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**YOUTH COUNCIL  
AGENDA**

**August 8, 2012  
11:00 a.m.**

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**7251 W. Lake Mead Blvd.  
Suite 200 Conference Room  
Las Vegas, NV 89128**

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Youth Council Members: Sonja Holloway, Chair; Chris Sullivan, Vice-Chair; Alex Garza; Dan Rose; Sgt. Mark Sharp; Vida Chan Lin; Willie J. Fields

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**AGENDA**

1. Call to order, confirmation of posting and roll call.
2. **DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approve the agenda with inclusions of any emergency items and deletion of any items
3. **FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:** Members of the public may now comment on any matter posted on this Agenda, which is before this Board for consideration and action today. Please clearly state and spell your name and state your address for the record. Each public comment will be limited to three (3) minutes ..... 3
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14. Adjournment

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**4. DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION:**

**Approve the Youth Council Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2012**

## MINUTES

**Youth Council Meeting  
June 13, 2012  
11:00 a.m.**

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Las Vegas, NV 89128**

### **Members Present**

Alex Garza                      Sonja Holloway  
Mark Sharp                     Chris Sullivan (phone)

### **Members Absent**

Dan Rose

### **Staff Present**

Ardell Galbreth	Suzanne Potter	Clentine January	Heather DeSart
Ricardo Villalobos	Jim Kostecki	Carol Turner	Jennifer Padilla
Celia Diaz	Wilson Ramos	Nicole Jacobs	Byron Goynes
Valerie Sims	Madelin Arazoza	Debra Collins	Sylvia Spencer
Kim Colagioia			

### **Others Present**

Suzanne Burke, Southern Nevada Children First	Sharon Morales, LCCCF
Helicia Thomas, GNJ Family Life Center	Jamie D. Killian, DCFS – CYC
Stacey Smith, NYECC	Dell Schilleci, Action
Donna Bensing, New Horizons CLC	Chelsea Garun, Youth Advocate Programs
Magann Jordan, Youth Advocate Programs	Denise Gee, HELP of Southern Nevada
Tiffany Tyler, Nevada Partners, Inc. (Phone)	

(It should be noted that all attendees may not be listed above).

### **1. - CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Sonja Holloway at 11:00 a.m. Staff confirmed the meeting had been properly noticed and posted in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law. Roll call was taken and a quorum present.

### **2. – DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve the agenda with inclusion of any emergency items and deletion of any items**

*A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented by Sgt. Mark Sharp and seconded by Alex Garza. Motion carried.*

**3. - FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION**

None

**4. – DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve the Youth Council Meeting Minutes for the meeting on May 22, 2012**

*A motion was made to approve the Youth Council Meeting Minutes for the meeting on May 22, 2012 with the following correction by Sgt. Mark Sharp and seconded by Alex Garza:*

*Correction: change the language for agenda item 7 to “a motion was made to approve Staff’s recommendation to negotiate and amend Lincoln County’s PY2011 contract for an additional \$100,000.00 and extend the contract date from October 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013.” Motion carried.*

**5. – DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION: Call for Youth Council Chair Nominations**

Ardell Galbreth, Interim Executive Director, provided an overview of the nomination process according to the Workforce Connections Bylaws, article 4, item 3.4.e , 5, and 5.4 regarding officer elections for the Board; however, Mr. Galbreth noted, the Bylaws are silent regarding the Youth Council.

Mr. Galbreth read from the Bylaws, item 5.4 Vacancies: the Board shall elect successors to fill unexpired terms of any officer within two months after the office becomes vacant. The Board member who is elected to fill the vacant office shall only serve to the end of the original term for which the vacancy was filled.

Mr. Galbreth recommended the Youth Council, as a subset of the Board, to follow the Board’s basic Bylaws that’s intended for membership, and consider nominating and choosing a chairperson to serve out the rest of the term that Chairman Ken LoBene had started.

*A motion was made to nominate Sonja Holloway as Chair by Alex Garza and seconded by Sgt. Mark Sharp. Motion carried.*

*A motion was made to nominate Chris Sullivan as Vice-Chair by Alex Garza and seconded by Sgt. Mark Sharp. Motion carried.*

**6. – DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve the recommendation of state to increase the funding for the In-School Youth programs in an amount not to exceed \$1,844,000.00**

Kimberly Colagioia provided background. Both In-School youth providers, HELP of Southern Nevada (HELP) and Nevada Partners, Inc. (NPI) originally received \$800,000.00 each. Staff is requesting an increase of \$122,000.00 each beginning July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. The increase will allow for HELP and NPI to take on an additional school, Basic High School and Bonanza High School, and serve an additional 60 youth each. The In-School Youth Program will serve a total of 920 youth.

Ms. Colagioia confirmed the funds are FY2012 and stated that the funds are part of the \$300,000.00 that was set-aside for the JAG program that the Board did not pass and asked to reallocate to the Youth Funded Partners.

Ms. Colagioia confirmed that both funded partners have the capacity to handle the additional funds and additional number of youth to serve.

Rick Villalobos stated that the amount being recommendation is 50% of the funds allocated for the JAG initiative that the Board denied and directed staff to reallocate.

*A motion was made to approve the recommendation of staff to increase the funding for the In-School Youth programs in an amount not to exceed \$1,844,000.00 by Sgt. Mark Sharp and seconded by Alex Garza. Motion carried.*

**7. – DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve the recommendation of staff to negotiate and amend Nye Community Coalition’s PY2011 contract for an additional \$150,000.00 and extend the contract date from October 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013**

Mr. Villalobos provided background.

Mr. Galbreth stated that it is critical that services are maintained in the rural areas; this extension will allow Nye County to continue existing services without disruption. In the future, staff would like to issue a separate RFP for the rural area because having their own allocation of funds would give them the opportunity to provide more comprehensive services than they currently are.

*A motion was made to approve the recommendation of staff to negotiate and amend Nye Community Coalition’s PY2011 contract for an additional \$150,000.00 and extend the contract date from October 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 by Sgt. Mark Sharp and seconded by Alex Garza. Motion carried.*

**8. – DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve the recommendation of staff to negotiate and amend Nevada Partners, Inc. (NPI) PY2011 contract for an active number of Out-of-School Carry-Forwards for an additional \$200,000.00 and extend the contract date from October 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013.**

Rick Villalobos provided background. NPI is the only Youth Funded Partners currently serving existing Out-of-School youth that was not awarded Out-of-School funds. Discussion ensued.

Clentine January noted that NPI needs the additional \$200,000.00 to serve 159 existing youth; otherwise these youth would have to be transferred to another agency and risk a disruption in their program. Ms. January stated that these youth are familiar with NPI and the staff and the youth are all on track in terms of meeting performance.

Alex Garza expressed concern that NPI may not have the capacity to expend the additional funding having recently been awarded \$900,000.00. Mr. Garza requested more information regarding why NPI was not awarded these funds initially and recommended that this item be held until such information can be provided.

Ardell Galbreth reiterated the importance of avoiding any disruption of services to these youth that NPI is currently serving and stated that even with the best of intentions that can happen when clients are transferred to another agency in the middle of their program.

Mr. Garza restated his opinion and said he would like to receive more information and perhaps visit NPI’s program personally before making a decision in this matter.

*A motion was made to table this item for one month by Sgt. Mark Sharp and seconded by Alex Garza. Motion carried.*

**9. – INFORMATION: Youth Re-Entry Update**

Valerie Sims, Re-Entry Specialist, provided an update. The Youth Re-Entry program is a partnership with the Caliente Youth Center, Workforce Connections, and the Youth Parole Bureau, which is a part of Department of Child and Family Services. Ms. Sims reported that 70% of the youth obtained a high school diploma/GED and 50% of the youth obtained employment. Employers include Kids-R-Us Academy (24-hour day care center), Target, Carpet Galore, Big 5 Sporting Goods, Dairy Queen, McDonalds, Century Link, Michael’s, Abercrombie & Fitch, Dollar Tree, Monte Carlo Hotel and

Casino, and Cloud Carpets & Draperies. One youth obtained a vocational certificate from the Academy of Dental Careers, 10% of the youth entered into post-secondary education, and one of the youth received a full scholarship to UNLV.

Ms. Sims stated that the partnership with the Youth Parole served as a great asset to the participants and all partners involved. The youth had easy access to the parole officers and workforce staff.

Rick Villalobos recognized Ms. Sims and Jamie Killian, Caliente Youth Center for meeting or exceeding performance measures, facilitating a successful program, and for doing such great work.

#### **10. – INFORMATION: YouthBuild Las Vegas 2011 Update**

Jennifer Padilla, YouthBuild Las Vegas (YBLV) Program Coordinator provided an update. YBLV recently held their graduation ceremony at the Texas Station on June 1<sup>st</sup>, wherein 27 YBLV participants graduated. Texas Station donated the space for the event.

Ms. Padilla reported that this year so far 18 out of 27 participants earned their high school diploma and/or GED, 16 participants received the HBI Pact (pre-apprenticeship training), 65% of the participants have received some type of certificate, and 90% of the participants received literacy/numeracy gains (reading/writing and/or math).

Recently the YBLV participants completed the “What’s it mean to be Green?” Program and 100% of the participants passed the exam.

Ms. Padilla reported that by the end of the month approximately 50% of the youth will be placed in post-secondary education and/or employment. Currently 11 – 12 participants are employed.

YouthBuild participant Sebastian Ramirez, who recently earned his GED and high school diploma, talked about his experience and success with the program. According to Ramirez, the YouthBuild program completely changed his life. Ramirez plans to attend college this spring.

#### **11. – INFORMATION: Youth Funded Partner Overview**

This is an information item provided on page 44 of the agenda packet. The item includes an overview of the funded partners, # of youth to serve, funding amounts, cost per, and a description of the target populations and services provided for the Summer Component/Year-Round program, Out-of-School and In-School program, and the Re-Entry program.

#### **12. – INFORMATION: 2011 Youth Performance Report**

The local and statewide common measures performance reports provided on page 50 of the agenda packet are for information only. Workforce Connections has met or exceeded all performance measures.

#### **13. – INFORMATION: Operation Healthcare Bound Report and Video**

Debra Collins, Program Specialist, provided an overview of the Operation Healthcare Bound event on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and provided a video presentation with highlights and commentary from the youth participants.

Ms. Collins reported that 125 youth attended from Nye County, Lincoln County, HELP of Southern Nevada, Nevada Partner’s, Southern Nevada Children First, Desert Rose, and the Youth Re-Entry program. The participating hospitals generously fed the youth and provided them with access to all areas of the hospital, the doctors, and staff. The youth participated in a variety of activities; they developed compounds for lip balm, watched robotic surgery and child birth, visited the helicopter pad, and had one-on-one quality time with physicians to ask questions and discuss their career interests.



Ms. Collins says the next step is to work with the funded partners to develop work experience opportunities and possible school scholarships to help get the youth engrained in the healthcare field.

Ms. Collins thanked Workforce Connections staff members, Byron Goynes Celia Diaz, Linda Yi, and Clentine January for their involvement in facilitating a successful event.

