

# *Ceres Community Collaborative*

*Supporting programs where families and children can  
learn and grow!*

Ceres Unified School District  
2503 Lawrence Street  
Ceres, CA 95307



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## **Ceres Community Collaborative Meeting Minutes November 12, 2008**

### **Present:**

Brian Chandler	Child Welfare & Attendance
John Christiansen	Child Welfare & Attendance
Bruce Clifton	CUSD, Educational Options, Academic Intervention K-6
Michele Dillon	Career Quest
Kathi Dunham	Argus High School, Asst. Principal
Sergio Fuentes	Center For Human Services
Laran Gambs	Ceres Adult School
Eugene Garcia	Career Quest
Jan Gordon	CUSD, Argus High School
Charlie Gross	Ceres Partnership for Healthy Children
Peggy Kroll	Modesto Junior College
Lillian Loera	Ceres Healthy Start
Julie Lynn Martin	Grants and Program Evaluation Specialist
Lynda Maben	CUSD, Mae Hensley Junior High School
Dustin Pack	Project YES
Kelli Partlow	Project YES
Cambria Pollinger	City of Ceres
Gina Sandoval	Ceres Partnership for Healthy Children
Bret Silveira	Police Activity League
Vaughn Williams	Principal, Hidahl Elementary School

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## **I. Welcome & Introductions – Julie Lynn Martin**

- Agenda Review
- Announcements
  1. Julie Lynn Martin- CUSD applying for 21<sup>st</sup> Century ASSETs High School Grant, collaborative signatures requested.
  2. Thank you community members for supporting and passing Measure U – Betty Davis CUSD Board of Trustees – Ceres Courier Letter to the Editor distributed.
  3. Cambria Pollinger – City of Ceres – The new Community Center will be open in March 2009 (tentatively). Rates have been set for rental of space and reservations are being taken now for activities and clubs. For more information contact Cambria Pollinger at 538-5782.
  4. Modesto Junior College – Peggy Kroll – provided handout on the Valley/Sierra CTE Collaborative – more money for CTE programs will be coming.
  5. Enrique Perez – Ceres PD – Crime Stoppers program will be piloted at 2 Modesto City high schools, he would like to bring this program to Ceres schools. Provided Ceres Department of Public Safety handout of frequently used numbers that includes the Crime Stoppers hotline number.

## **II. Center for Human Services – Sergio Fuentes**

- Youth Court – targets at-risk first time offending teens (ages 9-17)
- Partner with Ceres Police Department
- Community volunteers needed
- Students may participate as attorneys for community service credit
- Provides civic education and training
- Brochure on the program provided
- Contact Sergio Fuentes at 526-1476 for more information.

## **III. After School Program (ASES) Outcomes 2007-2008 – Julie Lynn Martin, Bruce Clifton**

- Attendance Trends
- Academic Achievement – 80% of students show consistent gains in achievement of state content standards.
- Funding limits – Serve significantly more students than funding is provided for
- Services – are wide ranging, including academic intervention, homework assistance, recreation and enrichment.
- Curriculum – is linked to the regular school day in English Language Arts and Math
- Power Point presentation provided as handout.

## **IV. Career Quest – Eugene Garcia**

- Provided brief description of program services
- Cal-GRIP funding opportunity
- Pregnant and Parenting Youth Grant opportunity

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**V. Project YES – Dustin Pack**

- Success Story – Kelli Partlow presented her success story as a previous Project YES client that was able to overcome her barriers to success through the assistance of the Project YES staff. Kelli has been employed by CUSD for 3 years and now works for Project YES as the lead secretary.

**Next Meeting Date: February 18, 2008**

**Meeting Location: Ceres Unified School District  
Board Room – District Office  
2503 Lawrence Street  
Ceres, CA 95307**

**Please email Julie Lynn Martin at [jumartin@ceres.k12.ca.us](mailto:jumartin@ceres.k12.ca.us) to confirm your attendance.**

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Thanks for passage of Measure U

Editor, Ceres Courier,

It has happened! Through the efforts of community members, parents, students and many others, we saw Measure U pass!

