apr-06	May-06	Jun-06	
Core Services (Registered)	5	34	36	41	42	44	46	61	70	72			76
Intensive Services	5	3	35	40	41	43	45	49	57	60			63
Training Services									4	10			10
Youth Services									0	0			0
Concurrent Program Participants	5	34	36	42	45	49	51	63	67	64			69
Individual Training Accounts									0	0			0
Goals Set (Younger Youth Only)									0	0			0

WIA Participant Summary - Dislocated Worker Augmentation
New Participants Entering Grant
PY 2005/2006



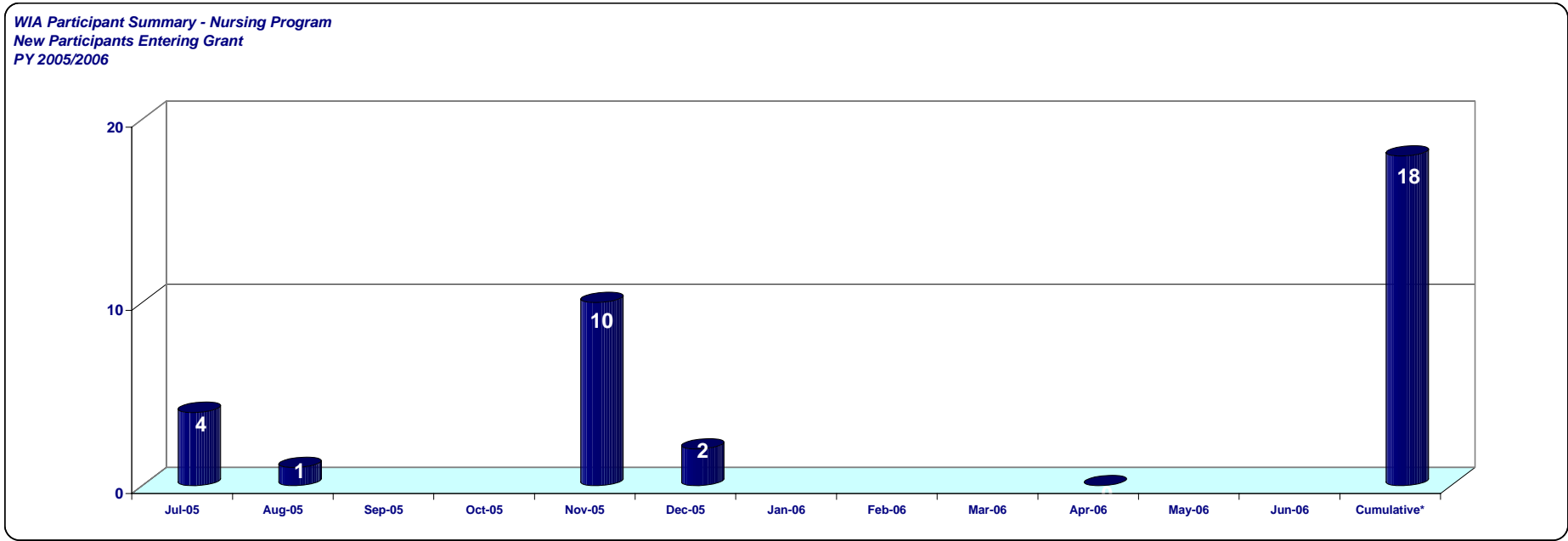
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WIA PARTICIPANT SUMMARY REPORT - Nursing Program
PY 2005/2006
Report Range 07/2005 to 04/2006

	Nursing Program												
	Jul-05	Aug-05	Sep-05	Oct-05	Nov-05	Dec-05	Jan-06	Feb-06	Mar-06	Apr-06	May-06	Jun-06	Cumulative*
Total Participants	30	31	31	31	41	43	44	44	44	44			44
Participants Carried In	26	30	31	31	31	41	44	44	44	44			26
New Participants Entering Grant	4	1			10	2				0			18
Total Participants Exiting WI													
Entered Unsubsidized Employment													
Training Related													
Entered Military Service													
Entered Qualified Apprenticeship Program													
Entered Post-Secondary Education													
Entered Advanced Training													
Attained Recognized Certificate/Diploma/Degree													
Attained High School Diploma/GED													
Returned to Secondary School (Youth Only)													
Exits Excluded from Performance													
Other Exits													

Program Activities/Services Summary	Enrolled												
	Jul-05	Aug-05	Sep-05	Oct-05	Nov-05	Dec-05	Jan-06	Feb-06	Mar-06	Apr-06	May-06	Jun-06	Cumulative*
Core Services (Registered)	10	11	11	11	21	22	23	25	25	25			25
Intensive Services	27	28	28	28	38	39	40	40	40	40			40
Training Services	18	22	22	22	24	27	29	29	29	29			29
Youth Services													0
Concurrent Program Participants	5	5	5	5	5	5	6	6	6	6			6
Individual Training Accounts													0
Goals Set (Younger Youth Only)													