#### **14. – SECTION PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION**

**Dr. Tiffany Tyler, Nevada Partners, Inc. (NPI):** Dr. Tyler extended an invitation to the Youth Council to tour the Nevada Partner's facility at any time and provided a brief overview of NPI's services and programs.

**Magann Jordan, Program Director - Youth Advocate Program (YAP):** Ms. Jordan is excited to collaborate with Workforce Connections as the new youth re-entry program provider. Ms. Jordan recognized Valerie Sims for her hard work and dedication to this population and looks forward to continuing this work with Ms. Sims.

Ms. Jordan reported that YAP has a work support program with Department of Juvenile Justice Services going on for six years now and is excited to expand YAP's services with Workforce Connections.

Taylor, a Youth Advocate Program participant, recited a poem she wrote and talked briefly about her background and her positive experience with the program and staff. Taylor stated that YAP provides her with tremendous support that's customized to fit her individual needs. Taylor stated that no matter what it is YAP finds a way to help her. Taylor is currently working as a receptionist at a salon.

**Jamie Killian, Superintendent - Caliente Youth Center (CYC):** Ms. Killian commended Valerie Sims for the work she's done with CYC and the re-entry program. Ms. Sims was phenomenal in helping CYC put together its program from scratch, Killian said. Vaughn Higbee was also recognized for his role as case manager for the re-entry program. Killian noted that Mr. Higbee helped identify youth who were most in need for these services and who would be successful in the program.

Ms. Killian extended an invitation to the Board and staff to attend Caliente Youth Center's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

**Suzanne Burke, Program Manager - Southern Nevada Children First (SNCF):** Ms. Burke thanked the Board for the contract award and reported that the program has already started recruiting and is doing fantastically well. Ms. Burke reported that approximately 50 youth have gone through orientation.

Ms. Burke recognized Clentine January for being instrumental in helping get the program up and running, and thanked Debra Collins for making the Operation Healthcare Bound program available to the participants at SNCF. Ms. Burke reported that since attending the event, one of the youth participants has enrolled in college to become a Registered Nurse.

**Dell Schilleci, Action Parent-Teen Support:** Ms. Schilleci is a new resident to Las Vegas and a representative of Action Parent-Teen Support. Action provides a free service and support to parents with kids in crisis, including drug addiction, legal issues, gang intervention, anger issues, or whatever the need be. The program currently meets with parents and teens at the Steele Boxing and Community Wellness Center and at Beacon Academy. Action is from Southern California, where it has been up and running for the past 15 years.

#### **15. – Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

**5. INFORMATION:**

**Welcome Vida Chan Lin & Willie J. Fields to the Youth Council**

**Vida Chan Lin**

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**Profile** Self motivated business owner with a proven ability to achieve and exceed all business-development and revenue-generation goals for a successful insurance agency focused on the minority communities. Developed and maintained an extensive client base consisting of numerous commercial and individual policies. Multilingual in Mandarin, Cantonese, and English languages.

**Education and Credentials**

Phoenix Insurance & Securities School, Inc. – Scottsdale, AZ	1994
Education Insurance School – Las Vegas, NV	1993
Key Realty School – Las Vegas, NV	1993
Learning Place Real Estate School – San Jose, CA	1985

*Professional Licenses:*

Life, Health, Property, and Casualty License  
Real Estate License

**Experience**

Western Risk / V & J Insurance, Las Vegas, NV Vice President	1999 – Present
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*Created an insurance agency committed to serving and educating the Asian and minority communities. Developed and executed strategic sales techniques resulting in a diverse customer account base and increased company growth. Collaborate with clients to assess individual financial situations and develop strategic financial planning solutions.*

Liberty Mutual, Las Vegas, NV Life Planner	1996 – 1999
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*Consulted with clients to delineate and analyze their financial situations and develop strategic solutions to further their financial-planning goals. Developed knowledge of and experience in aggressively building a solid client base and drive revenue growth.*

Creditable contracts signed for Liberty Mutual:

- City of Las Vegas Employees
- Clark County Bar Association

Prudential Insurance, Las Vegas, NV Prudential Representative	1994 – 1995
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*Developed customer relationships and consulted with clients over their financial situations and provided strategic solutions to further their financial-planning goals.*

Exceeded revenue goals and became the leading sales representative targeted for the local Asian community.

**Affiliations**

Board Member in these organizations:

- Member – Department of Social Service Citizen’s Advisory Committee 2011 - Present
- Advisory Council – UNLV Raising Our Asian Rights 2009 – Present
- Chancellor’s Roundtable Board – Nevada System of Higher Education 2005 – Present
- Vice-President of Finance – OCA 1999 – Present
- Board Member/Mentor – Clark County Summer Business Institute Program Mentorship 1997 – Present
- Advisory Board – Clark County Business Development Advisory Council 1997 – 2009
- Fund Raising Committee – Japanese American Citizen League 1995 – 2009
- State Advisory Council – Safeco Insurance 2004 – 2006
- Past President – Asian Chamber of Commerce 1994 – 2011

Active Member in these organizations:

- National Association of Life Underwriters 1995 – Present
- Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce 1996 – Present
- American Business Women Association 1997 – Present
- Chinese Chamber of Commerce 1997 – Present
- Better Business Bureau 1997 – Present
- Health Underwriter of Nevada 1997 – Present
- Latin Chamber of Commerce 1998 – Present
- Urban Chamber of Commerce 2003 – Present

**Awards**

- City of Las Vegas Recognition 2011
- Women Who Mean Business 2010 – Las Vegas Business Press 2010
- Hall of Fame Award – Women of Color 2010
- Congressional Record – Senator John Ensign 2010
- Congressional Record – Senator Harry Reid 2009
- Congressional Record – Senator John Porter 2008
- Unsung Hero Award – OCA/GM 2007
- Business Development Advisory Council Appointment – Clark County Commissioners 2005
- Women in Business Award – National Coalition of 100 Black Women 2005
- Board of Director Appointment – Japanese American Society of Nevada 1999
- JACL Community Service Award – Japanese American Citizen League 1999
- Board of Commissioners Appointment – Clark County Commissioners 1998
- Board of Director Appointment – Asian Chamber of Commerce 1997

**BIO: W. J. FIELDS JR.**

**W. J. Fields Jr. located to Las Vegas Nevada in 1968 from New Orleans Louisiana where he attended high school and Louisiana State University majoring in political science and business administration. In the past thirty years Fields has been a philanthropist, community activist ,political adviser and promoter of many civic causes. From 1984 to 1993 Fields served as founding chairman of Community Health Clinics that was funded by the Department of Health and Human Service that provided health care for the under privilege. He was elected President of the North Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce in 2003 by the members of the business community of that city. That year he brought Taiwan and the city of North Las Vegas together to promote trade and commerce. The following year of 2004 he was elected District Governor of Lions Clubs International for the state of Nevada. That year he founded and became chairman of Lions Sightfirst Foundation that provides free eye care for those who can not afford to pay. In recent years he has served as Chairman of the Workforce Investment Board Youth Council for the Department of Labor providing job training for the youth of four counties. He has also served as consultant to the Department of Energy on nuclear waste issues. He currently serves as Honorary Chairman and resident agent of North America for the International Financial Management Association of Beijing, China.**

**6. DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION:**

**Approve staff's recommendation to execute a contract with Southern Nevada Children First in an amount not to exceed \$16,470 for four (4) Native American Youth Work Experiences through September 30, 2012**



<b>Program Year:</b>	2011
<b>Program/Agency Name:</b>	Southern Nevada Children First
<b>Location:</b>	720 W Cheyenne # 30 Las Vegas, NV 89117
Program Type: <i>(Please note the funding stream)</i>	U.S. Fish & Wildlife
Program Dates:	July 2012 to September 2012
Amount Awarded:	\$16,470
Cost Per:	\$4,117.50
# to Serve:	4
Target Population:	Native American Youth
Program Description:	The summer 2012 meaningful work experience with US Fish and Wildlife requires (4) Native American Youth to successfully complete a 6 to 8 week meaningful work experience. The youth will gain valuable experience using mapping features which are critical to the preservation of wildlife sanctuaries. Mapping entails the use of Global Positioning Systems (GPS), Mapping grade, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Spatial Data. The student's primary job in Mapping is the collection of spatial data using GPS and bringing that spatial data into the GIS to incorporate the new data in with existing spatial data to map the work being done. In this case student's mapped the infrastructure on the refuge for maintenance of the facilities and the restoration of habitat areas on the refuges. The restoration consisted of first clearing the habitat area of non-native plants and then mapping the area to keep a record of where this work has been completed. Over time the record of restored areas can be looked at to see the success or failure of restoration efforts and determine the most effective methods for habitat restoration.
Contact Person & Info.:	<p>Donald P. Harper Geographer U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service Southern Nevada Field Office 4701 N. Torrey Pines Dr. Las Vegas, Nevada 89130 (702) 515-5254</p> <p>Kevin J. DesRoberts, Deputy Project Leader Desert National Wildlife Refuge Complex 4701 N. Torrey Pines Las Vegas, NV 89130 702-515-5452 702-375-4005 (cell) Kevin_DesRoberts@fws.gov</p>





**7. INFORMATION: Summer School Update**



**8. INFORMATION:**

**Graduate Advocate Initiative “In-House” Close Out Report**

Graduate Advocate Initiative  
Initial Implementation Period January-June 2012

**IMPACT & ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**During the initial implementation period, the Graduate Advocate Initiative helped students overcome obstacles in the pursuit of education completion.**

The 2011-2012 school year began with an official graduation rate of 59 %. School district officials identified 10,000 seniors who were not on pace to graduate. However, 7,500 of those students were only one or two classes shy of credit requirements or had come up short of passing the High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE). Nearly 6,000 seniors hadn't passed the proficiency exam at the start of the school year. As of April, 3,600 seniors had passed the exam. Nearly 4,200 seniors began the school year credit-deficient. As of April, that number was just over 1,800.

On June 4, 2012, Superintendent Jones announced the district's official graduation rate increased from 59% last year to 65% this year. This number could be even higher if up to 2,000 additional seniors who are just short of the requirements for a diploma can complete the requirements this summer.

The Clark County School District joined in partnership with Workforce Connections and the United Way of Southern Nevada to implement the Ready for Life Graduate Advocate Initiative program. The purpose of this program is to increase the graduation rate of at-risk CCSD high school seniors receiving services under this program. During the 2011-2012 school year, the program was provided to ten (10) CCSD identified at-risk high schools. Program services targeted specific high school seniors who were 2-3 credits deficient and/or had been unsuccessful in passing the HSPE and/or faced barriers to employment or education. 436 youth were serviced during this implementation period, 371 became Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Approved.