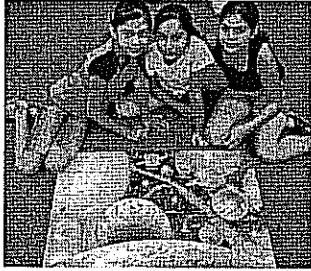
On behalf of the Ceres Unified School District Board of Trustees, thank you to all who gave of their ideas, time and energy to see this

measure to fruition. The students and staff of CUSD will benefit for years to come from what this money, and State matching funds, will provide. In turn, the entire Ceres community will share in these benefits.

Thank you also to all the community members who voted for Measure U! The CUSD staff and students are

grateful for your active involvement in the educational experience. You have helped to make a positive statement to Ceres children that they are valued and fully capable of success.

Betty Davis  
President  
CUSD Board of Trustees



Welcome to  
 CUSD  
 After  
 School  
 Programs

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### ASES 2007-2008 Highlights

- Total Students Served (K-8) **7,241** (7437 in District  
 - Elementary 6,393 (6511 funded)  
 - Junior High 848
- Targeted Academic Intervention **3,441**  
 - Elementary 3,041  
 - Junior High 400

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### CST Scores How are our ASES Students Doing?

School Site	% Increased ELA	% Maintained ELA	% Increased Math	% Maintained Math
Adkison	46	42	48	43
Caswell	38	45	41	46
Carroll Fowler	39	46	47	45
Don Pedro	46	40	45	44
Hidahl	42	46	45	46
La Rosa	44	46	45	48

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CST Scores  
How are our ASES Students Doing?  
Cont.

School Site	% Increased ELA	% Maintained ELA	% Increased Math	% Maintained Math
Sinclair	36	49	37	48
Sam Vaughn	43	47	40	47
Virginia Parks	31	51	33	48
Whitmore Charter	47	36	44	36
Walter White	47	41	49	37
Westport	45	46	40	48

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CST Scores  
How are our ASES Students Doing?  
Cont.

School Site	% Increased ELA	% Maintained ELA	% Increased Math	% Maintained Math
Blaker Kinser	36	43	17	52
Mae Hensley	31	51	17	52

**What does this data mean?**

An average of 80% of our students are consistently demonstrating progress toward achievement of state standards!

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## After School Academic Classes

AIP	ELD	First Grade	Enrichment (ASES)
			
Tues.-Thurs.	Tues.-Thurs.	Fall/Spring	Daily

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**Curriculum**

Materials

Math      Language Arts (Intervention Guide)      ELD      AIP Boost

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**Teachers**

Regular-Day Certified      Out-of-District Certified      Classified Tutors

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**Transportation**

GUSD Water Works After-School Program

Check Our What's Busy List

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## Fun & Interesting Enrichment & Recreation

### Themed Activities

- Animals
- Science
- Fire Safety
- Reptiles
- Recycling
- Water/Canal Safety
- Sports
- Holiday Celebrations
- Community Service
- Arts & Crafts
- Junior Achievement
- Talent Shows

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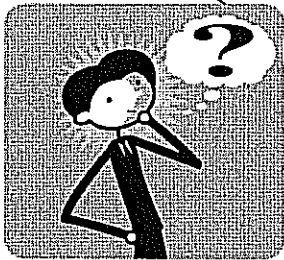
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## Questions?



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## Program Contacts

- Jay Simmonds, Director  
- (209) 556-1552, email: jsimmonds@cceres.k12.ca.us
- Julie Lynn Martin, Grants & Communications Specialist  
- (209) 556-1555, email: jumartin@cceres.k12.ca.us
- Bruce Clifton, Asst. Director (K-6)  
- (209) 556-1554, email: bclifton@cceres.k12.ca.us
- Lucia Hernandez, Administrative Assistant  
- (209) 556-1550, Ext 1253, email: lhernandez@cceres.k12.ca.us
- Shelly Costa, Administrative Assistant  
- (209) 556-1550, Ext 1254, email: mcosta@cceres.k12.ca.us

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## TEAM WORKNET



### ALLIANCE WORKNET

The Alliance Worknet provides job seekers access to a wide variety of employment services. At Worknet, we understand that looking for a job or trying to find training can be a confusing and frustrating experience. Our team of Workforce Consultants is committed to assisting you with your career goals and finding the right employment connection.

We invite job seekers to call **209-558-WORK** for an appointment or stop by any of the Alliance Worknet's three Career Resource Centers for assistance.

Visit [allianceworknet.com](http://allianceworknet.com) to access job postings or link to other job recruitment websites.