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WIA PARTICIPANT SUMMARY REPORT - OLDER YOUTH

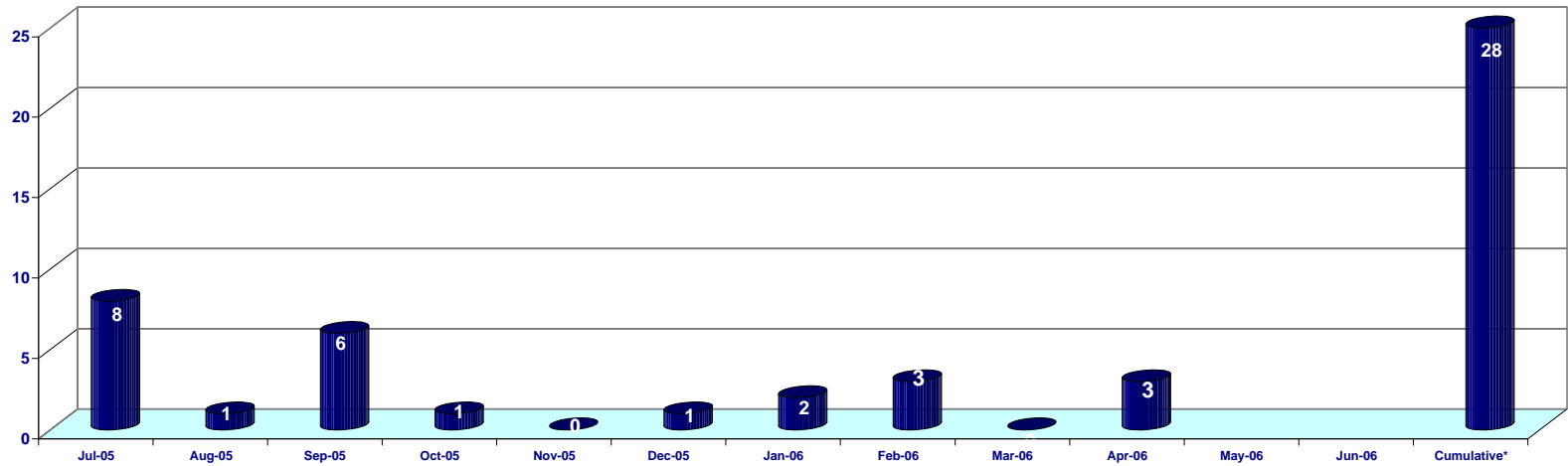
PY 2005/2006

Report Range 07/2005 to 04/2006

	OLDER YOUTH												Cumulative*	Part. Plan PY 05/06	% of Plan Attained
	Jul-05	Aug-05	Sep-05	Oct-05	Nov-05	Dec-05	Jan-06	Feb-06	Mar-06	Apr-06	May-06	Jun-06			
Total Participants	164	165	171	159	159	160	154	151	151	143			184	413	44.6%
Participants Carried In	156	164	165	158	159	159	152	148	151	140			156	378	41.3%
New Participants Entering Grant	8	1	6	1	0	1	2	3	0	3			28	35	80.0%
Total Participants Exiting WI			13			11			16				41	40	102.5%
Entered Unsubsidized Employment			12			6			8				27	33	81.8%
Training Related			7			3			3				13	15	86.7%
Entered Military Service						1			1				2		
Entered Qualified Apprenticeship Program						0			0				0		
Entered Post-Secondary Education						2			2				4	1	400.0%
Entered Advanced Training						1			0				1		
Attained Recognized Certificate/Diploma/Degree			10			7			10				27	10	270.0%
Attained High School Diploma/GED						1			3				4		
Returned to Secondary School (Youth Only)						0			0				0		
Exits Excluded from Performance						1			0				1		
Other Exits			13			10			16				40	15	266.7%

Program Activities/Services Summary	Enrolled												Cumulative*	Part. Plan PY 05/06	% of Plan Attained	
	Jul-05	Aug-05	Sep-05	Oct-05	Nov-05	Dec-05	Jan-06	Feb-06	Mar-06	Apr-06	May-06	Jun-06				
Core Services (Registered)																
Intensive Services	139	139	145	135	136	137	131	131	131	123			156			
Training Services	113	114	117	110	110	110	106	106	105	98			126			
Youth Services	159	160	166	154	154	155	149	147	147	141			176			
Concurrent Program Participants	65	65	70	64	64	65	63	61	61	59			76			
Individual Training Accounts																
Goals Set (Younger Youth Only)																

WIA Participant Summary - OLDER YOUTH
New Participants Entering Grant
PY 2005/2006



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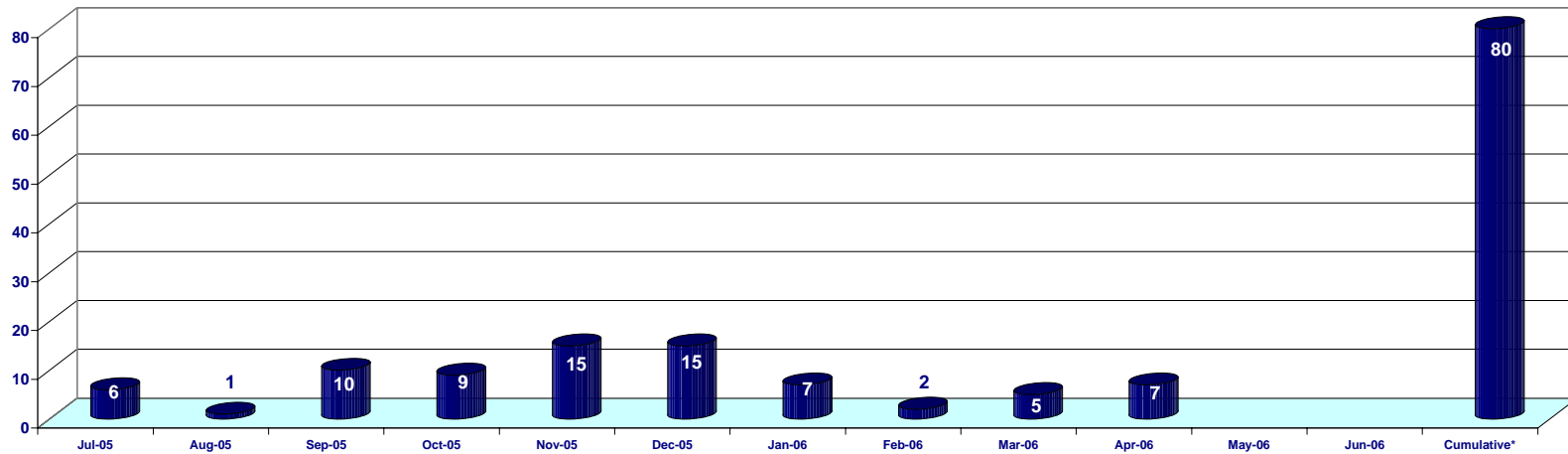
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WIA PARTICIPANT SUMMARY REPORT - YOUNGER YOUTH
PY 2005/2006
Report Range 07/2005 to 04/2006