<b>Chaparral HS</b>	22 serviced	12 WIA Approved	<b>Cheyenne HS</b>	49 serviced	26 WIA Approved
<b>Cimarron HS</b>	61 serviced	60 WIA Approved	<b>Clark HS</b>	65 serviced	65 WIA Approved
<b>Del Sol HS</b>	30 serviced	26 WIA Approved	<b>Desert Pines HS</b>	44 serviced	35 WIA Approved
<b>Mojave HS</b>	31 serviced	25 WIA Approved	<b>Sunrise Mtn. HS</b>	57 serviced	57 WIA Approved
<b>Valley HS</b>	38 serviced	32 WIA Approved	<b>Western HS</b>	39 serviced	33 WIA Approved

**9. INFORMATION:**

**YouthBuild Las Vegas 2009 Close-Out Report & 2011 Cohort Report**

## YouthBuild Las Vegas

### YBLV 2009 Closeout Report

#### *Performance Measures*

1. Enrollment: 100%
2. Placement in Education or Employment: 58%
3. Attainment of a Degree or Certificate: 87%
4. Literacy and Numeracy Attainment: 83%
5. Retention Rate: 61%
6. Recidivism Rate: 0%

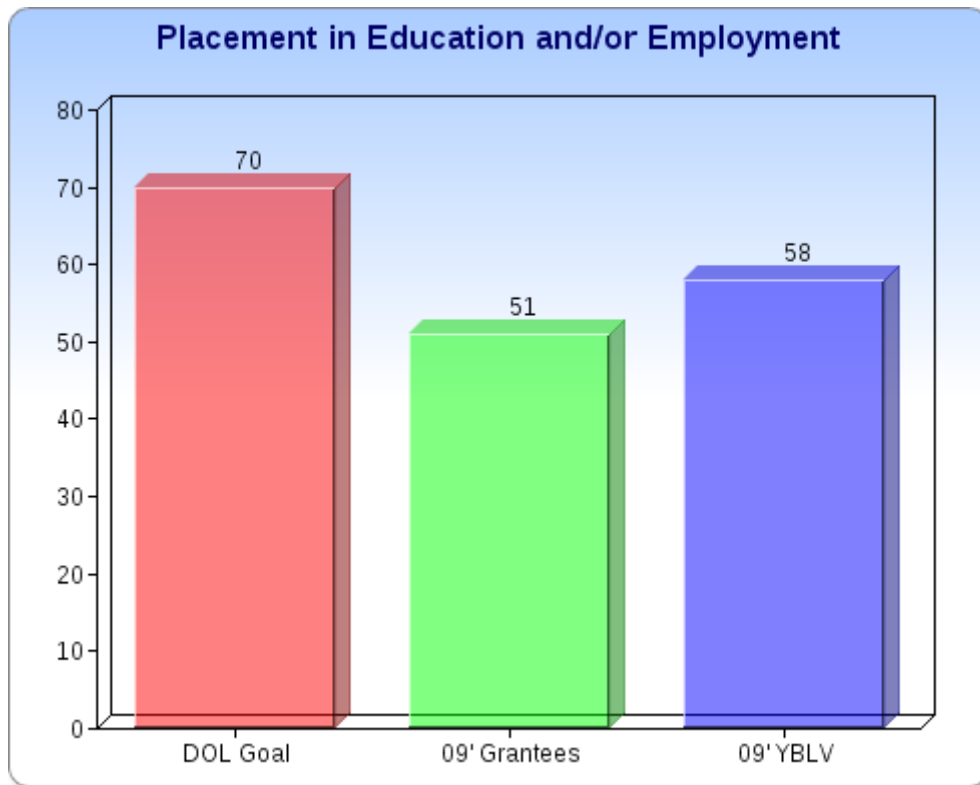
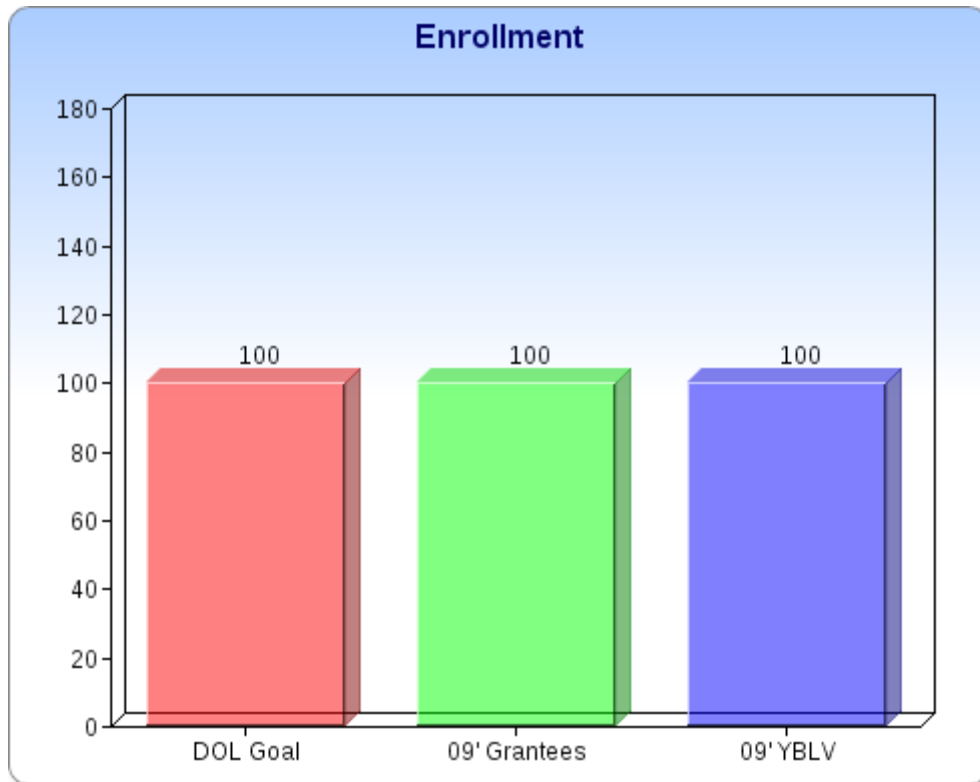


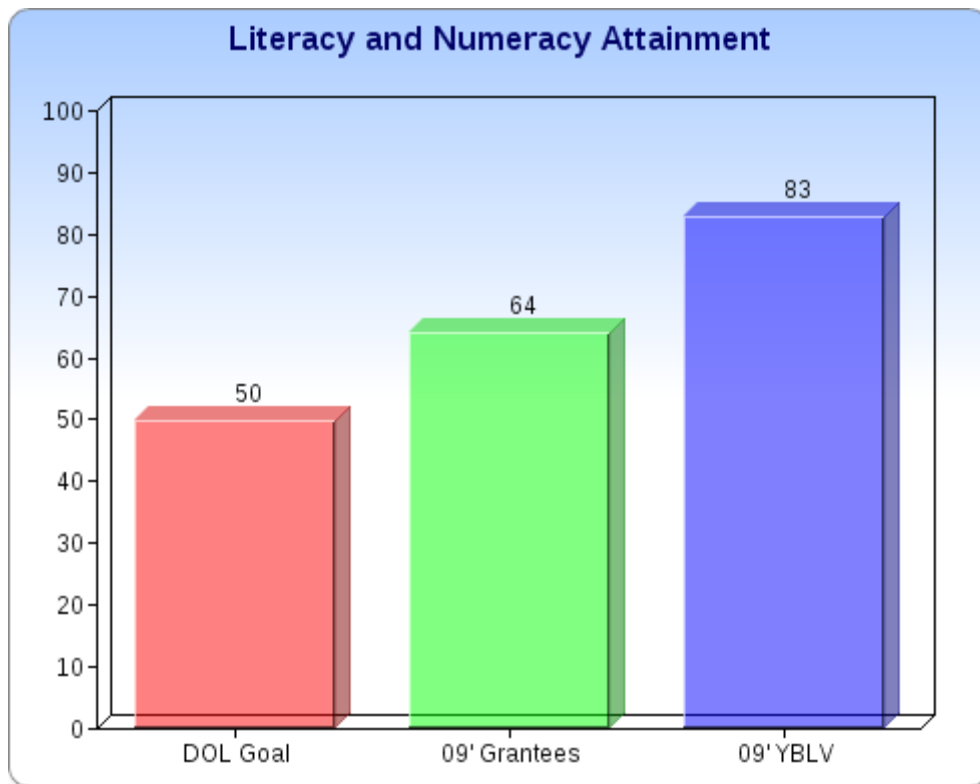
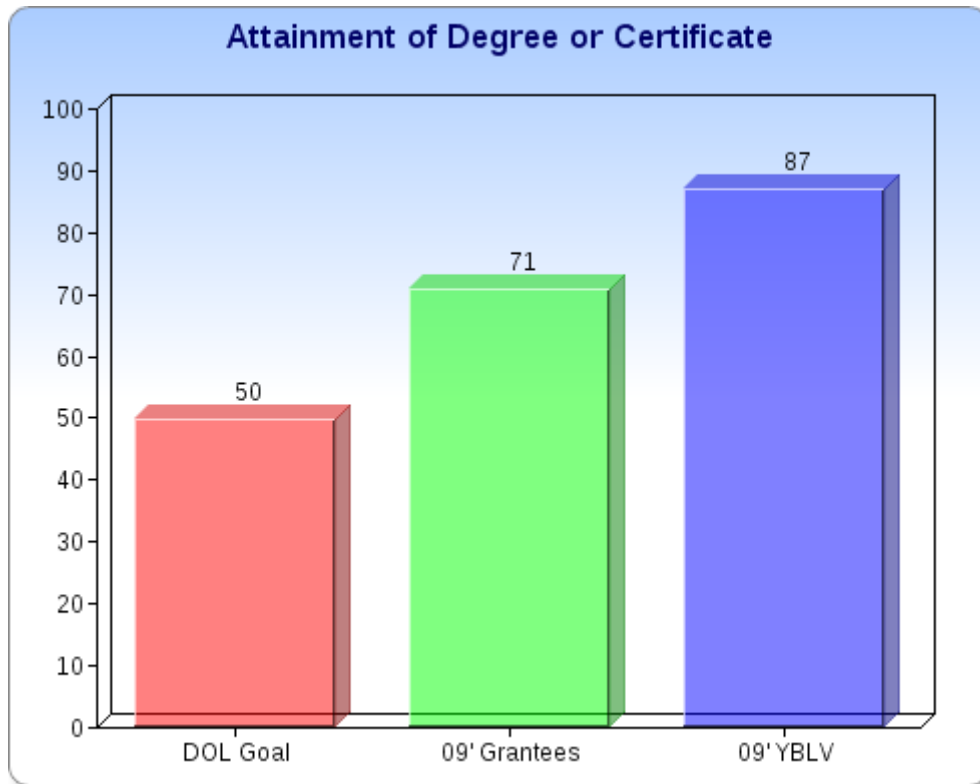
### YBLV 2011 Cohort 3

