

PREK-12 EDUCATION WORK GROUP (PreK-12)

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ACTIONS	STATUS		2010 2nd QUARTER (Apr 1 - Jun 30)
Goal 1: Increase the achievement level of students, schools and school districts in the San Joaquin Valley.	<input type="checkbox"/>	IP	The 3rd Exemplary Practices in Education Conference slated for Jan. 13, 2011, is being planned with the State Center Consortium and Fresno County Office of Education . The keynote speaker will be Dr. Doug Reeves, founder of the Leadership and Learning Center and a nationally renowned expert in educational leadership, has been secured. The planning team hopes to attract to this event up to 500 PreK-16 educational leaders from across the region.
Objective A: Implement a school and school district support system through county offices of education.		IP	It is anticipated that the eight county offices of education will continue to support the planning and outreach for this event and to provide supplemental support to local school districts to continue their efforts to improve achievement at all levels, beginning with preschool.
Organize regular PreK-12 Work Group meetings involving eight county superintendents and Partnership representatives.		C	A lack of funding has resulted in no meetings of the PreK-12 Work Group; but communications with the county offices continue through Fresno County Office of Education Superintendent Larry Powell.
Gather information on achievement gap.			
Objective B: Implement a curricular and instructional program to ensure all children are able to read at or above grade level.		IP	The focus of this objective is on professional development for educational leaders and preschool/kindergarten preparedness.
Focus all meetings, discussions, programs and services on ways to close the achievement gap in Valley schools. See program descriptions below.	W	IP	The emphasis will relate to the annual Exemplary Practices Conference, PreK planning, and English Learners and Career Technology Education/Workforce Development through the WIA Partnership Grant

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Expand the discussion to include Pre-Kindergarten in all facets of the work plan as feasible.	IP	While the eight San Joaquin Valley counties are at various stages of implementing PreK master plans, they are pleased to have both the Preschool Foundations and the Curriculum Framework documents available now from California Department of Education (CDE). Additionally, they have collaborated in the past year on the development of the California Early Learning Quality Improvement System (including staff education and training, and teaching and learning standards).
Gather information about availability and quality of preschool programs in the region and conduct a conference related to preschool programs in the region	C	The eight counties have co-hosted 1) a Central Valley Early Education Conference on Oct. 8, 2009; 2) a Town Hall Meeting on quality preschool on Nov. 18, 2009; and 3) the San Joaquin Business Leaders Summit on Early Care and Education on April 29, 2010. Finally, the California Preschool Instruction Network continues to provide professional development and technical assistance to ensure Valley preschool students are ready for Kindergarten.
Objective C: Provide school choice, intra-district and inter-district options consistent with state and federal law.	C	Much of this work is now embedded in county offices and/or CVELI functions. Without further funding, this will no longer be a focus.
Legal issues workshops on school choice and other timely issues.		Much of this work is now embedded in county offices and/or CVELI functions. Without further funding, this will no longer be a focus.

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Objective D: Establish an executive leadership academy to train principals of low-performing schools in “turn-around” educational and management services.	C	CVELI continues to work with a network of rural school districts to address student achievement issues; support the State Center Community College District in developing future leaders; and hosts an Aspiring Superintendents Seminar series, and Executive Leadership Center for Valley Superintendents with Pivot Learning Partners; and offers Professional Learning Community professional development, and other training for educational leaders in the Valley.
Expand Springboard leadership development programs from 13 districts to 25 districts in the San Joaquin Valley.	C	
Expansion of Superintendent staff development from 3 counties to 8 counties.	C	One major event reaching educational leaders across the region was held April 22 and 23 for over 700 educational leaders. This event featured Rick and Becky DuFour from Virginia, experts in helping schools and districts implement Professional Learning Communities effectively. The event was sold out having surpassed capacity. Another two-day workshop is scheduled for April 2011. To supplement this work, a series of interactive video conferences with the DuFours was conducted four times this year; the video conferences were transmitted to 10 sites in Fresno, Kings, Tulare and Kern counties, involving an estimated 170 K-12 educational leaders. CVELI also conducted regional discussion groups 3 times this year both in Fresno and Kern counties. Two of those were held this quarter.