	Younger Youth												Part. Plan PY 05/06	% of Plan Attained	
	Jul-05	Aug-05	Sep-05	Oct-05	Nov-05	Dec-05	Jan-06	Feb-06	Mar-06	Apr-06	May-06	Jun-06			Cumulative*
Total Participants	583	584	594	477	492	508	498	494	500	494			657	834	78.8%
Participants Carried In	577	583	584	468	477	493	491	492	495	487			577	819	70.5%
New Participants Entering Grant	6	1	10	9	15	15	7	2	5	7			80	15	533.3%
Total Participants Exiting WI			126			24			13				163	215	75.8%
Entered Unsubsidized Employment			15			11			3				29	80	36.3%
Training Related			19			7			1				27	20	135.0%
Entered Military Service			0			0			0				0	8	0.0%
Entered Qualified Apprenticeship Program			0			0			0				0		
Entered Post-Secondary Education			70			4			3				77	130	59.2%
Entered Advanced Training			2			1			0				3	5	60.0%
Attained Recognized Certificate/Diploma/Degree			110			17			9				136		
Attained High School Diploma/GED			108			12			6				126	150	84.0%
Returned to Secondary School (Youth Only)			9			2			3				14	15	93.3%
Exits Excluded from Performance			1			1			0				2		
Other Exits			124			23			13				160	26	615.4%

Program Activities/Services Summary	Enrolled												Cumulative*	Part. Plan	% of Plan	
	Jul-05	Aug-05	Sep-05	Oct-05	Nov-05	Dec-05	Jan-06	Feb-06	Mar-06	Apr-06	May-06	Jun-06				
Core Services (Registered)	0	0	0	1	1	0	1									
Intensive Services	97	99	103	96	96	100	96	95	96	91			113			
Training Services	79	79	83	77	79	79	76	74	74	67			86			
Youth Services	582	584	594	477	505	508	498	494	500	494			657			
Concurrent Program Participants	374	375	385	305	323	325	318	317	319	309			426			
Individual Training Accounts						0							0			
Goals Set (Younger Youth Only)	12	17	38	48	31	58	55	127	52	36			476	389	122.4%	

WIA Participant Summary - Younger Youth
New Participants Entering Grant
PY 2005/2006



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WIA PARTICIPANT SUMMARY REPORT - Activities

Source: State JTA, Extraction Date: 5/21/2006

Ref Code	Description	Adult		Youth		Dislocated Worker		Totals		Grand Total
		New	Carry Over	New	Carry Over	New	Carry Over	New	Carry Over	
CORE B	10 FOLLOW UP SRVCS CNSLNG	51	18			66	33	117	51	168
	11 STAFF ASSIST JOB DEVELOP	5	2			3	4	8	6	14
	12 STAFF ASSIST JOB REFER	23	5			9	11	32	16	48
	13 STAFF ASSIST JOB SRCH	25	29			24	25	49	54	103
	14 STAFF ASSIST WRKSHP	5						5		5
	15 OTHER CORE SERVICES	7	1			10	2	17	3	20
	16 NON WIA FUNDED SERVICES									
	17 CO-ENROLLED CORE SERVICES									
20 HURRICANE KATRINA										
INTENSIVE	30 CASE MGMNT FOR PARTIC	82	70	36	170	100	40	218	280	498
	31 COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMNTS	5				9	2	14	2	16
	32 DEVELOP INDIV EMPL PLAN	18	1		1	12		30	2	32
	33 GROUP COUNSELING									
	34 EMPL EXPERIENCE			7	16			7	16	23
	35 INDIV CNSLNG CAREER PLAN									
	36 OUT OF AREA JOB SEARCH									
	37 RELOCATION EXPENSES									
	38 SHORT TERM PREVOC SRVCS									
	39 INTERNSHIPS									
	40 OTHER INTENSIVE SRVCS	2	2				3	2	5	7
41 NONWIA FUND INTENS SRVCS										
TRAINING	42 CO-ENROLLED INTENSIVE SRVCS									
	50 ADULT EDUCATION			2	24			2	24	26
	51 CUSTOMIZED TRAINING		1						1	1
	52 ENTREPRENEURIAL TRAINING									
	53 JOB READINESS TRAINING			4	2			4	2	6
	54 OCCUP SKILLS TRAINING	20	27	15	54	11	4	46	85	131
	55 ON THE JOB TRAINING	23			1	8		31	1	32
	56 PRIVATE SECTOR TRAINING									
	57 SKILL UPGRADNG RETRNG									
	58 WRKPLCE TRNG AND COOP ED									
59 OTHER TRAINING SRVCS										
60 NON-WIA FUNDED TRNG SRVCS	24	19			15	3	39	22	61	
YOUTH	61 CO-ENROLLED TRAINING SRVCS									
	70 SUMMER RELATED			1	2			1	2	3
	71 EDUCATNL ACHVMNT SRVCS			111	440			111	440	551
	72 EMPLOYMENT SERVICES			42	149			42	149	191
	73 CITIZEN LEADERSHIP SRVCS									
	74 OTHER YOUTH SERVICES									
75 NONWIA FUNDED YOUTH SRVCS										
MISC.	76 CO-ENROLLED YOUTH SRVCS									
	80 OTHER JTPA									
	81 SUPPORTIVE SERVICES	131	59		12	103	29	234	100	334
	82 NEEDS RELATED PAYMENT									
	83 BREAK IN SERVICE						1		1	1
	84 NON-WIA FUNDED MISC									
	85 CO-ENROLLED MISCELLANEOUS									
	86 BRK IN SERV - HEALTH/MED									
TOTAL		421	234	218	871	370	157	1009	1262	2271