#### *Performance Measures*

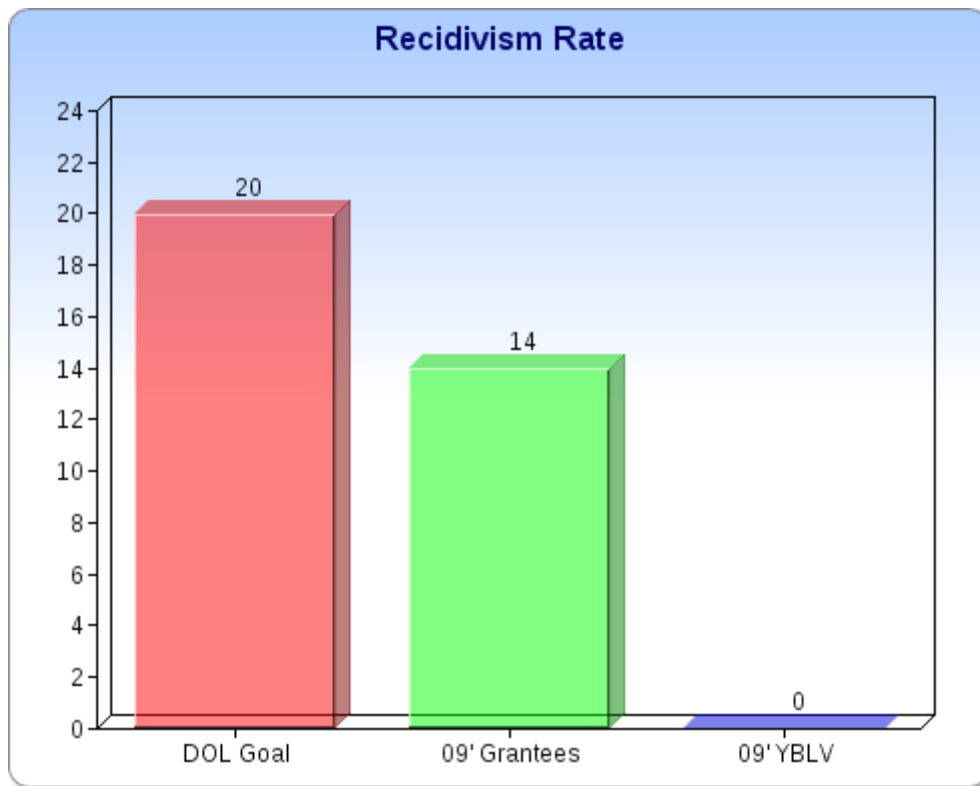
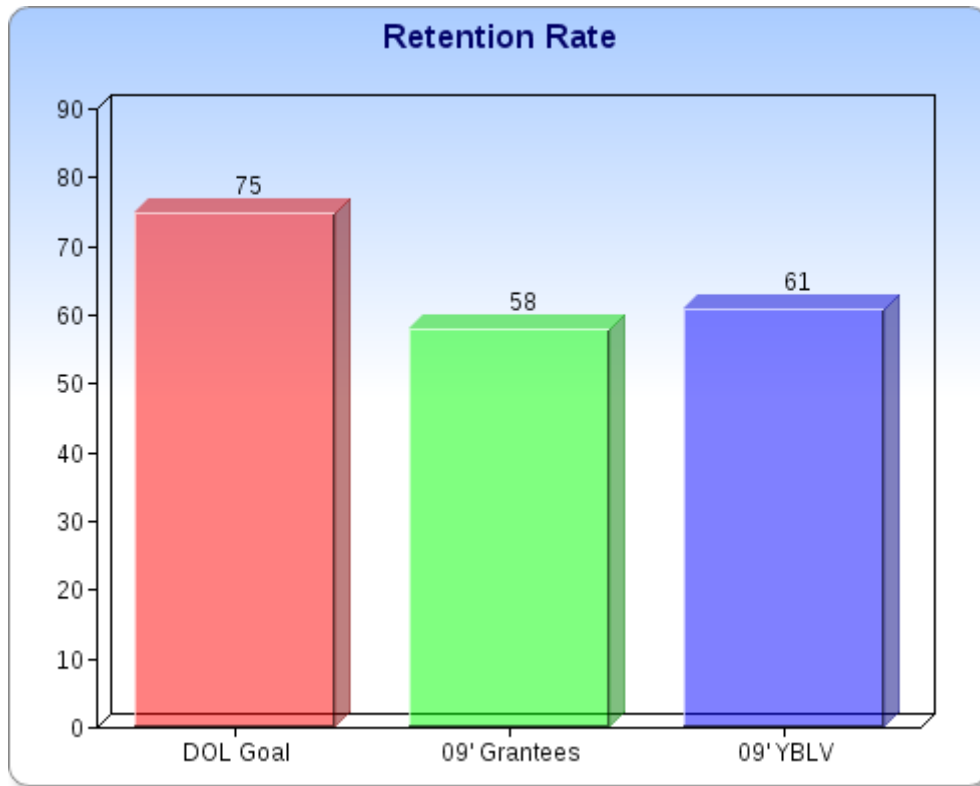
1. Enrollment: 100%
2. Placement in Education or Employment: 86%
3. Attainment of a Degree or Certificate : 74%
4. Literacy and Numeracy Attainment: 96%
5. Retention Rate: N/A
6. Recidivism Rate: 0%

### 2009 YBLV Report

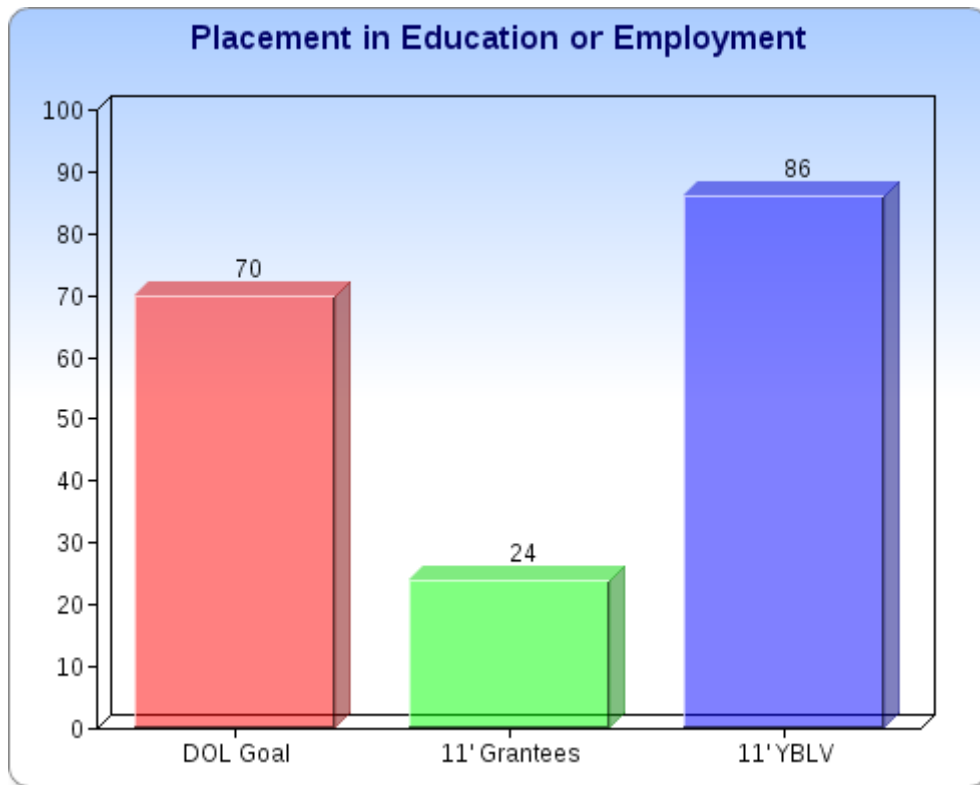
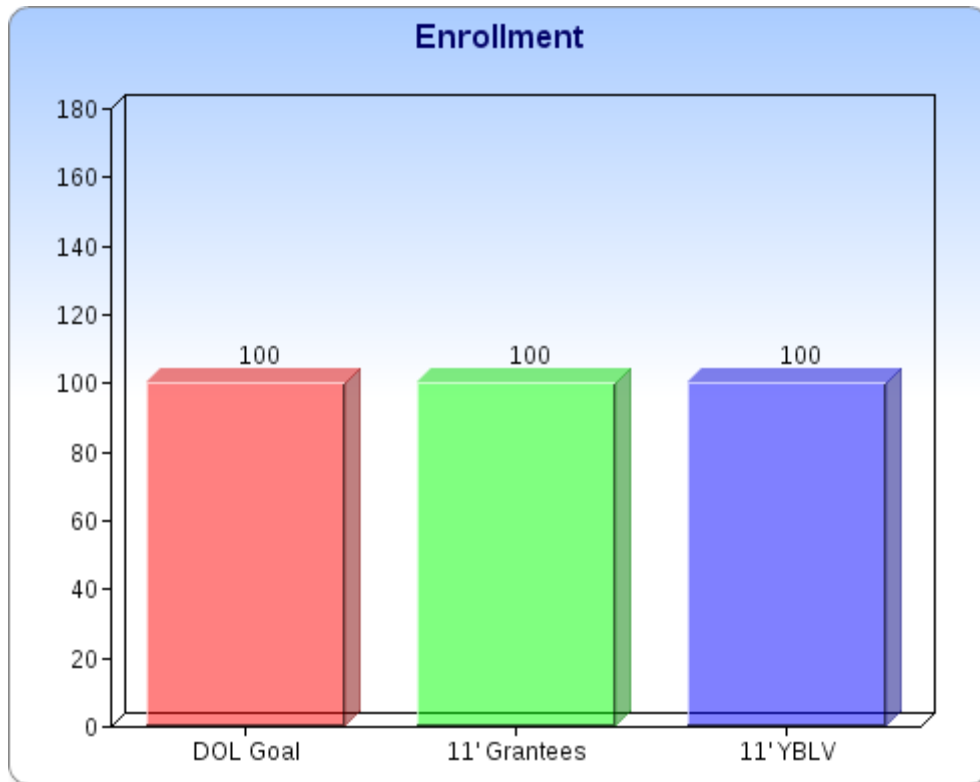