## YOUTH PROGRAMS

### CAREERQUEST

If you are 17 - 21 years of age, you may be eligible to receive free services through the Alliance Worknet Careerquest Program.

- Individual Career Planning
- Reading and Math Tutoring
- Job Placement Assistance
- Temporary Work Experience
- Vocational Training
- GED Preparation
- On-The-Job Training
- Workkeys and Eureka Assessment
- Counseling
- Money Management Skills

For more information about eligibility for the program, please call **209-558-9688 (YOUTH)** or email [careerquest@stanalliance.com](mailto:careerquest@stanalliance.com).

## CAREER RESOURCE CENTER LOCATIONS

### Modesto

629 12th Street - EDD Building  
Monday-Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

251 E. Hackett Road

Community Services Facility  
Monday-Thursday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

### Turlock

125 N. Broadway Avenue - EDD Building  
Monday-Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm



### ALLIANCE WORKNET

[allianceworknet.com](http://allianceworknet.com)

**209-558-WORK (9675)**

The Stanislaus Economic Development & Workforce Alliance is responsible for overseeing both economic development and workforce training activities in Stanislaus County by focusing on job creation, business assistance and workforce preparation activities. The Alliance integrates the "one-stop" services concept for both employers and job seekers, and provides job training and placement services through the Alliance Worknet.

# ALLIANCE WORKNET

## Helping You Make The Right CAREER DECISION



## CAREER RESOURCE CENTERS

### HOW WE CAN HELP

Stop by and see what the Alliance Worknet has to offer. Our Career Resource Centers are equipped to help with:

- Computer and Internet Access to Employment Websites
- Preparing a Resume
- CallJobs and JobMatch Registration
- Phones, Fax and Copiers for Job Search
- Recruitment Announcements
- Vocational Training Information and Opportunities
- Typing Tests and Certification
- Labor Market Information and Hiring Trends
- Workshop Registration
- Job Search Strategies
- Staff Assistance Upon Request

**Register Today!**

## CAREER SERVICES

### WORKSHOPS

Need to create a winning resume? Prepare for an interview? Assess your employability skills? Take advantage of Alliance Worknet workshops that will help you do just that.

- Resume Writing and Job Match
- Interviewing Strategies
- WorkKeys Skills Assessment
- Keytrain Registration (Completion of WorkKeys required)

Call 558-WORK to register for a workshop.

### ADDITIONAL SERVICES

- One-on-One Assistance with a Team Member
- Career Counseling
- Job Search and Referrals
- Vocational Training
- Resume Critiquing
- Practice Interviews
- Community Referrals

## THE NEXT STEP

### MAKE THE CONNECTION

Seeking new employment and finding the right career opportunities is never an easy task. Take the next step: Visit one of our Career Resource Centers in Modesto or Turlock to help you in your job search.

Our team of Workforce Consultants are available and ready to assist. Whether you are changing careers, wanting to find a job that matches your skill level and career interests, or transitioning back into the workplace our team is here to help you succeed.

Make the connection. Contact the Alliance Worknet today.

**Alliance Workforce Consultants are here to assist in putting people and jobs together!**

## INTERVIEWING TIPS

### HOW TO PREPARE FOR AN INTERVIEW

1. Research the company and industry on the Internet, at the nearest Career Resource Center or the County Library.
2. Find out three key things about the company.
3. Ask specific questions about the job.
4. Keep your resume to one page, (if possible).
5. Be ready to explain your qualifications.
6. Check directions to interview location.
7. Dress appropriately for the interview.
8. Always turn off cell phone.
9. Arrive at least 15 minutes early.

### THINGS NEVER TO DO

1. Never be late!
2. Never talk negatively about any employer.
3. Never chew gum in an interview.
4. Never wear perfume or cologne.
5. Never take a friend/children with you to an interview. If you need someone to drive you, ask him or her to wait in the car.
6. Never lie on your application or resume.