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WIA PARTICIPANT CHARACTERISTICS SUMMARY
 Report Period: 7/2005 to 04/2006

	ENROLLED											
	ADULT		DISLOCATED WORKER		DW AUGMEN		NURSING PROGRAM		OLDER YOUTH		YOUNGER YOUTH	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total	337	100.0%	260	100.0%	85	100.0%	44	100.0%	184	100.0%	657	100.0%
Female	245	72.7%	168	64.6%	70	82.4%	35	79.5%	131	71.2%	350	53.3%
Male	92	27.3%	92	35.4%	15	17.6%	9	20.5%	53	28.8%	307	46.7%
Age												
14-18	5	1.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	2.3%	0	0.0%	657	100.0%
19-21	46	13.6%	5	1.9%	0	0.0%	5	11.4%	184	100.0%	0	0.0%
22-29	113	33.5%	51	19.6%	6	7.1%	16	36.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
30-44	120	35.6%	107	41.2%	38	44.7%	19	43.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
45-54	42	12.5%	70	26.9%	28	32.9%	3	6.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
88-61	40	11.9%	23	8.8%	11	12.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
62-64	1	0.3%	2	0.8%	1	1.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
65 and over	0	0.0%	2	0.8%	1	1.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Race/Ethnicity												
American Indian / Alaskan Native	6	1.8%	10		3		0		2		8	
Asian	30	8.9%	18	6.9%	8	9.4%	2	4.5%	28	15.2%	131	19.9%
Black / African American	24	7.1%	18	6.9%	9	10.6%	1	2.3%	14	7.6%	52	7.9%
Hawaiian Native Other Pacific Islander	12	3.6%	7	2.7%	1	1.2%	0	0.0%	1	0.5%	4	0.6%
White	117	34.7%	85	32.7%	22	25.9%	26	59.1%	23	12.5%	104	15.8%
Ethnicity Hispanic or Latino	155	46.0%	135	51.9%	45	52.9%	16	36.4%	118	64.1%	338	51.4%
Labor Force Status												
Employed	145	43.0%	14	5.4%	1	1.2%	25	56.8%	30	16.3%	25	3.8%
Unemployed	192	57.0%	246	94.6%	84	98.8%	19	43.2%	154	83.7%	632	96.2%
UI Claimant	32	9.5%	205	78.8%	73	85.9%	2	4.5%	3	1.6%	1	0.2%
UI Exhaustee	15	4.5%	30	11.5%	4	4.7%	0	0.0%	1	0.5%	0	0.0%
Barriers to Employment												
Disabled	4	1.2%	1	0.4%	0	0.0%	1	2.3%	12	6.5%	145	22.1%
Limited English Proficiency	8	2.4%	7	2.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	13	7.1%	54	8.2%
Single Parent	96	28.5%	44	16.9%	10	11.8%	19	43.2%	32	17.4%	20	3.0%
Work Profiling Reemployment Services Referral	8	2.4%	16	6.2%	2	2.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Low Income	187	55.5%	88	33.8%	20	23.5%	21	47.7%	182	98.9%	623	94.8%
Displaced Homemaker	1	0.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.5%	0	0.0%
Offender	20	5.9%	7	2.7%	2	2.4%	2	4.5%	13	7.1%	46	7.0%
Homeless	3	0.9%	3	1.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	8	4.3%	9	1.4%
Runaway Youth	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	4	2.2%	8	1.2%
Pregnant Parenting Youth	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	49	26.6%	44	6.7%
Youth Needing Additional Assistance	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	181	98.4%	651	99.1%
Basic Literacy Skills Deficient	122	36.2%	106	40.8%	12	14.1%	9	20.5%	170	92.4%	620	94.4%
Substance Abuse	1	0.3%	1	0.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	1.6%	20	3.0%
Foster Youth	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.5%	24	3.7%

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WIA PARTICIPANT CHARACTERISTICS SUMMARY
 Report Period: 7/2005 to 04/2006