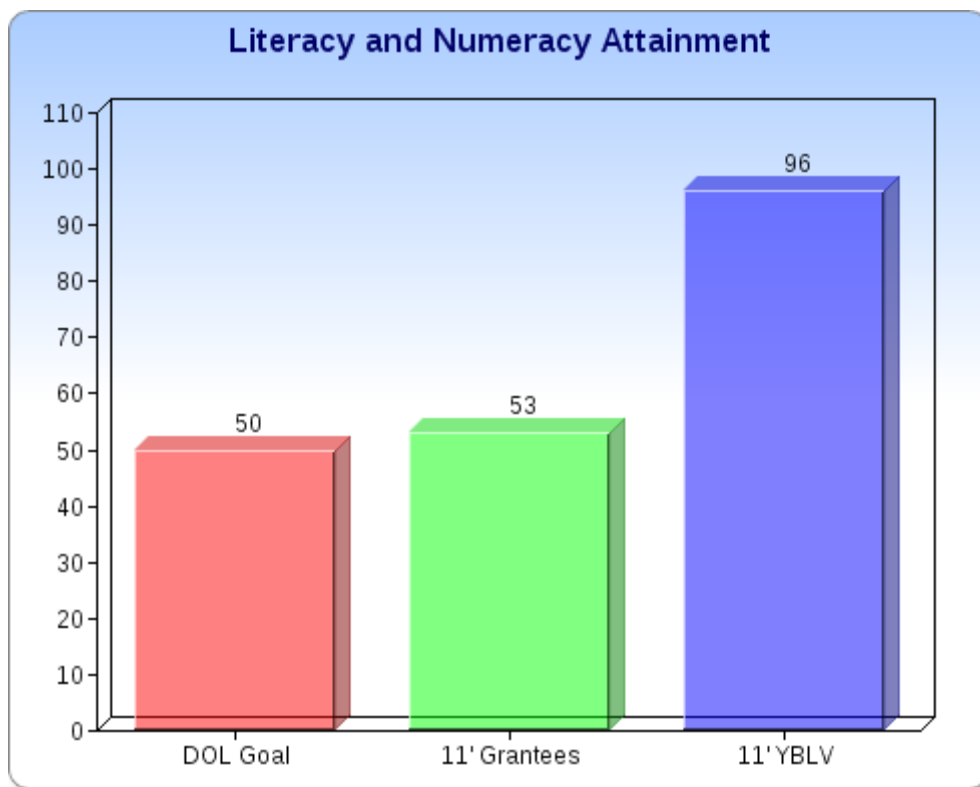
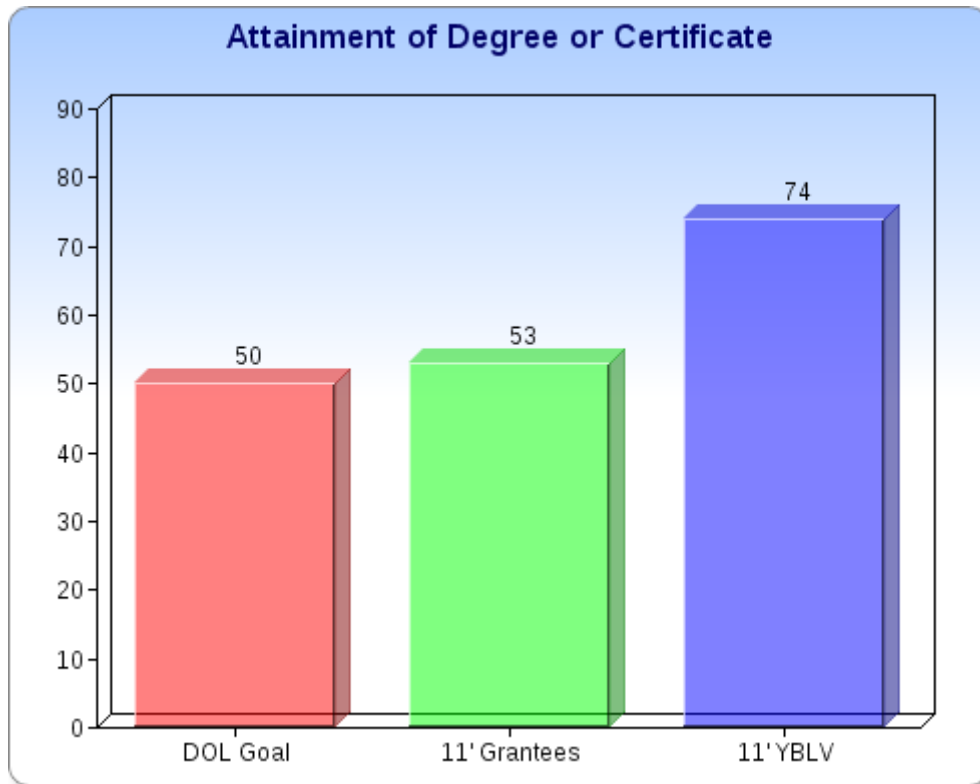


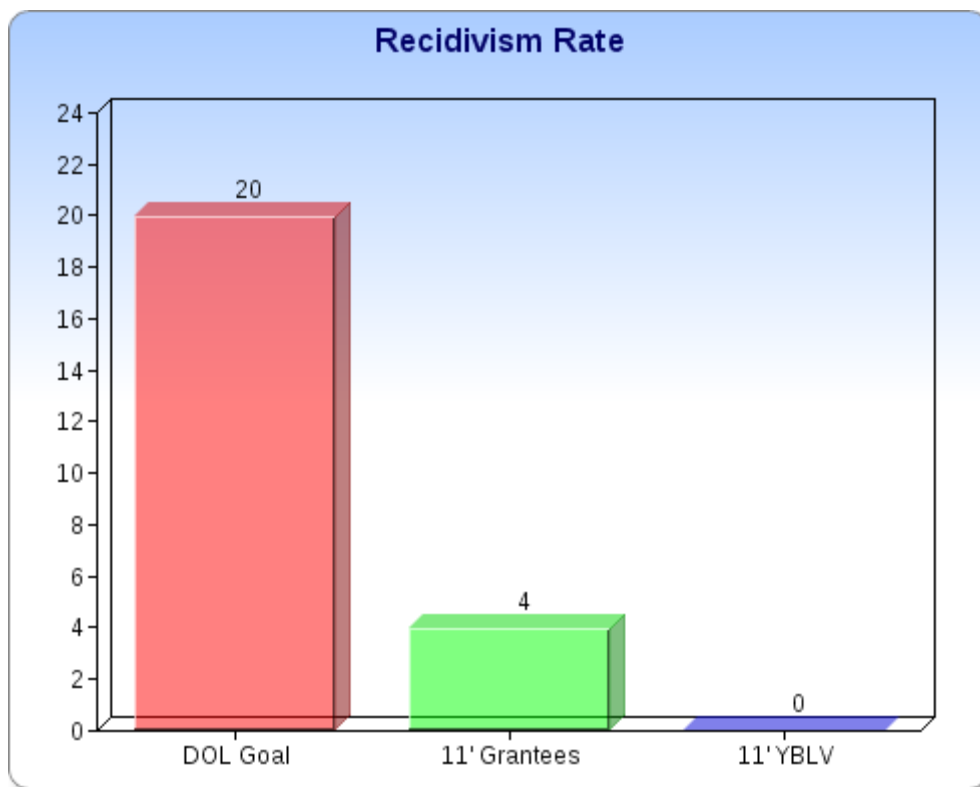
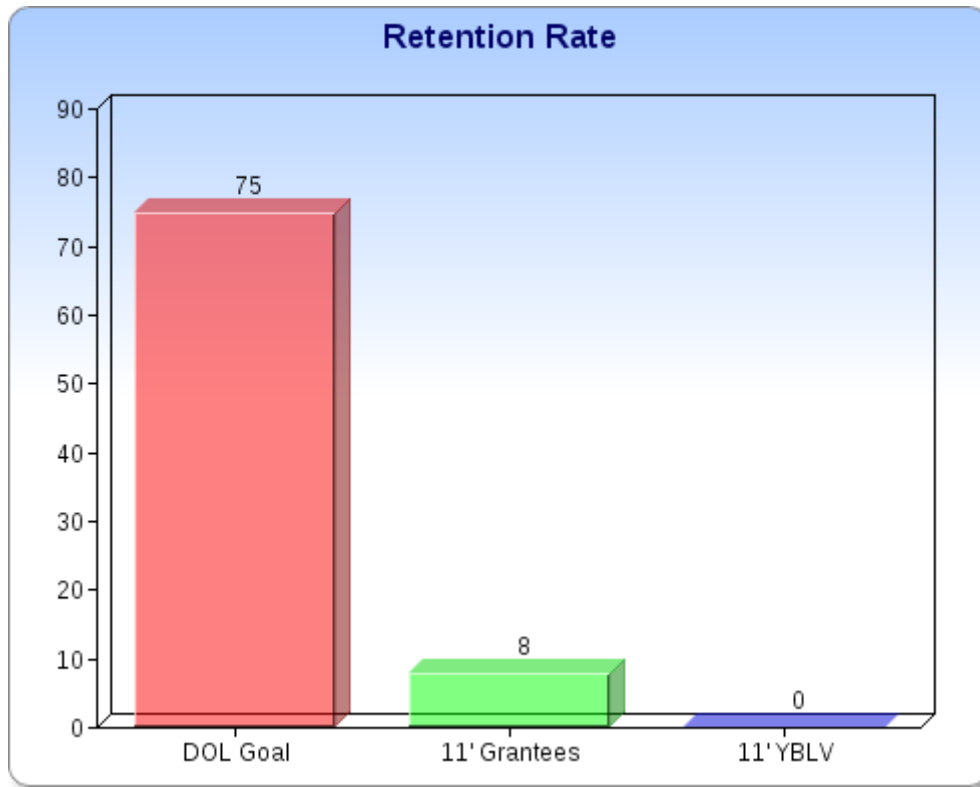




### 11' YBLV REPORT







**10. INFORMATION:**

**PY2011 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Performance Report**

Workforce Connections <b>LOCAL COMMON MEASURES</b> Performance(CUMULATIVE/QUARTERLY)				
4th QUARTER PY2011 (preliminary)	Total Participants Served	Adults:	1897	
		Dislocated Worker:	1160	
		Older Youth:	258	
		Younger Youth:	713	
<b>Green Indicates Exceeding Performance</b>				
<b>Yellow Highlight indicates Meeting Performance</b>	Total Exiters	Adults:	1756	
		Dislocated Worker:	1097	
		Older Youth:	69	
		Younger Youth:	233	
<b>Bold Red indicates Failing Performance</b>				
Adult and Dislocated Worker				
Reported Information	Performance Levels ---->	Negotiated	Actual	Num/Den
Entered Employment Rates	Adults	63%	<b>64.7%</b>	1179/1822
	Dislocated Workers	70%	<b>68.7%</b>	957/1394
Retention Rates	Adults	70%	<b>77.7%</b>	1148/1478
	Dislocated Workers	80%	<b>79.8%</b>	928/1163
Average Earnings (Adult/DW) Six Months Earnings Increase	Adults	\$11,500	<b>\$12,922</b>	14782634/1144
	Dislocated Workers	\$14,500	<b>\$14,406</b>	13339889/926
Youth				
Placement in Employment or Education	Youth (14-21)	40%	<b>48.7%</b>	134/275
Attainment of Degree or Certificate	Youth (14-21)	40%	<b>42.1%</b>	88/209
Literacy and Numeracy Gains	Youth (14-21)	29%	<b>43.8%</b>	32/73

<b>STATEWIDE COMMON MEASURES Performance(CUMULATIVE/QUARTERLY)</b>				
<b>4th QUARTER PY2011 (preliminary)</b>	<b>Total Participants Served</b>	Adults:	3025	
		Dislocated Worker:	2428	
Older Youth:		304		
Younger Youth:		1275		
<b>Green Indicates Exceeding Performance</b>				
<b>Yellow Highlight indicates Meeting Performance</b>	<b>Total Exiters</b>	Adults:	2349	
		Dislocated Worker:	1924	
Older Youth:		108		
Younger Youth:		440		
<b>Bold Red indicates Failing Performance</b>				
<b>Adult and Dislocated Worker</b>				
<b>Reported Information</b>	<b>Performance Levels ----&gt;</b>	<b>Negotiated</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Num/Den</b>
Entered Employment Rates	Adults	63%	<b>63.0%</b>	1476/2343
	Dislocated Workers	70%	<b>67.9%</b>	1529/2247
Retention Rates	Adults	70%	<b>77.0%</b>	1465/1902
	Dislocated Workers	80%	<b>80.7%</b>	1446/1791
Average Earnings (Adult/DW) Six Months Earnings Increase	Adults	\$11,500	<b>\$12,931</b>	18891999/1461
	Dislocated Workers	\$14,500	<b>\$15,080</b>	21775682/1444
<b>Youth</b>				
Placement in Employment or Education	Youth (14-21)	40%	<b>56.4%</b>	289/512
Attainment of Degree or Certificate	Youth (14-21)	40%	<b>57.3%</b>	248/433
Literacy and Numeracy Gains	Youth (14-21)	29%	<b>45.0%</b>	45/100

