

ATTACHMENT 1

Merced Youth Jobs Preliminary Activity Report (through May 15, 2024)

The following activity provides an initial survey of participant outcomes. A full report inclusive of current participants who have not yet completed will be provided after the close of the grant period (June 30, 2024) to include updated and additional data.

The project goal was to serve 160 youth. In total, 209 earned wages by at minimum completing their onboarding (orientation, sexual harassment training, etc.). Of these:

- 157 (74%) completed Work Readiness Training provided by Merced College, earning 1 college credit;
- 205 (98%) worked at local businesses (beyond onboarding), for an average of 156 hours;
- 74 (35%) received a supportive service, namely gas cards, work clothing, and rental assistance.
- In addition, 11 undocumented youth participated in a fellowship program, through which they earned \$2,500.

Of the 205 that worked at a job:

- 35 (17%) obtained new or maintained their employment after their Merced Youth Jobs hours ended;
- 16 (8%) were co-enrolled in Worknet (WIOA) services to receive extended training and career support.

Approximately 31,200 hours were earned, totaling approximately \$499,000 in wages. Workers earned \$16/hour.