EXITED

	ADULT		DISLOCATED		DW		NURSING		OLDER YOUTH		YOUNGER YOUTH	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total	87	100.0%	72	100.0%	5	100.0%	0	100.0%	41	100.0%	163	100.0%
Female	79	90.8%	41	56.9%	5	100.0%			27	65.9%	87	53.4%
Male	35	40.2%	31	43.1%	0	0.0%			14	34.1%	76	46.6%
Age												
14-18	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%			0	0.0%	163	100.0%
19-21	8	9.2%	2	2.8%	0	0.0%			41	100.0%	0	0.0%
22-29	32	36.8%	18	25.0%	0	0.0%			0	0.0%	0	0.0%
30-44	36	41.4%	32	44.4%	4	80.0%			0	0.0%	0	0.0%
45-54	10	11.5%	12	16.7%	1	20.0%			0	0.0%	0	0.0%
88-61	1	1.1%	7	9.7%	0	0.0%			0	0.0%	0	0.0%
62-64	0	0.0%	1	1.4%	0	0.0%			0	0.0%	0	0.0%
65 and over	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%			0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Race/Ethnicity												
American Indian / Alaskan Native	3	3.4%	4	5.6%	1	20.0%			0	0.0%	1	0.6%
Asian	12	13.8%	4	5.6%	1	20.0%			5	12.2%	22	13.5%
Black / African American	8	9.2%	6	8.3%	1	20.0%			2	4.9%	12	7.4%
Hawaiian Native Other Pacific Islander	1	1.1%	4	5.6%	0	0.0%			0	0.0%	1	0.6%
White	26	29.9%	23	31.9%	0	0.0%			6	14.6%	25	15.3%
Ethnicity												
Hispanic or Latino	39	44.8%	36	50.0%	3	60.0%			28	68.3%	103	63.2%
Labor Force Status												
Employed	35	40.2%	9	12.5%	0	0.0%			6	14.6%	8	4.9%
Unemployed	52	59.8%	63	87.5%	5	100.0%			35	85.4%	155	95.1%
UI Claimant	6	6.9%	58	80.6%	4	80.0%			1	2.4%	1	0.6%
UI Exhaustee	4	4.6%	7	9.7%	0	0.0%			0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Barriers to Employment												
Disabled	1	1.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%			2	4.9%	21	12.9%
Limited English Proficiency	1	1.1%	1	1.4%	0	0.0%			1	2.4%	18	11.0%
Single Parent	19	21.8%	11	15.3%	1	20.0%			7	17.1%	5	3.1%
Work Profiling Reemployment Services Referral	1	1.1%	3	4.2%	1	20.0%			0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Low Income	48	55.2%	34	47.2%	2	40.0%			40	97.6%	147	90.2%
Displaced Homemaker	1	1.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%			1	2.4%	0	0.0%
Offender	8	9.2%	2	2.8%	0	0.0%			3	7.3%	14	8.6%
Homeless	2	2.3%	3	4.2%	0	0.0%			1	2.4%	3	1.8%
Runaway Youth	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%			0	0.0%	2	1.2%
Pregnant Parenting Youth	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%			11	26.8%	13	8.0%
Youth Needing Additional Assistance	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%			39	95.1%	162	99.4%
Basic Literacy Skills Deficient	23	26.4%	35	48.6%	0	0.0%			37	90.2%	158	96.9%
Substance Abuse	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%			0	0.0%	3	1.8%
Foster Youth	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%			0	0.0%	10	6.1%



The Quick Look

A Merced County Labor Market Review - April 2006

Welcome to the Merced County labor market review. The Quick Look has been developed by the Department of Workforce Investment staff for the Merced County Local Workforce Investment Board. The data and information is provided by the California Employment Development Department. Questions can be referred to the Department of Workforce Investment, 1880 West Wardrobe Avenue, Merced, CA 95340. Telephone (209) 724-2042. Email: pitd26@co.merced.ca.us

