

**TO: Youth Council**

**DATE: 02/13/08**

**FROM: Youth Council Staff**

**For Action**

**For Information**

**For Discussion**

**SUBJECT: Youth Council Member Training**

**PROPOSED MOTION(S): For Information Only.**

**DISCUSSION: On December 19, 2007, the Youth Council received training from New Ways to Work facilitator Charlene Mouille.**

**Youth Council Action Ideas that stemmed from that meeting included the following:**

- Build on success: Campaign/information to county about what is working. Get others to invest in the current approach to serving youth.
- Promote youth development assets (parent organizations, etc)
- Certify youth council members as Youth Development Asset trainers and marketers
- Promote youth development principles
- Facilitate LMI training for high school educators, employers, parents. (Share information about certificate programs, etc.)
- Raise awareness about high school dropout issue.
- Raise community awareness about starting early to prepare youth for successful employment.
- Develop a council of young people to advise the youth council on different topics.
- Create a newsletter to address youth issues.

**These ideas will be voted on by Youth Council Members. Additionally, the Youth Council members were asked to list their greatest hopes for youth in Merced County. The following was listed by members as Youth Council Greatest Hopes:**

- For youth to remain in Merced and reach goals in life.
- To have more youth moving forward.
- That every youth in Merced have access to at least one caring adult.
- That youth in Merced be able to discover their gifts and translate these to work.

- To decrease the teen pregnancy rate by 50 percent.
- That we be able to continue to provide youth programs.
- Find ways to bring Summer youth programs back to Merced youth.
- That youth develop the ability to frame problems, resolve issues and make good decisions.
- Be effective regarding putting infrastructure together
- That youth learn to learn and love to learn.
- That we can make better efforts to serve rural and remote youth.

### **Current and Possible Partners**

#### ***Academic Achievement***

- Merced College Extension Program
- UC Merced Programs
- After school programs (MCOE and district schools)
- Merced Adult School
- SOS – School-based Intervention Board
- In-school EDD’s YEOP

#### ***Career Preparation***

- Central Valley Opportunity Center (CVOC)
- Out of School EDD’s YEOP
- Merced College ILP Program
- MCOE – ROP

#### ***Community Services and Supports***

- Junior Leadership Merced
- Boys and Girls Club
- Parks and Recreation
- Teen Obesity Prevention Program
- Housing Authority Youth Services
- UC Merced Mentor Program
- Merced Youth Soccer Association
- Family Conferencing
- Placement Council
- Service Groups – Lions, Kiwanis, Rotary and Youth Programs
- Foster Youth Services

#### ***Youth Leadership***

- Boys & Girls Club
- Kiwanis
- Girl Scouts
- AWANA – Youth Groups
- Chamber of Commerce – Youth Leadership
- 4-H Youth Leadership
- Boy Scouts

#### ***Comprehensive Youth Development Approach***

- Wrap around services
- Youth Development Action Team
- California Health Collaborative – TPP
- Boys and Girls Clubs

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