

Message from the Coordinator

The Woodland Coalition for Youth is excited to be a part of the world of youth development. Though this world is filled with great successes as well as great challenges, great joy as well as great frustration, we are optimistic that as a relatively new organization, the Woodland Coalition for Youth will be growing by leaps and bounds, both in numbers as well as in knowledge.

As the youth and adult members of our Coalition have undergone a transformation this past year, so has our staff. We are grateful for the tireless work of Rogelio Villagrana, bringing his extensive expertise, passion and community knowledge to the project. We are both sad and proud to see him advance in his professional life. Fortunately, he will continue his involvement in our work as a community member and Coalition chair. We are also excited to welcome Isabelle Ponce to the team. Like her predecessor, she is a Woodland resident who has great interpersonal strengths, political savvy and plenty of passion for working with youth.

The next 12 months promise to bring great changes to our community, both expected and unexpected. That's what makes our place in the world of youth development so exciting!

— Lamar Heystek

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Woodland Coalition for Youth 2007-2008

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Woodland Coalition for Youth 2007-2008 Annual Report

Our vision is that all youth have more voice and choice in positive educational and social connections to be happy, healthy and successful adults.



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WC4Y as an Organization



In June 2006, the Woodland Coalition for Youth, a partnership of 20 adults representing various youth-serving agencies and more than 20 middle school and high school students, was one of seven community coalitions chosen to receive a REACH Community Action grant from Sierra Health Foundation. The purpose of this grant is to assess the community's strengths, challenges and conditions for local youth, and then develop an action plan to design and implement long-term changes for Woodland.



The Coalition's action plan includes measures to ensure

youth are safe and healthy, have positive relationships with caring adults, have meaningful opportunities to participate in the community and develop the skills they need to be successful. The Coalition hopes to bring about these changes through the creation and coordination of policy change, a Youth Leadership Center, a mentoring program, service learning and other youth-led opportunities.

Woodland Youth Council



The Woodland Youth Council (WYC) has maintained the active membership of 14 youth.

In the past year, WYC members garnered more than 13,000 points toward \$2,500 in stipends, rewarding their participation in the Woodland Coalition for Youth. Depending on their level of participation, each WYC member can accrue a minimum of three points on an hourly basis.

A 2008 WYC survey showed that youth

members were more interested and willing to take on leadership roles than they were a year earlier, they felt they were an important part of the Woodland Coalition for Youth and that adults in the Coalition trusted them to make good decisions, and that it was their responsibility to get involved in their community.

Read about some of the WYC's accomplishments in the Goals and Accomplishments section!

Goals and Accomplishments

Community Service: *Creating opportunities for Woodland youth to give back to their community by learning about and addressing societal concerns.*

Knights Landing Beautification Project: The Woodland Youth Council led an effort to plant trees and remove graffiti at a park in the Woodland Joint Unified School District, creating a better environment for the youth of Knights Landing.

Mural Project: The Woodland Youth Council participated in the design and creation of two murals, which depict the community's history and values while deterring vandalism.



Canned Food Drive: Members of the Woodland Youth Council distributed hundreds of canned food items to families adopted by Coalition partner Friday Night Live, learning about and addressing the problem of poverty in the community.

Youth Leadership: *Providing Woodland youth with opportunities to develop and demonstrate leadership skills at home, at school and in the community.*



Woodland Youth Council: Twenty youth met weekly to approve Access Mini-Grant applications, plan community projects, review opportunities to get involved and strategize ways to change the city for the better.

Yolo County Youth Leadership Conference: More than 50 youth throughout Yolo County developed skills and learned life lessons at the first Coalition-sponsored leadership event.

Access to Opportunities: *Minimizing barriers involving cost, lack of transportation and lack of information, which hinder access to youth development opportunities in Woodland.*

Coalition Web Site: Staff created www.woodlandyouth.org, a web site with information about the Coalition, agencies, programs, services, youth-oriented events and more.

Access Mini-Grant Fund: The Woodland Youth Council issued awards between \$30 and \$100 to 10- to 15-year-olds wishing to engage in youth development activities such as athletics, tutoring and field trips.



Coalition Building: *Strengthening the network of Coalition youth and partner agency representatives, creating a knowledge base and sense of cooperation within the Coalition.*

Coalition Retreat: Youth and adult Coalition members gathered at Sierra Health Foundation to develop their relationships with one another while working on a collaborative vision, goals and a work plan.

Trainings: Youth and adult Coalition members expanded their knowledge of youth development at the Youth Development 101 training, Youth Development Institute and REACH Youth Development Conference.