CERES DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
2727 THIRD STREET CERES, CA 95307

EMERGENCY: POLICE/FIRE/AMBULANCE	9-1-1
NON EMERGENCY DISPATCH	538-5712
<u>PUBLIC SAFETY-POLICE DIVISION</u>	
POLICE ADMINISTRATION	538-5726
CHIEF OF POLICE/DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY	538-5726
DEPUTY CHIEF-POLICE DIVISION	538-5726
LIEUTENANT SMITH (Patrol, Training, Dispatch)	538-5726
LIEUTENANT COLLINS (Detectives, Records, SCU, Traffic, Property)	538-5726
ADMINISTRATIVE SERGEANT	538-5719
COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER	538-5735
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH	538-5735
RECORDS	538-5714
WATCH COMMANDER	538-5706
DETECTIVES	538-5727
JUVENILE DIVERSION	538-5737
PROPERTY OFFICER	538-5744
ABANDONED AUTO ABATEMENT	538-5619
GRAFFITI REMOVAL	538-5734
STREET CRIMES UNIT Gang-&-Habitual-Offenders-Suppression-Team	538-5740
BLOCK PARTIES	538-5719
BICYCLES LICENSE	538-5711
VOLUNTEERS IN POLICE SERVICES	538-5619
CHAPLAINS	538-5736
CENRAL VALLEY GANG IMPACT TASK FORCE	538-5636
<u>A Gang Intelligence Investigative Unit</u>	

**CRIME STOPPERS** 521-4636  
**CRIME STOPPERS TEXT** "TIP704 plus your message" to Crimes (274637)

<u>PUBLIC SAFETY-EMERGENCY SERVICES DIVISION</u>	
FIRE ADMINISTRATION	538-5701
DEPUTY CHIEF-FIRE SERVICES	538-5701
BATTALION CHIEFS	538-5701
FIRE CAPTAINS	538-5701
FIRE PREVENTION, INSPECTIONS, PERMITS, FIREWORKS PERMITS)	538-5703
CODE ENFORCEMENT	538-5799
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DISPOSAL	525-4123

STATION # 1  
STATION # 2  
STATION # 3  
STATION # 4

2755 THIRD ST.  
830 PECOS AVE.  
420 E. SERVICE RD.  
3101 FOWLER RD.

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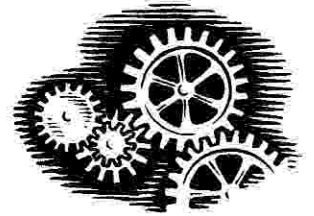
CERES CITY HALL	538-5700
CITY MAYOR	538-5755
COUNCIL MEMBERS	538-5755
CITY MANAGER	538-5755
PARKS, RECREATION	538-5628
CERES AREA TRANSPORT (C.A.T.)	
• Routes/ Schedules	527-4991
• Tickets	538-5767
• Problems/Questions	538-5789
DIAL-A-RIDE	
• Schedule Rides (STORER)	527-4991
• Tickets	538-5767
• Problems/Questions	558-7387
GARAGE SALE PERMITS	538-5769
STREETS	538-5798
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• Bulky Item Disposal	537-8000
• Leaf/Limb Pickup	538-5789
• Missed Pickups	537-1500
PLANNING	538-5774
BUILDING INSPECTION	538-5753
<b>MUNICIPAL UTILITIES</b>	538-5732
WATER SERVICES	538-5797
CONSERVATION/WATER WASTING	538-5732
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## VALLEY/SIERRA CTE COLLABORATIVE



### What is it?

Three San Joaquin Valley Counties (Merced, San Joaquin, and Stanislaus) and two Central Sierra Counties (Calaveras and Tuolumne) have joined together to form the Valley/Sierra CTE Collaborative. The Collaborative's goal is to bring together community colleges, high schools, and Regional Occupational Centers and Programs (ROCPs) from each county to:

- provide career exploration development for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders;
- strengthen Career Technical Education sectors by building pathways from junior high to high school and postsecondary;
- establish teacher and faculty externships in business and industry; and
- provide CTE professional development for high school and college faculty.

### Who are the partners?

Modesto Junior College is the lead college and partner colleges include San Joaquin Delta, Merced College and Columbia. These partners have collaborated for almost two decades on CTE and Economic & Workforce Development partnerships serving the needs of business, industry and government. The Valley/Sierra CTE Collaborative is intent on reaching both short and long term outcomes through this effort as follows:

### What are the expected outcomes?

In the short term, the outcomes the collaborative can expect to achieve include:

- The design of new pathways in:
  - *Advanced Manufacturing* pathway in the Manufacturing and Product Development Industry Sector (MJC and Delta Colleges)
  - *Entrepreneurship* pathway in the Marketing, Sales, and Service Sector (Columbia and Merced Colleges)
- The articulation of the curriculum between high schools and community colleges
- The enrollment of target numbers of students in each program

