

TO: Youth Council

DATE: 4/12/02

FROM: Outreach & Education Committee

For Action

For Information

Meeting Notes

SUBJECT: Youth Conference

PROPOSED MOTION(S): None

DISCUSSION: The Youth Council's first annual Youth to Youth to Success Conference came to a successful close March 17, 2002 to good reviews by all in attendance.

The conference began on Friday, March 15, 2002, with 57 young people and adults representing Youth Councils throughout California, and over 20 young people from the Merced County Regional Opportunity and the Independent Living Programs.

Twenty-one Youth Council members and PITD staff supported the conference throughout the weekend.

The Workshop and Conference Evaluations were very positive and recommended that we sponsor the same such conference again next year. The overall evaluation, on a scale of one to ten, with ten being excellent, was 7.61. Our workshop facilitators received ratings commensurate with that of the overall conference.

Overall, the conference accomplished what was intended. A strong youth message was developed, applicable to young people throughout California and especially to those serving on Youth Councils in California. The young people at the conference also developed the artwork to accompany their message of "The Voice of Youth has Strength and Power".

We will publish the youth message and make it available to all the California Youth Councils and have selected youth from the conference present it to the State Youth Council in the near future.

ATTACHMENT(S): Evaluation Results will be available at the Youth Council meeting.