

To: **Alfredo Mendoza:** Staff Services Analyst, Department of Workforce Investment
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Re: **Merced County Youth Council Quarterly Report-** Younger Youth Program
Date: **4th Quarter Report** (April, May and June PY 08/09)

A. Overall status of the program:

There were 217 active participants in the Youth Opportunity Program (YOP) at the end of the fourth quarter; to include thirty-one (31) new enrollments. The YOP Mentors continue to track the number of participants enrolled in structured program activities to ensure that the majority of youth are receiving intensive services, as opposed to case management services. The status on WIA-Client action reports for goals, activities, exits, and follow-ups (phase II) remain up to date.

B. Past quarter highlights:

- 1) **The YOP summer employment** component began on June 09 2009; approximately one-hundred and sixty-seven (167) participants worked this summer with local employers and agencies. The Mentors met with site supervisors to develop training plans for the participants who worked up to 32 hours per week. *The YOP Summer 2009 workshop*; an 18 hours course was facilitated to all the participants in three-hour per week segments through-out the six-week summer component. The curriculum focused on “Volunteerism”, it emphasized the importance of volunteering in our communities. Participants were asked to volunteer three unpaid hours to the non-profit of their choice. The participants will earn a certificate, as well as logging hours to earn their community service cords at graduation. *See attached photo of participants volunteering for United Way’s Tower Theatre Renovation.*

C. Past quarter deficiencies:

D. Past quarter recruiting/marketing efforts:

The program's philosophy is to enroll students in the first semester in order to provide services during the school year and make the summer work opportunity an incentive for year round participation by youth.

E. Next quarter challenges:

F. Technical assistance needed:

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Mrs. Bray's class helping out the community!