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NORTHWEST WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL YOUTH INTEGRATION PROJECT FINAL REPORT

Scope of Work: The Northwest Workforce Development Council (NWDC), as part of its Youth Integration Grant, obtained youth client feedback through surveys, completed data analysis, and developed next-step action items to improve performance on predictive indicators for the youth-at-risk population. Next step data was drawn from best practices and future trends, from national, state and NWDC collected data, and from constituency input.

Process:

- Conducted research to evaluate gaps and high-priority/low-availability items, resources, best practices, measures, and future trends for projection of needs and development of action plans to improve the NWDC's servicing of youth at risk for each county over the next 3-5 years. (report attached)
- Surveyed the target population to identify what they perceive as barriers to education and employment to provide a comparative analysis against the existing data. (Youth Survey attached)
- Continued to meet with counties to review data, validate target audiences, and develop plans for long-term activities and measures. (County meetings held on April 29th, 2004 in Whatcom and Island Counties)
- Present report of findings. (Research Summary Report attached)

Deliverables:

1. *Documentation:* The NWDC has a single data reference point document of gaps, high-priority/low-availability items for youth at risk. The information was presented by the Youth Council to community youth providers and is posted on the community youth portal www.youthworks nw.org
2. *Research:* Trends and best practices data for youth at risk accessing national and state resources have been identified.
3. *Target Population Feedback:* Through the youth survey, the Workforce Development Council has a map of needs as defined by the youth population with the services available in the high and low availability grids.
4. *Long-term Plans:* Identify key predictive indicators and measures for youth at risk for NWDC derived from national, state and county statistics (included in the report)

Attachments:

Summary of the Research Summary Report; Full Research Summary Report; Copy of Youth Survey; Community Meetings Agendas