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4-H State Conversation

On January 26, 2002 over 150 participants including 4-H and 35 different organizations participated in the 4-H State Conversation on Youth Development. Participating from Mariposa County 4-H were Jennifer and Tina Rios, Donna Wice, 4-H Coordinator, and Sarah Sanchez, from the Mariposa Youth Council.

Participants broke up into small groups to discuss needs and action items for youth development in California. Among the ideas discussed were youth image, transportation for youth after school, after-school programs, adult/youth partnerships, youth getting involved in local and state governments, and community service.

Attendees had an opportunity to contribute pledges of community service for themselves and their organization. The total of hours of community service within Mariposa County totals 427 hours and statewide the hours are 10,698. The community service activities ranges from helping the elderly, recycling, to cleaning up local communities.

Everyone agreed this youth development conversation among various organizations throughout the state is very important, and they would like it to continue as a yearly event. With almost half of the attendees this year youth, they hope next year's event will have 60 or more percent youth from additional organizations.

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