**11. INFORMATION: Youth Funding Plan**



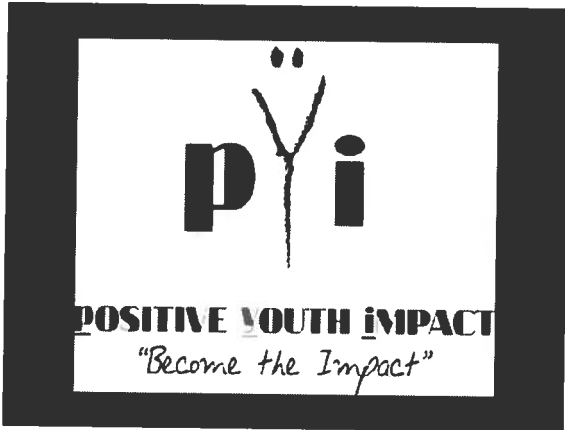
**Workforce Connections  
Youth Funding Plan  
July 22, 2012**

	Available Funds	Projections Based on Monthly Invoices						One Year + Partial Jun 2012 TOTAL	Remaining
		Partial Jun 2012 Less than 1 Month	Jul-Sep 2012 3 Months	Oct-Dec 2012 3 Months	Jan-Mar 2013 3 Months	Apr-Jun 2013 3 Months			
<b>REVENUES (Available as of July 18, 2012)</b>									
Governor's Reserve Incentive \$75,000	8,324	-	8,324				8,324	-	
PY2011 Youth Funding \$5,760,743	3,769,063	50,000	3,719,063				3,769,063	-	
PY2012 Youth Funding \$6,337,899 (Pending BOE Approval 8/14/2012)	6,337,899		369,937	1,716,000	1,716,000	1,831,000	5,632,937	704,962	
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>10,115,286</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>4,097,324</b>	<b>1,716,000</b>	<b>1,716,000</b>	<b>1,831,000</b>	<b>9,410,324</b>	<b>704,962</b>	
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>								<b>0.90 Months</b>	
<b>PY2011 Service Provider Contracts</b>									
Current Contracts (ending date 9/30/2012)		10,000	1,229,000				1,239,000		
Governor's Reserve - CC Summer Business Institute \$75,000			8,324				8,324		
PY2011 Lincoln County Contract Extension \$100,000			25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	100,000		
<b>PY2011 Amendments (Board approved 3/27/12)</b>									
Nye Communities (ending 6/30/2012)							-		
Nevada Partners (ending 6/30/2012)							-		
HELP (\$1.2 million ending 9/30/2012)			900,000				900,000		
<b>PY2012 Service Provider Contracts</b>									
PY2012 Youth In-School Contracts \$1,844,000			344,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	1,844,000		
PY2012 Youth Out-of-School Contracts \$2,000,000			500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	2,000,000		
PY2012 Youth Re-entry \$300,000			75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	300,000		
PY2012 Youth Summer Component/Year Round \$1,000,000		20,000	500,000	100,000	100,000	215,000	935,000		
<b>Operations</b>									
Administration and Programs		20,000	466,000	466,000	466,000	466,000	1,884,000		
<b>Pending Contracts</b>									
PY2011 Out-of-School Youth Contract Extension \$200,000			50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	200,000		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>50,000</b>	<b>4,097,324</b>	<b>1,716,000</b>	<b>1,716,000</b>	<b>1,831,000</b>	<b>9,410,324</b>		

PY2011 funding period is available July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013 (after two years, funds revert to the State for one additional year)  
 PY2012 funding period is available July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014 (after two years, funds revert to the State for one additional year)

**12. PRESENTATION:**

**Positive Youth Impact (PYI) Program ~ LaTanya Runnells, Nevada Partners, Inc.**



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**PYI**  
**Mission & Vision Statement**

**Vision Statement:**

- Positive Youth Impact will become recognized leaders in positive youth development programming and strives to be a center of excellence through the provision of best practices.

**Mission Statement:**

- Positive Youth Impact's missions is to promote self-sufficiency by providing comprehensive case management, training and employment readiness skills to youth.

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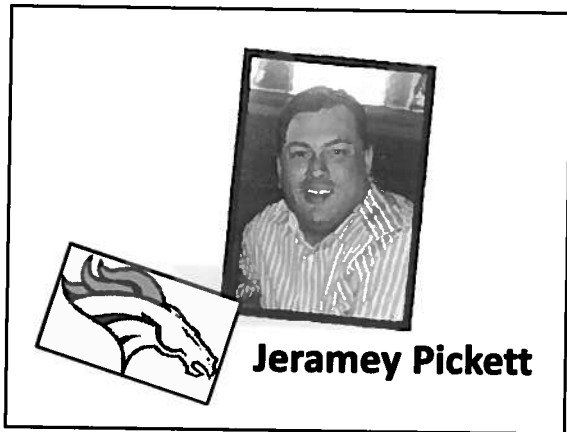
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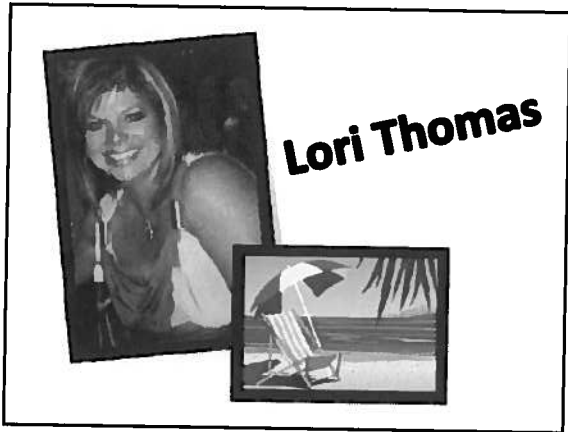
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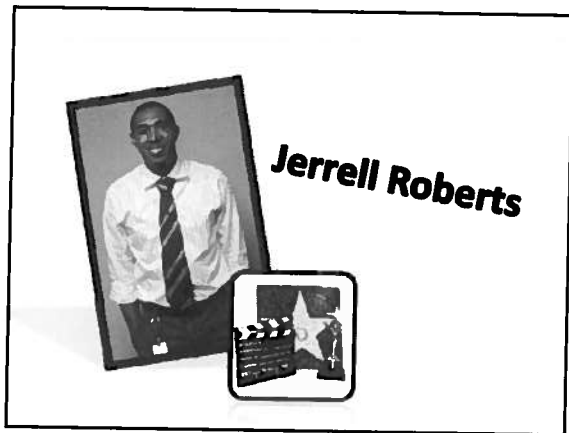
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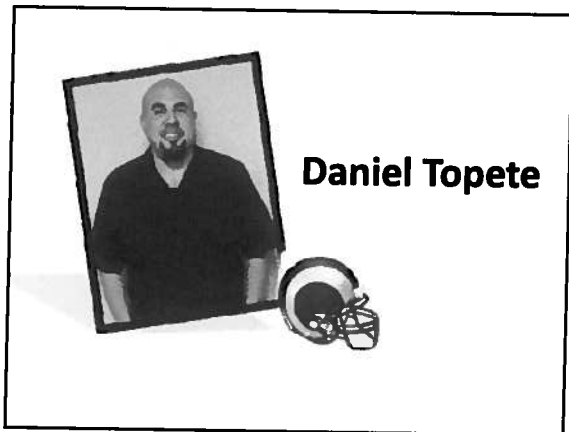
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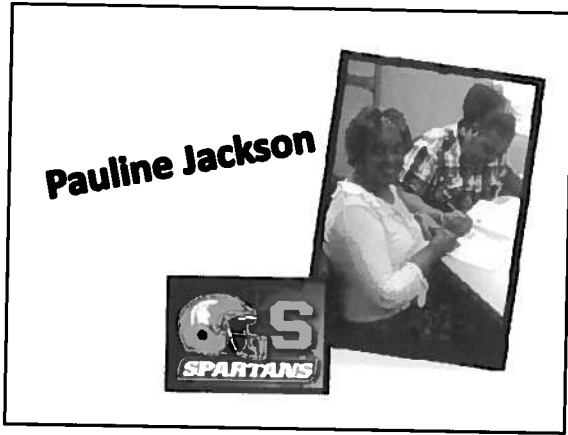
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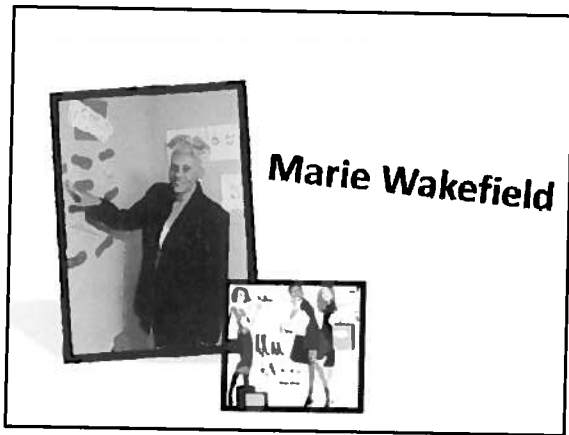
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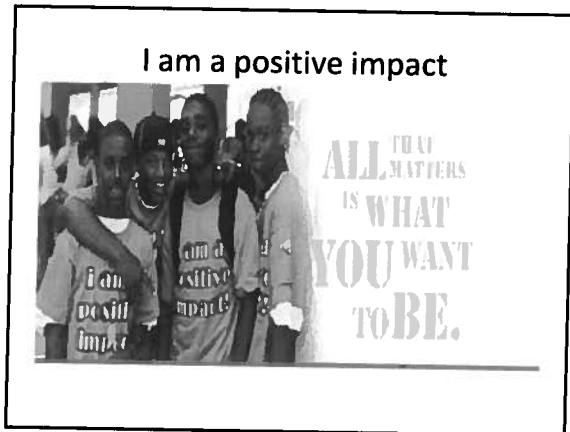
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### 10 Program Elements

The following ten components/activities must be available to youth participants. Service providers have the responsibility of what specific services are provided to a youth participant, based on the individual's objective assessment and individual service strategy.

1. Tutoring, study skills training, and instruction leading to secondary school completion, including dropout prevention strategies.
2. Alternative secondary school offerings;
3. Summer employment opportunities directly linked to academic and occupational learning;
4. Paid and unpaid work experiences, including internships and job shadowing;
5. Occupational skills training;
6. Leadership development opportunities, which may include such activities as positive social behavior and soft skills, decision making, team work and other activities;
7. Supportive services;
8. Adult mentoring for a duration of at least (12) months, that may occur both during and after program participation;
9. Follow-up services
10. Comprehensive guidance and counseling, including drug and alcohol abuse counseling, as well as referrals to counseling, as appropriate to the needs of the individual youth.