Long term outcomes to be met include:

- Specified completion rates in each program
- Eventual employment of participants in related occupations
- The satisfaction of local employers with the quality of program graduates
- The satisfaction of program graduates with the results of the program

### For the MJC plan, which are the targeted schools?

- Ceres High School and Mae Hensley Junior High
- Johansen High School and La Loma Junior High School
- Turlock High School and Dutcher Junior High

### For more information, contact:

Peggy Kroll  
Director, Early College/Tech Prep  
Modesto Junior College  
(209) 575-7855  
krollp@mjc.edu

## BECOMING AN ADULT MENTOR VOLUNTEER

Lawyers and other members of the legal profession are encouraged to apply for a Youth Court mentorship. Mentors assist youth through the legal and court process and provide direct support at the hearing. Members of the legal profession are also eligible to apply for Youth Court judgeships.

Other adult members of the community are needed to assist with Youth Court trainings and supervision. Interested persons may call Center for Human Services, Youth Court Coordinator.

## BECOMING A YOUTH VOLUNTEER

Youth Court applications are available to youth ages 13-17 at the Center for Human Services office.

Applicants applying for youth attorney positions must submit a letter of recommendation from school personnel indicating a lack of conflict with other school related responsibilities. Youth participants may determine their own level of participation based on availability. All Youth Court participants receive training related to their role and responsibility as a volunteer.

## YOUTH COURT NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Please send me more information about:

- Youth Court
- Juvenile Justice Services
- Center for Human Services (a United Way Agency)

I would like to volunteer to assist with:

- Youth Court hearings
- Program Activities

For information and referral, contact us at:

**Center for Human Services**  
1700 McHenry Village Way, Suite 11  
Modesto, CA 95350  
(209) 526-1476 — *Sergio Fuentes*  
(209) 526-0908 - FAX

*Student*  
*Ages 9-17*



## YOUTH COURT



**1700 McHenry Village Way, Suite 11**  
**Modesto, CA 95350**  
**(209) 526-1476**  
**(209) 526-0908 - FAX**

## WHAT IS YOUTH COURT?

Youth Court is an innovative peer jury program. Youth Court is an official alternative to the Juvenile Justice System. First time youth offenders who have committed an unlawful act resulting in a misdemeanor may volunteer to have their case heard in Youth Court.

Youth volunteers act in the capacity of attorneys, court clerk, bailiff, and jury members.

Typical Youth Court cases involve:

- Shoplifting
- Assault and Battery
- Theft
- Possession of Alcohol/Drugs
- Possession of Graffiti Materials
- Vandalism

## WHY YOUTH COURT?

This unique diversion program provides young people with both a challenge and an opportunity to demonstrate the capacity for self government and responsible citizenship. Youth Court is based on the philosophy that young offenders are less likely to continue delinquent behavior when confronted by a jury of their peers. Youth Court programs have been successful in

communities throughout the United States. Studies indicate a significant decline in repeat offenses by youth who have participated in the Youth Court process. The strengths of the program include:

- Early intervention with delinquent and pre-delinquent youth.
- Promotion of self esteem for all participants.
- Development of positive attitudes and increased sense of responsibility for community.
- Cost effective compared to other Juvenile Justice System costs.
- Reduction of juvenile crime recidivism rate.
- Educate participants about the court and legal system
- Youth volunteerism.

## HOW DOES YOUTH COURT OPERATE?

Youth Court replicates a typical courtroom trial. The primary difference is that all court personnel are teens. The judge is an adult volunteer with experience in juvenile law. Assisting the youth volunteers are adult attorney mentors. These mentors are members of the legal profession and provide guidance and support during both preparation for trial and at the Youth Court hearing.

The hearing is conducted in an actual courtroom and follows customary court protocol and etiquette. Youth Court does not determine guilt or innocence. The defendant has already admitted responsibility for his/her actions and wishes to be diverted from the Juvenile Justice System. Youth Court does provide appropriate and meaningful directives or consequences for the offense. Courtroom procedures allow for testimony and cross-examination prior to jury deliberation. **Directives handed down by the peer jury are legal and binding.**

Directives may include:

- Community Service
- Essay Writing
- Restitution
- Counseling
- Drug/Alcohol Education
- Juvenile Justice Classes
- Violence/Theft Prevention Classes
- Graffiti Abatement