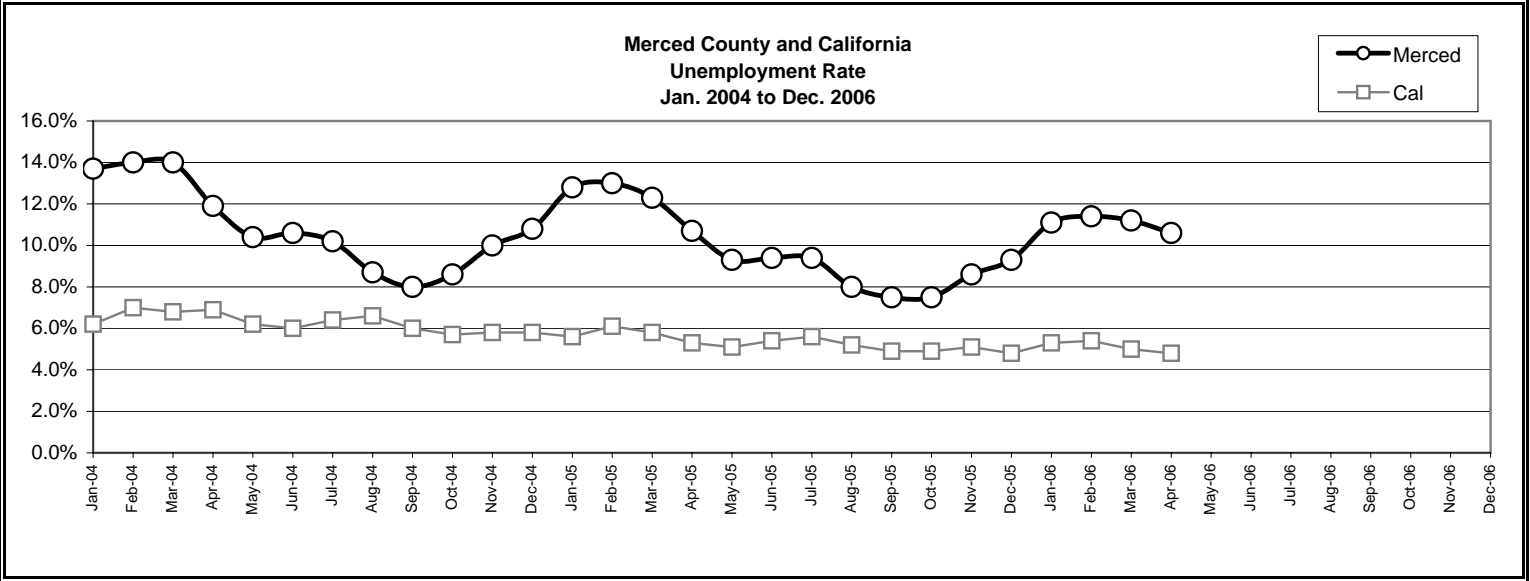
Merced County Data not adjusted for Seasonality	Labor Force and Industrial Employment						
	March 2005 Benchmark						
	Apr 05	Feb 06	Mar 06 Revised	Apr 06 Prelim.	Percent Change Month Year		
Civilian Labor Force	99,000	98,800	98,700	98,800	0.1%	-0.2%	
Civilian Employment	88,400	87,600	87,600	88,300	0.8%	-0.1%	
Civilian Unemployment	10,600	11,200	11,000	10,500	-4.5%	-0.9%	
Civilian Unemployment Rate	10.7%	11.4%	11.2%	10.6%			
(CA Unemployment Rate)	5.3%	5.4%	5.0%	4.8%			
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	4.9%	5.1%	4.8%	4.5%			
Total, All Industries	67,700	67,200	67,400	68,100	1.0%	0.6%	
Total Farm	9,200	9,000	8,900	8,600	-3.4%	-6.5%	
Total Nonfarm	58,500	58,200	58,500	59,500	1.7%	1.7%	
Total Private	43,600	43,100	43,300	44,200	2.1%	1.4%	
Goods Producing	14,200	13,800	13,900	14,400	-5.7%	-2.9%	
Natural Resources and Mining	0	0	0	0			
Construction	3,400	3,400	3,500	3,300	-5.7%	-2.9%	
Manufacturing	10,800	10,400	10,400	11,100	6.7%	2.8%	
Durable Goods	1,900	1,700	1,700	1,700	0.0%	-10.5%	
Nondurable Goods	8,900	8,700	8,700	9,400	8.0%	5.6%	
Food Man & Beverage & Tobacco	6,800	7,000	7,000	7,200	2.9%	5.9%	
Residual - Textile Mills	2,100	1,700	1,700	2,200	29.4%	4.8%	
Service Providing	44,300	44,400	44,600	45,100	1.1%	1.8%	
Private Service Producing	29,400	29,300	29,400	29,800	1.4%	1.4%	
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	10,700	11,000	11,000	11,100	0.9%	3.7%	
Wholesale Trade	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0.0%	0.0%	
Retail Trade	7,400	7,400	7,400	7,400	0.0%	0.0%	
Food and Beverage Stores	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	0.0%	0.0%	
General Merchandise Stores	1,700	1,800	1,800	1,800	0.0%	5.9%	
Residual - Miscellaneous Store Retailers	4,300	4,200	4,200	4,200	0.0%	-2.3%	
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	1,800	2,100	2,100	2,200	4.8%	22.2%	
Information	1,600	1,600	1,500	1,500	0.0%	-6.3%	
Financial Activities	1,900	2,000	2,000	2,000	0.0%	5.3%	
Finance and Insurance	1,200	1,300	1,300	1,300	0.0%	8.3%	
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	700	700	700	700	0.0%	0.0%	
Professional and Business Services	3,300	3,200	3,200	3,300	3.1%	0.0%	
Educational and Health Services	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,600	1.8%	1.8%	
Leisure and Hospitality	4,700	4,400	4,500	4,600	2.2%	-2.1%	
Food Services and Drinking Places	4,000	3,700	3,800	3,800	0.0%	-5.0%	
Residual - Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	700	700	700	800	14.3%	14.3%	
Other Services	1,700	1,600	1,700	1,700	0.0%	0.0%	
Government	14,900	15,100	15,200	15,300	0.7%	2.7%	
Federal Government	800	800	800	800	0.0%	0.0%	
State Government	800	1,300	1,300	1,300	0.0%	62.5%	
Local Government	13,300	13,000	13,100	13,200	0.8%	-0.8%	

The County continues with one of the highest unemployment rates in the State, ranking 55th out of 58 counties in the month of April. The preliminary result is a decrease of 0.6 percentage point in the unemployment rate from the revised March rate. For year ago data, this preliminary figure is a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the unemployment rate.

Overall, the County's Civilian Labor Force increased by 100 persons over last month's figure and an decrease of 200 persons over year ago figures. Industrial employment increased by 700 jobs in April over March's figure and showed an increased of 400 jobs over year ago figures.