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### PYI Services Pyramid



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- General Educational Diploma (GED) pre-testing and skills assessment
- CASAS Assessment
- High school proficiency exam preparation in math, writing, reading, science
- College and career planning
- Distance education
- Individualized study
- Adult education
- Career and technical education
- Homework assistance
- Tutoring in various class subjects
- Summer school
- Post Secondary Education

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**Leadership Development**

- ✓ Coroners Visit
- ✓ Substance Abuse Prevention Workshop
- ✓ Toe Tag Workshop
- ✓ Urban League Career Expo
- ✓ Horticulture Workshop
- ✓ Planned Parenthood
- ✓ College and Career Fair
- ✓ Positive Parenting
- ✓ Responsible Fathers
- ✓ Teen Parenting
- ✓ First Aid & CPR
- ✓ Entrepreneurial Club\*
- ✓ Let's Go Green\*
- ✓ Boys Hood II Man Hood
- ✓ Girls Circle
- ✓ Youth Council
- ✓ Financial Literacy
- ✓ Health, Fitness & Wellness\*
- ✓ Youth & Parent Ambassadors\*

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- **Girls Circle** is a 6-week workshop for participants ages 15 to 21. The purpose of this workshop is to discuss relevant issues such as body image, relationship with peers, embracing diversity, and plans for the future.

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**Boy Hood II Man Hood**

- **Boys II Men** is a 6-week workshop to help young men ages 15-21 to build character and leadership skills through cultural awareness, academic success, mentoring, and community service opportunities.

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### Positive Parenting

- Positive Parenting is a 6-month workshop that seeks to bring teen parents together in a positive, supportive, nonjudgmental, and confidential environment to discuss shared experiences. Group members will have the opportunity to learn new life skills and to process their thoughts and feelings related to the challenges they may face as parenting teens.

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### What it means to be green workshop

- This is a 3-week, 20 hour workshop that teaches youth how our lives impact our planet. Participants will be able to identify the choices we make daily that can affect the planet, learn how to incorporate energy efficiency and renewable energy into our lives, and identify "What it means to be Green?".

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### Civic Engagement

- Community Service
- Service Learning
- Career Exploration & Exposure
- College Bound Exploration & Exposure
- Mentor M-pact

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### Employment Readiness

- Work Experience
- Job Shadowing
- Career Scope Assessments
- Internship
- OJT

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### Partners

- Workforce Connections
- Juvenile Justice Department
- Culinary of Las Vegas
- City of Las Vegas
- Nevada Community Associates
- UNLV CAEO
- Communities In Schools
- Desert Rose Adult High School
- Clark County Summer Business Institute
- Las Vegas Urban League

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### Westside Urban Garden



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### Westside Urban Youth Garden

- The mission of the Westside Urban Youth Garden is to provide the City of North Las Vegas access to fresh, local, organically grown vegetables while teaching youth the importance of a healthy diet, hard work, and the environment. The Westside Urban Youth Garden also aims to introduce the youth to a wide range of fruit and vegetables varieties other than the typical grocery store selection such as iceberg lettuce and naval oranges.



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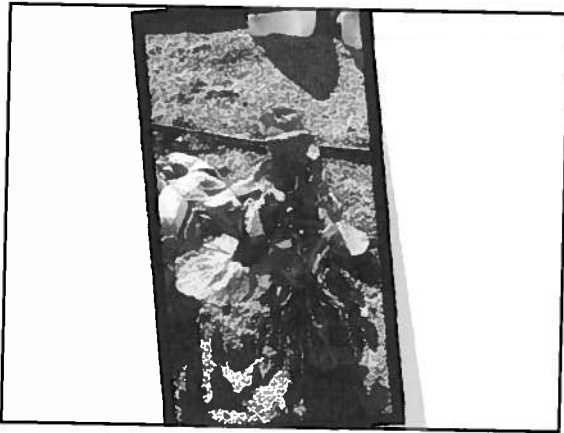
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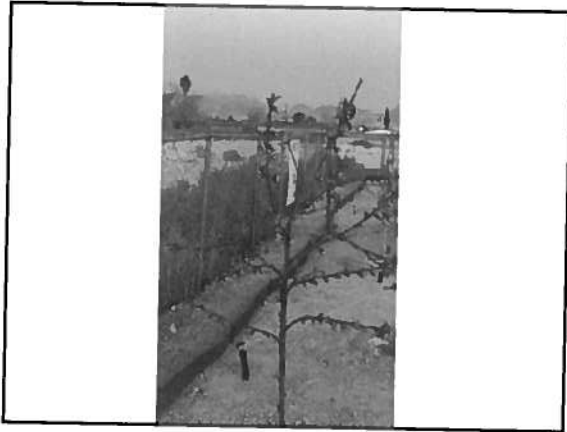
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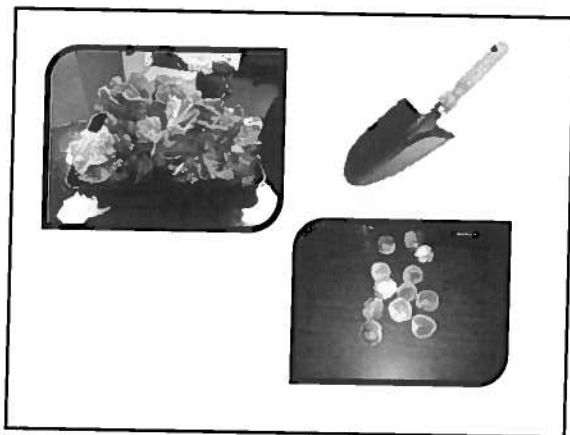
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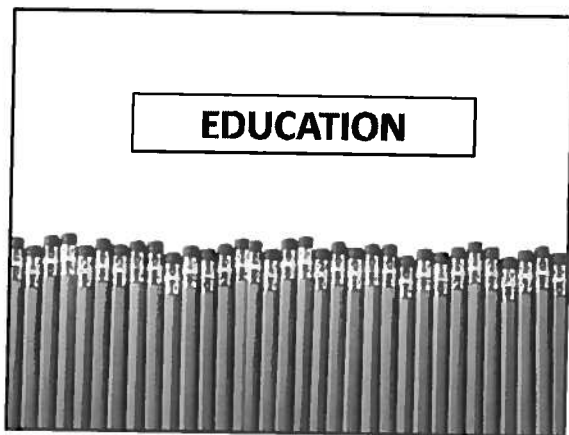
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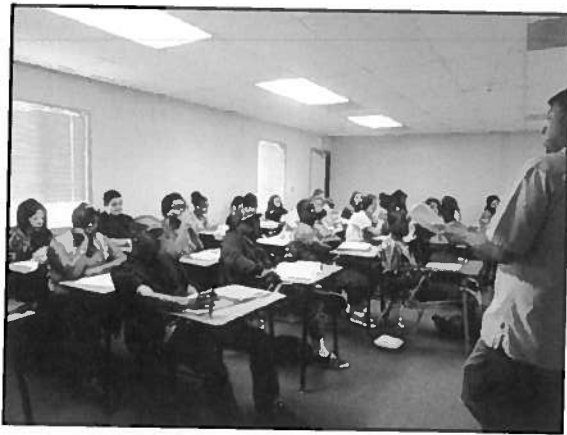
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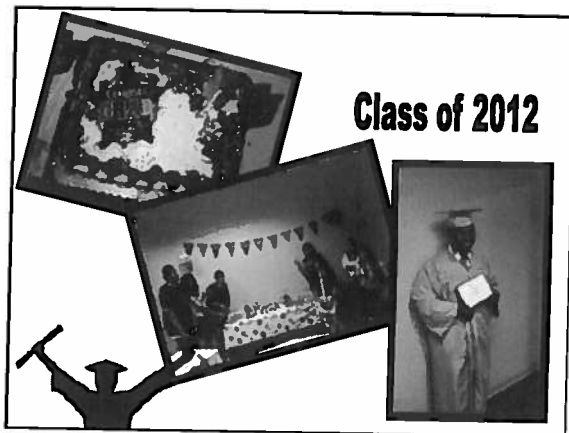
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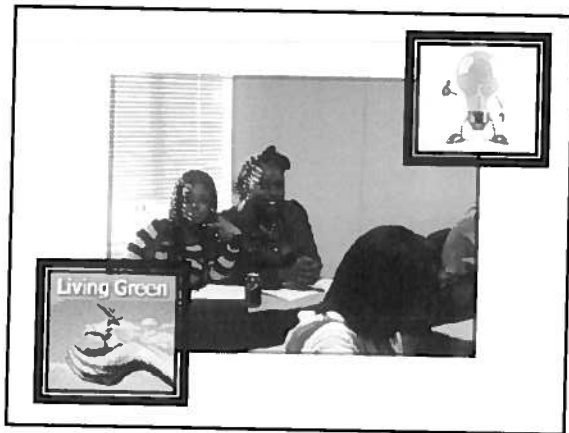
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**What is recycling?**

- **Recycling** is processing used materials into new products to prevent waste of potentially useful materials.
- It reduce the consumption of fresh raw materials, reduce energy usage, reduce air pollution and water pollution by reducing the need for "conventional" waste disposal, and lower greenhouse gas emissions as compared to virgin production.

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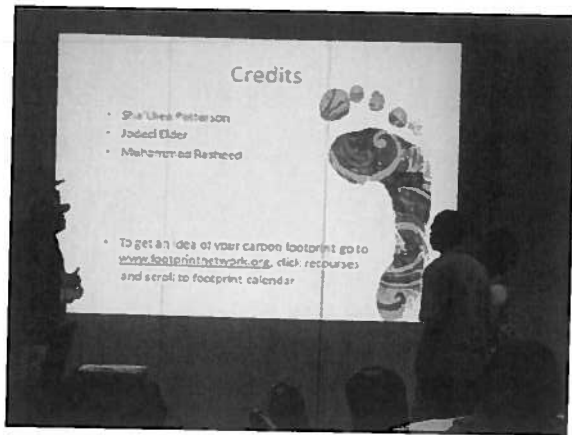
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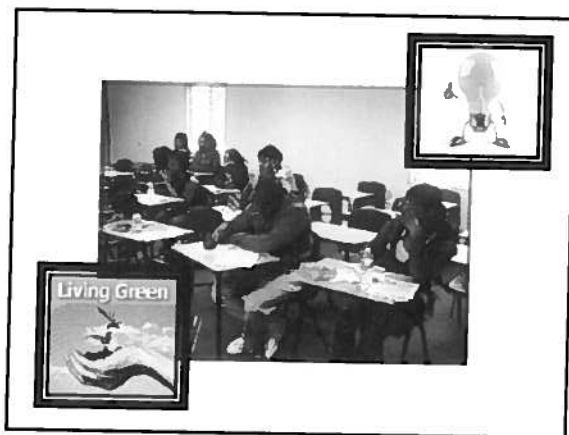
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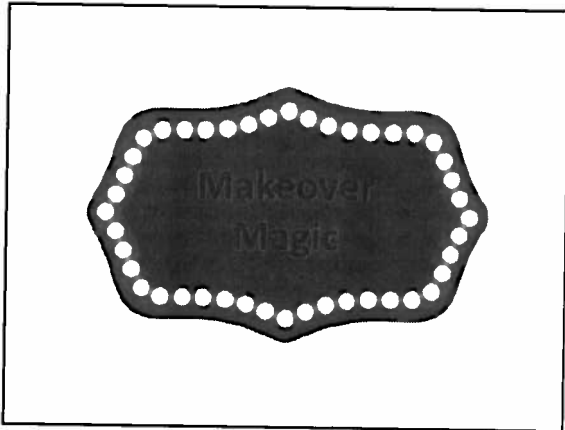
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### Dress for Success

Dressing for success is not only one of our mottos in the youth department but it is also an expectation. After youth have successfully completed the employment readiness workshops and learned how to dress for success, they are provided a voucher to purchase some professional attire.

