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Youth Programs to Support Career Preparation, Youth Development, and Crime Prevention

Youth Council: Sacramento Youth Council

Elements: Career Preparation, Comprehensive Approach, Youth Development and Support

Function: Coordinating Youth Services

Subjects: Innovative Programs, Serving Special Populations

The Challenge: The Sacramento Youth Council has been working with reduced funding during the past several years, so the Council has been facing the challenge of using its current resources effectively.

The Practices: The Youth Council supported two successful programs: pre-employment workshops (JOBS) and the Youth Development and Crime Prevention Program (YDCP).

The Youth Council offers a series of one-week pre-employment workshops known as Job Opportunities Bring Success (JOBS) workshops. They were held during the summer of 2004 and 2005 at a variety of Sacramento Works Career Centers. These Sacramento Works Youth Workshops have seen great participation in the 2004-2005 program year.

The Youth Development and Crime Prevention Program (YDCP) is serving 50 probation and foster youth at the Hillsdale and Franklin SWCC. The youth are being provided with work experience, community projects, and tutoring as well as advocacy/coordination with juvenile justice, education, and counseling providers. In addition, the Sacramento Youth Council continues the tradition of placing Universal Youth Specialists at the Sacramento Works Career Centers (SWCC).

Details: The JOBS workshops are facilitated by teams from Sacramento Employment Training Agency (SETA), Sacramento Works Career Centers, and youth-service providers. The one week curriculum is patterned after the popular industry-specific “Boot camp” model and youth receive incentives for perfect and on-time attendance. Upon graduation from the Youth JOBS workshops, youth are provided ongoing job placement assistance.

In one of the YDCP projects, youth painted a mural for the Franklin SWCC. The YDCP program was recently awarded continuation funding from the U.S. Department of Justice.

Along with supporting Universal Youth Specialists at the SWCC, the Youth Council has actively engaged the SWCC site supervisors to create more “youth friendly” career centers. Two

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locations, the Franklin and Hillsdale Career Centers, created a Youth Connection section of the centers that were re-designed, painted, decorated, and are being completed with updated resource information to better serve youth customers.

Where to Go for More Information

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