The Quick Look

A Merced County Labor Market Review - April 2006

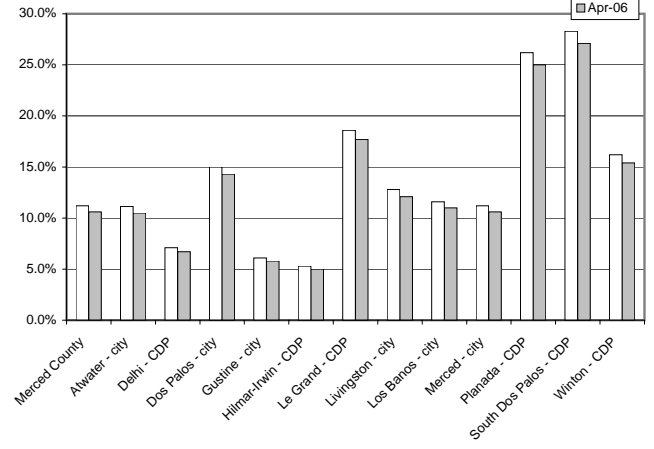


Sub County average unemployment rates for the county, cities, and municipalities.

Area Name	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	
			Number	Rate
Merced County	98,800	88,300	10,500	10.6%
Atwater City	11,600	10,400	1,200	10.5%
Delhi CDP	3,900	3,600	300	6.7%
Dos Palos City	1,900	1,600	300	14.3%
Gustine City	2,300	2,200	100	5.8%
Hilmar-Irwin CDP	2,600	2,500	100	5.0%
Le Grand CDP	700	600	100	17.7%
Livingston City	4,800	4,200	600	12.1%
Los Banos City	12,200	10,900	1,300	11.0%
Merced City	29,200	26,100	3,100	10.6%
Planada CDP	1,600	1,200	400	25.0%
South Dos Palos CDP	400	300	100	27.1%
Winton CDP	3,700	3,100	600	15.4%

CDP - Census Designated Place

Merced County - Community Unemployment

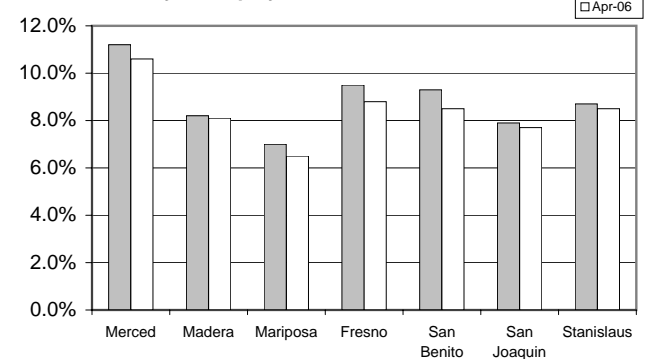


Merced County's workforce has grown over the past 20 years reflecting improvement of the County's economic well being; however, unemployment remains a consistent barrier to greater prosperity. Average unemployment has fluctuated from an annual low of 9.7 percent to an annual high of 17.1 percent.

Seven County Quick Look

County	Rank	Labor Force	Employ	Unemployed	Rate
Merced	55	98,800	88,300	10,500	10.6%
Madera	40	59,600	54,800	4,900	8.1%
Mariposa	31	8,370	7,830	540	6.5%
Fresno	45	406,600	370,800	35,800	8.8%
San Benito	41	24,900	22,800	2,100	8.5%
San Joaquin	39	283,000	361,300	21,700	7.7%
Stanislaus	41	227,300	208,000	19,400	8.5%

Seven County Unemployment Rate



**MERCED COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE INVESTMENT
FISCAL REPORT FOR FINANCE COMMITTEE
For Fiscal Year 2005/06
July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006
Through 05/31/06**

