

TO: Youth Council

DATE: February 19, 2003

FROM: Operations Committee

For Action

For Information

Meeting Notes

SUBJECT: Quarterly Report for Younger Youth Program (Oct – Dec 2002)

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Information Only

DISCUSSION: MCOE/YOP's Quarterly Report for the Oct- Dec 2002 period is attached. Of interest is the new emphasis on academic achievement within the schools and its impact on the Younger Youth Program.

ATTACHMENT(S): Quarterly Report

**QUARTERLY REPORT
YOUTH OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM, MCOE
January 2003**

1. **Overall status of the program:** We are at capacity enrollment and surpassing all performance standards.

2. **Past Quarter highlights:**

A total of 111 YOP participants have been served this year (to date) in the following career awareness and exploration activities:

Conversations with Business

<u>Pathway</u>	<u>number of YOP students attended</u>
Agriculture	21
Health Services	7
Computer & Industrial Technology	3
Consumer & Public Services	13

Career Industry Day

<u>Pathway</u>	<u>number of YOP students attended</u>
Agricultural pathway	18
Health Sciences	18
Computer & Industrial Technology	18

As of December, the events were combined to be held on the same day. This was done to alleviate the concerns of the schools regarding releasing students from academic instruction time.

Additional Career Exploration Events

Teacher of Tomorrow Conference 8

Total students served 111

The number of students attending has been lower than expected. In discussions with the mentors and school administrators, one reason cited has been the current emphasis on academic achievement, specifically the effort to raise standardized test scores, and the reluctance to release students from school during instructional time. In response, we have combined the two events so that they can be held on the same date, thus reducing time away from the school campus.

3. **Past quarter deficiencies:** none

4. **Past quarter recruiting/marketing efforts:** none

5. **Number enrolled:** 877 active/1580 overall
6. **Number of hard/soft exits:** 225/0
7. Past quarter expenditures: \$230,635
8. **Current budget status:** Expenditures from July through December are \$972,410
9. **Next quarter challenges:** There are 187 YOP students currently assigned to participate in the job shadow event, scheduled for February 4. We may face the same challenges in releasing students from class.
10. **Technical assistance needed:** none