

SHARED YOUTH VISION PILOT PROJECTS

STATE: MINNESOTA

PROJECT TITLE: Outreach to Schools/Regional Career Information Websites Project

TARGET POPULATION: Youth in and aging out of foster care, youth with disabilities, Indian and Native American youth, dropouts and potential dropouts, young offenders, and homeless youth

GEOGRAPHIC AREA: Rural northern and western Minnesota

FUNDING: \$98,366

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Minnesota's Shared Youth Vision (SYV) team will pilot the Outreach to Schools (OTS) project for youth in traditional and alternative schools in rural Minnesota. The project will train college students who are interested in counseling as a career and employ them as interns to provide career exploration, counseling, job search assistance, college information, and current labor market information (LMI) to youth and parents in Minnesota's rural communities. This collaborative project between local workforce development and education partners addresses a major unmet need in Minnesota: a strategy for delivering effective career counseling and LMI to youth and families. The OTS project will be supported by the development of Regional Career Information Web sites that will synthesize regional LMI. They will include current economic conditions and projections with a focus on high-growth, high-demand industries in the local area. Through both the OTS and the Regional Career Information Website components, Minnesota's SYV project creates the opportunity to have a focused impact by connecting youth services to the needs of employers.

LIST OF PARTNER AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS: Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, Minnesota Department of Corrections, Minnesota Department of Education, Minnesota Department of Health, Minnesota Department of Human Services, Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System, Public Safety/Office of Justice Programs, Hubert H. Humphrey Job Corps Center, PACER Center, Inc., White Earth Indian Reservation Regional Training Center

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