Vouchers to purchase clothing have been distributed to Kmart and Burlington Coat Factory.

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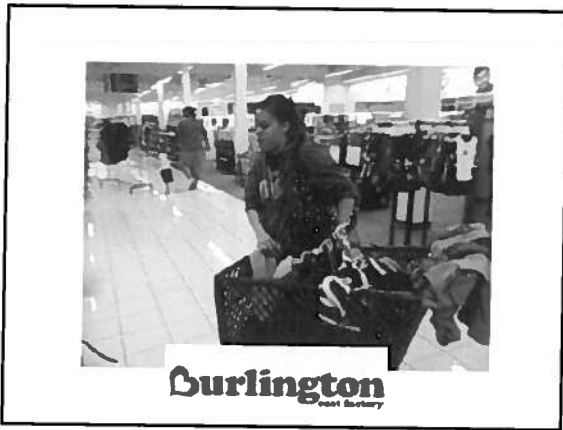
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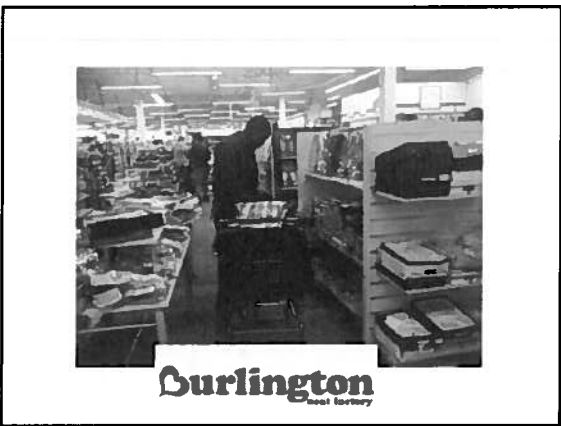
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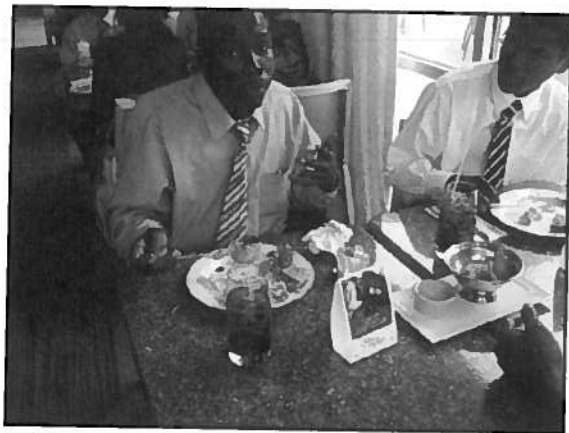
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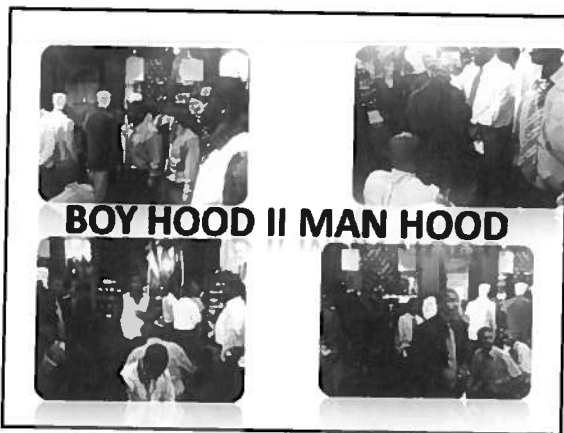
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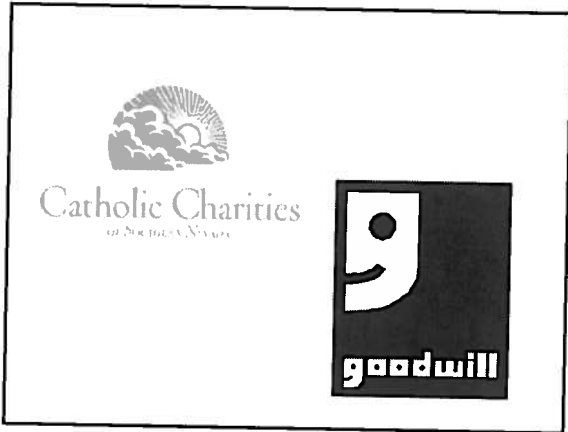
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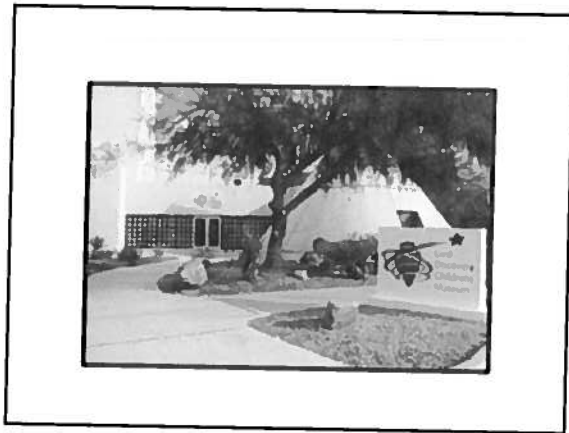
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- Other Employers**
- Workforce Connections
  - Accelerero Head Start
  - Nevada Partners
  - City of Las Vegas
  - Catholic Charities
  - Culinary of Las Vegas
  - Pearson Community Center

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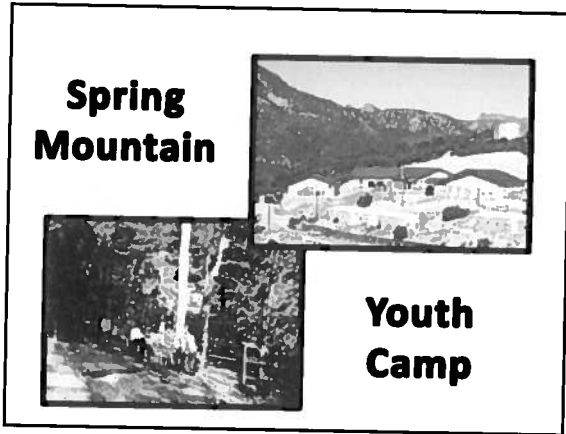
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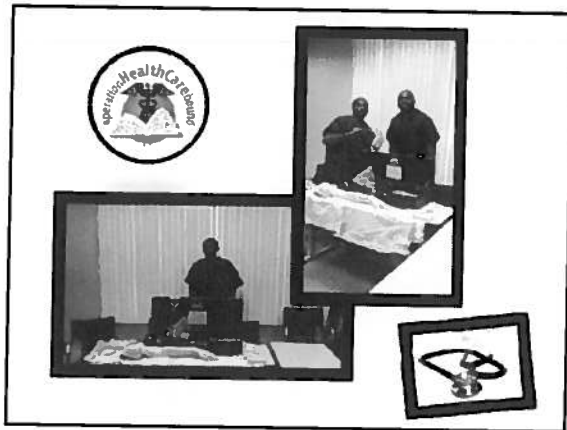
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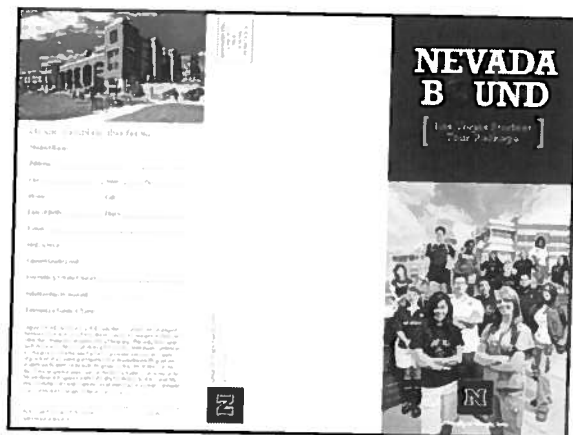
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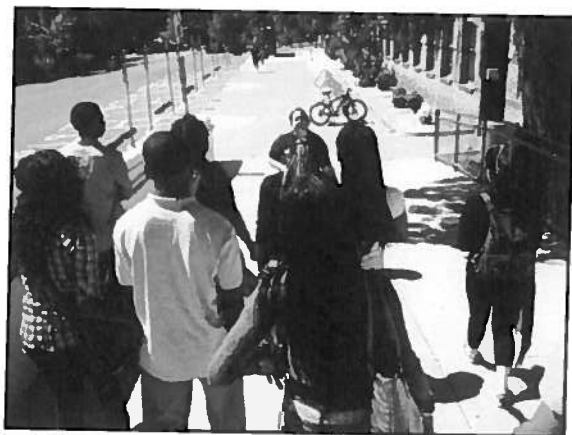
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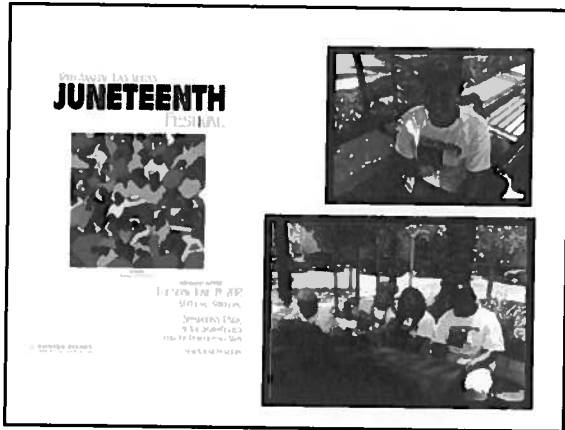
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### Occupational Skills

- Professional Cooks ~ 1
- Guest Room Attendant ~ 21
- Steward ~ 1
- Bus Person ~ 4
- OSHA ~ 33
- Forklift ~ 14
- PBS ~ 28

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### Work Experiences

- Work Experiences ~ 80

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### Work Cards

- Work Cards ~ 6
- Fingerprints/Background ~ 6
- Health Card ~ 22

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**GED**

- GED Testing ~ 7

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**Supportive Services**

- Tuition Assistance ~ 8
- Drug Testing ~ 90
- First Aid and CPR ~ 48
- Professional Attire @ Burlington ~ 166
- CTA Uniforms ~ 20
- Clothing @ Kmart Vouchers ~ 42
- La Isla uniforms ~ 12

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**Transportation**

- 410 Bus Passes
- 202 Full Fare
- 208 Reduced Fare

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