

QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

I. **MID VALLEY SCHOOL-TO-WORK SUPPLEMENTAL PROJECT**

Grant Award No. U-7003-8-00-88-60

Reference Non-Financial Modification No. 2

Yakima County, Washington

II. Contact Person: Tamara Bosler, STW Program Manager

III. Report Period: June 1, 2000 to September 30, 2000

IV. Performance Closeout Narrative:

Each of our partners (below) prepared an aggressive response to our request for a **Performance Closeout Narrative** for the **June 2000 Quarterly Report**, indicating **pride** in their respective projects, their system building, and their sustainable program integration. Those partners understood that the Supplemental StW Work Grant funds would sunset at the end of June and that any remaining monies that might be awarded through a grant extension request to the Department of Labor would be expended for 'special projects' and administrative closeout tasks, and WIA Youth Council activities.

Our Urban/Rural Opportunities Supplemental Grant was awarded a non-financial grant extension through June 30, 2001. That extension was requested through our non-financial Modification No. 2 with the Department of Labor.

Since the Workforce Investment Act has encouraged local WDC's to 'retool' under the Youth Council umbrella, newly acquired memberships have encompassed the full range of partners from former students to local business and education participants. Since July 2000 we have involved our local Youth Council in discussions to further develop StW efforts with our current subcontractors. Strong leadership and support from this office encourages continuation of "best practices" within the StW environment as the WDC Youth Council takes the lead roll in developing programs for both in-school and out-of-school youth in the Yakima Valley.

By supplying leadership, background, and past successes and failures with youth to our Consortium and the new WIA Youth Council, we will continue to strengthen the link between education, business, Chambers of Commerce, and Economic Development organizations to acquire that seamless system that integrates business and education for the good of our youth.

Our Youth Council will be instrumental in the decision making process concerning projects and expectations between now and the end of the grant period. It will allow them to facilitate the outcomes as originally projected through StW objectives by funding the initiatives that reflect a value added approach.

Our next Quarterly Report will detail this progress and reflect those efforts undertaken by the Youth Council and our partners.

Consortium partners:

**GRANGER SCHOOL DISTRICT
MT. ADAMS SCHOOL DISTRICT
TOPPENISH SCHOOL DISTRICT
WAPATO SCHOOL DISTRICT
YAKIMA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
GREATER YAKIMA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
YAKIMA VALLEY OPPORTUNITIES INDUSTRIALIZATION CENTER**

The Mid-Valley participant's Supplemental StW performance will strive to be responsive to the core concepts of **successes**, and **sustainability** of Career Pathway concepts, Personal Portfolio practices, Senior Projects with Career Focus, and a Thirteen Year Plan.

It should also be noted that, as we step away from direct Supplemental funding, our consortium plan for closure incorporates, supports, and expects sustainability under the spirit of connectivity.

We are committed to the following **SHARE** strategies:

- a. Refer our consortium Districts to Best Practice Programs
- b. Stay In Touch With District Coordinators
- c. Direct District Partners to Similar Services
- d. Connect Districts to One Another
- e. Web Site Connections/Resources
- f. Networking with State Office
- g. Stay Connected with Chamber Programs
- h. Web and E-mail State Model Contacts