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Expand Best Practice Institutes.	IP	The Professional Learning Community (PLC) events focus on best practices for instruction, as have the other professional development events offered this year. As stated above, this quarter planning began for the 3rd Exemplary Practices in Education Conference for next January. Outreach mailers were sent to over 1,200 educational leaders statewide.
Establishment of the Superintendents Leadership Network.	IP	The Academy completed this quarter. The Rural Schools Network for Executive Leaders wrapped up year one for Cohort 1; Cohort 2 is being recruited for next year. This is a 2-3 year commitment from each of the districts, focusing on problem identification and action planning (year 1), implementation (year 2), and evaluation (year 3).
Expand and continue English Learner Leadership Academy as developed under the SEED Grant.	W	See WIA Grant report for Deliverable 2.
Lead by the Fresno County Office of Education, develop a long-range (10 year?) regional plan to address needs of English Learners	C	
Objective F: Coordinate and communicate regional positions regarding state and/or federal school reform.	C	
Write a resolution to accept and recommend goals defined by Governor’s reform initiatives.		
Write a position “white” paper on alignment of state and federal standards.		
Goal 2: Develop a college-going culture in the San Joaquin Valley.	<input type="checkbox"/> W	See WIA Grant report for Deliverables 1 and 2.
Objective A: Support collaborations between school districts and the community colleges, CSU and UC systems.	W	See WIA Grant report for Deliverables 1 and 2.
Objective B: Increase the rate of high school graduates completing courses for college admission.	W	See WIA Grant report for Deliverables 1 and 2.

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Serve as liaison between PreK-12 Work Group and Central Valley Higher Education Consortium to help implement CVHEC action plan.	W	See WIA Grant report for Deliverables 1 and 2.
Disseminate curricula and success stories developed from existing school, community college, university collaboratives.	W	See WIA Grant report for Deliverables 1 and 2.
Develop a regional plan and pilot project concept proposal to enhance the college going culture.	IP	Resulting from the work of the PreK-12 Work Group and the leadership of Kern County Office of Education, the newly developed Web site U-PlanIt has been piloted in two middle schools. Extensive work has been done on the site; it will be launched in September.
Align academic options for higher education with career/technology education options leading to greater post secondary opportunities for students in the region.	W	See WIA Grant report for Deliverables 1 and 2.
Goal 3: Implement a computer literacy initiative for K-12 students aligned with community college curriculum and/or business criteria/ workforce assessments.	C	
Disseminate information on AALF programs through work group and Superintendents Leadership Network.		
As requested, develop time lines, staff development programs, and funding plans for one-to-one computing.		
Identify unique and/or exemplary technology projects in the region.		
Goal 5: Align career technical education to target industry clusters.	W	See WIA Grant report for Deliverable 1.
Develop and review curricula and programs that support target clusters.	W	See WIA Grant report for Deliverable 1.
Disseminate curriculum and information about exemplary programs through PreK-12 Work Group, Superintendents Leadership Network and Higher Education & Workforce Development Work Group.	W	See WIA Grant report for Deliverable 1.
Goal 6: Develop a regional "Contract for Kids" concept.		Discontinued (no funding)
Identify resources to incorporate into development of a regional "Contract for Kids."		Discontinued (no funding)

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Draft a regional "Contract for Kids."		Discontinued (no funding)
Goal 7: Examine data systems to meet needs of districts and higher education institutions in the region to enhance data collection, transference of information across institutions and more adequately monitor PreK-16 student achievement/progress.	NP	
Identify data needs of PreK-12 and higher education institutions that are not adequately being met.		Discontinued (no funding)
Develop a plan to access and implement a data collection system to better meet needs of educational institutions at all levels in the region.		In the Fresno Area, the Strive concept (based on Cincinnati's experience) is in the initial planning stages with the support of the Fresno Compact and CVELI, as well as voluntary involvement of Fresno Unified, Clovis Unified, Central Unified and Sanger Unified school districts. Together, they will be working to identify indicators and monitor progress across the academic continuum from birth to career. While this is not a work group effort, it is related to the Partnership agenda.
Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback encountered during the quarter		Reduced budgets and funding continue to be significant issues for school districts in all parts of the state. The focus of our efforts over the last seven months has been implementation of the WIA Partnership grants in six school districts in four counties. Please see the WIA grant reports for details.

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New funds leveraged during the quarter.		CVELI has independently applied for one grant this quarter; and others in collaboration with local school districts. The competition is extremely stiff due to the current fiscal crisis and trends in educational program funding. This is a common scenario for educational entities across the region. Fresno County Office of Education has accessed some funds to continue regional collaboration and development of a regional voice for the PreK work.