Target 91.67%

AVAILABLE FUNDS			BUDGET					ACTUAL			OBLIGATIONS			COMMITTED - AVAILABLE		
	Carryover Funds From 04/05	Appropriation FY 05/06	Planned for New Funds Based on Plan Mod 7/1/05 to 6/30/06		Budget Adjustments	Revised Budget	Accrued Expense FY to Date	Available	Percent Expended to Date	Total Obligated Funds	Available after Obligations	Percent Spent + Obligated	Total Committed Funds	Available after Obligations	Pct Spent + Obligated + Committed	
ADULT			Core A	\$ 417,733	\$ 565,434	\$ (49,685)	\$ 515,749	\$ 426,357	\$ 89,391	82.67%	\$ 38,428	\$ 50,963	90.12%	\$ 50,963	\$ -	100.00%
05/06 Allocation		\$ 1,661,856	Core B	\$ 504,998	\$ 683,554	\$ (90,000)	\$ 593,554	\$ 531,519	\$ 62,035	89.55%	\$ 10,023	\$ 52,012	91.24%	\$ 52,012	\$ -	100.00%
PY Cash Balances 6/30/05			Intensive	\$ 124,332	\$ 168,293		\$ 168,293	\$ 118,775	\$ 49,518	70.58%	\$ 1,755	\$ 47,763	71.62%	\$ 47,763	\$ -	100.00%
- Health Link (Nurse) Grant (693)	\$ 342,758		Training	\$ 448,608	\$ 607,226	\$ 139,685	\$ 746,911	\$ 564,124	\$ 182,788	75.53%	\$ 182,788	\$ -	100.00%	\$ -	\$ -	100.00%
- Adult Formula Funds	\$ 587,596		Other	\$ -	\$ 342,758		\$ 342,758	\$ 270,633	\$ 72,125	78.96%	\$ 72,125	\$ -	100.00%	\$ -	\$ -	100.00%
	\$ 930,354	\$ 1,661,856	Total	\$ 1,495,671	\$ 2,367,266	\$ -	\$ 2,367,266	\$ 1,911,409	\$ 455,857	80.74%	\$ 305,118	\$ 150,738	93.63%	\$ 150,738	\$ -	100.00%
DISPLACED WORKER			Core A	\$ 412,311	\$ 516,364	\$ (53,909)	\$ 462,456	\$ 389,873	\$ 72,582	84.30%	\$ 7,687	\$ 64,895	85.97%	\$ 64,895	\$ -	100.00%
05/06 Allocation		\$ 1,447,654	Core B	\$ 486,212	\$ 608,916	\$ (60,000)	\$ 548,916	\$ 509,601	\$ 39,314	92.84%	\$ 9,249	\$ 30,065	94.52%	\$ 30,065	\$ -	100.00%
- Grant 511 Supplement		\$ 72,156	Intensive	\$ 203,525	\$ 254,888	\$ (60,000)	\$ 194,888	\$ 158,264	\$ 36,624	81.21%	\$ 1,515	\$ 35,108	81.99%	\$ 35,108	\$ -	100.00%
PY Cash Balances 6/30/05	\$ 383,549		Training	\$ 265,781	\$ 332,855	\$ 173,909	\$ 506,764	\$ 387,132	\$ 119,632	76.39%	\$ 119,632	\$ -	100.00%	\$ -	\$ -	100.00%
	\$ 383,549	\$ 1,519,810	Total	\$ 1,367,829	\$ 1,713,023	\$ -	\$ 1,713,023	\$ 1,444,871	\$ 268,152	84.35%	\$ 138,083	\$ 130,068	92.41%	\$ 130,068	\$ -	100.00%
YOUTH			In School	\$ 1,137,183	\$ 1,818,345	\$ (161,156)	\$ 1,657,189	\$ 1,107,150	\$ 550,040	66.81%	\$ 383,720	\$ 166,319	89.96%	\$ 166,319	\$ -	100.00%
05/06 Allocation		\$ 1,805,052	Out of School	\$ 487,364	\$ 779,291	\$ 161,156	\$ 940,447	\$ 735,496	\$ 204,950	78.21%	\$ 204,950	\$ -	100.00%	\$ -	\$ -	100.00%
PY Cash Balances 6/30/05	\$ 1,081,210		Other	\$ 35,715	\$ 35,715		\$ 35,715	\$ 34,614	\$ 1,101	0.00%	\$ 1,101	\$ -	100.00%	\$ -	\$ -	100.00%
High-C Eligible Youth Grant (648)		\$ 35,715	Total	\$ 1,660,262	\$ 2,633,351	\$ -	\$ 2,633,351	\$ 1,877,260	\$ 756,091	71.29%	\$ 589,772	\$ 166,319	93.68%	\$ 166,319	\$ -	100.00%
	\$ 1,081,210	\$ 1,840,767														
ADMINISTRATIVE			Total Admin	\$ 498,671	\$ 703,907	\$ -	\$ 703,907	\$ 350,690	\$ 353,217	49.82%	\$ 3,963	\$ 349,254	50.38%	\$ 349,254	\$ -	100.00%
All Programs	\$ 2,395,113	\$ 5,022,433	Total	\$ 5,022,433	\$ 7,417,546	\$ -	\$ 7,417,546	\$ 5,584,230	\$ 1,833,316	75.28%	\$ 1,036,936	\$ 796,380	89.26%	\$ 796,379	\$ -	100.00%
* RAPID RESPONSE			Rapid Resp.	\$ 211,238	\$ 211,238		\$ 211,238	\$ 204,741	\$ -	96.92%	\$ 3,526	\$ 2,971	98.59%	\$ 2,971	\$ -	100.00%
05/06 Allocation		\$ 211,238	Spec. Project	\$ 158,692	\$ 158,692	\$ -	\$ 158,692	\$ 154,408	\$ 4,285	97.30%	\$ 2,928	\$ 1,356	99.15%	\$ 1,356	\$ -	100.00%
PY Cash Balances 6/30/05	\$ 158,692		Total	\$ 211,238	\$ 369,930	\$ -	\$ 369,930	\$ 359,149	\$ 10,782	97.09%	\$ 6,454	\$ 4,327	98.83%	\$ 4,327	\$ -	100.00%
	\$ 158,692	\$ 211,238														
INCENTIVE AWARDS			Incentive	\$ 11,651	\$ 31,397	\$ -	\$ 31,397	\$ 1,538	\$ 29,859	4.90%	\$ -	\$ 29,859	4.90%	\$ 29,859	\$ -	100.00%
05/06 Award		\$ 11,651	Total	\$ 11,651	\$ 31,397	\$ -	\$ 31,397	\$ 1,538	\$ 29,859	4.90%	\$ -	\$ 29,859	4.90%	\$ 29,859	\$ -	100.00%
PY Cash Balances 6/30/05	\$ 19,746															
	\$ 19,746	\$ 11,651														

* RAPID RESPONSE: Funding term end date extended to 6/30/2006 for special project, same as base allocation.

Youth Expenditures %'s to date	
In-School Youth	60.08%
Out-of-School Youth	39.92%

- BUDGET:** Includes all funds available for fiscal year based on Plan submitted to EDD
Formula Administrative Funds lose their identity upon appropriation.
High-C Eligible Youth Grant (648) adds \$35,715 in FY05/06, all of which is obligated by contract.
Health Link (Nurse) Grant (693) Carryover represents the FY05/06 portion of the grant
\$72,156 Dislocated Worker Funds added to CY Appropriation by Grant 511.
- OBLIGATIONS:** Includes funds obligated in contracts and ITA's
Does NOT include funds committed for operations.
- COMMITTED:** Includes projected staff personnel and overhead costs
- AVAILABLE:** Balance after expenditures and obligations