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WHO WE ARE ...

MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of the Upper Rio Grande College Tech-Prep Youth Consortium shall be to provide quality technical assistance, support, and leadership to participating educational institutions and business/industry/labor organizations within the region to prepare students for academic and technical achievement for improved regional economic growth.

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What is College Tech-Prep?

College Tech-Prep is a program that combines high school and college curriculum credits leading to an Advanced Associate Degree in a demand occupation. It also equips high school graduates with a marketable skill in a high demand occupation in case further education must be delayed.

What kind of students should be in College Tech-Prep?

Students who want to:

- ✓ Earn college credit while still in high school.
- ✓ Secure a solid, high paying career with promotion potential.
- ✓ Work in high-tech careers
- ✓ Enter a growing occupation with future long-term career potential
- ✓ Enjoy the challenge of new ideas and skills
- ✓ Have a career and educational option--a good job, an associate degree after high school, and later a baccalaureate degree.
- ✓ Or, be highly recruited by local and regional business and industry representatives.

Youth Advisory Council

Helping All Young Adults, Particularly Those Out-of-School, Realize Their Full Potential is a Critical Issue for the Nation...

- ✓ There are over 50 thousand regional out-of-school youth;
- ✓ For all races, less educated youth are less likely to find employment and earn secure wages;
- ✓ African Americans, Hispanics, and youth with disabilities face particular challenges to finding work and for high wages;
- ✓ Disadvantaged youth are also more likely to experience social problems (crime, drug/alcohol abuse, teen pregnancy, early parenting, welfare dependency.)

Communities: Helps eliminate many of the ills of our urban areas.

Employers: Gives American businesses the workers they need to stay competitive.

Taxpayers: Raises total tax receipts and reduces government payouts and social burdens. Currently, the average class of dropouts cost America \$88 billion per year in lost earnings and \$32 billion a year in the costs of crime.

With the tightest labor market in 30 years, we need to ensure that all youth can be productive members of our economy. Additionally, with declining crime, drug use, and poverty rates, the opportunity for striking at the causes of many of these social problems is now.

Advisory Board works on the Identification of an additional youth barrier to employment

- ✓ Allocation of funds for youth year-round activities and summer program

Roles/Responsibilities of the Youth Council

- ✓ Guide policy for youth in the local area
- ✓ Coordinate youth services
- ✓ Serve as a catalyst for engaging all youth service entities in policy development and design of a comprehensive local youth system
- ✓ Develop youth portion of local plan
- ✓ Recommend youth service providers to the Local Board
- ✓ Oversight responsibilities as determined by the Local Board

Youth Services Under Workforce Investment Act (WIA)

To help all youth, particularly out-of-school youth, acquire the necessary academic, technical, and workplace skills and experience to transition into adulthood, careers, and further education and training.

GOAL:

To create a youth movement involving partnerships with local education agencies, the private sector, local colleges, community-based organizations and foundations.

Targeting Eligible Participants

- ✓ Youth, ages 14 to 21, in target communities
- ✓ In-school and out-of-of school youth. Largest share of funds go towards serving out-of-school youth.
- ✓ Focus on decreasing dropout rates and increasing college enrollment of in-school youth.