



Empowering Under-Resourced Neighborhoods to Thrive

For too long we have looked for what is 'wrong' in South Merced.

Let's focus on what is 'strong'!

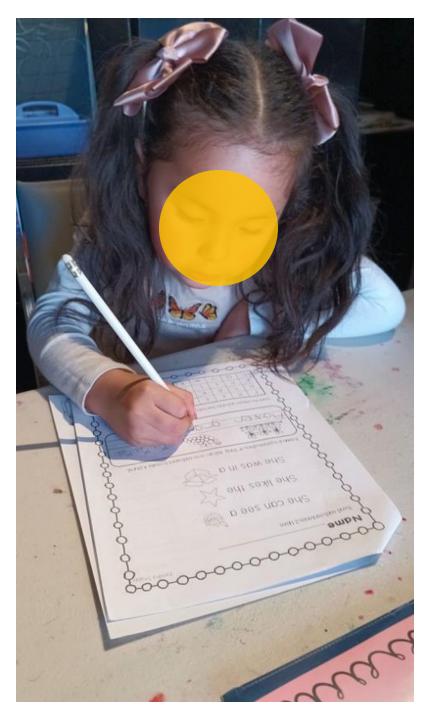
"What we see depends mainly on what we look for"























TO HAVE A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY CENTER, WE NEED TO ENGAGE **EVERY SECTOR OF THE** COMMUNITY





Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) is a process by which we focus on the the good things in a community, by:

- Walking the neighborhood
- Learn the community story
- Discover the gifts of the community
- Learn what people care enough about to act
- Bring people together around common goals
- ACT
- Celebrate!

TimeLine

3-6 months meeting with stake holders, building relationships, meeting with community members

6-9 develop with the community a sustainable program that serves the whole community

3-6 months have the community center open for meetings etc. and dream sessions

7-12 months work with the community to have the center open five days a week for community activities and youth time. Depending on the outcome, we will possibly partner with the Boys and Girls Club for activities.

If successful – we will have a fully functioning community center with activities for all ages



"Your life story is not your life sentence. Your current location is not your destiny. You get to write the story of your life."

Thank you!

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