



## **JUNTOS (Joining & Understanding Now, Teens Overcome Separation)**

### **Española Valley/Los Alamos Youth Initiative**

Youth JUNTOS Meeting

LAHS, February 6, 2008

**Attendees:** EVHS-Maria Tapia, Ricardo Rogriguez, Alexandria Ortiz, Estrella Fresquez, Michelle Fresquez, Dulce Avitia, Eidy Dominguez, Chris Shamy, Monique Archuleta, Brandon Aragon Carter, Faye Montoya, Sandra Roney; LAHS – Alexander Kendrick, Mika Reagor, Andrew Vierra, Chloe Kuntz-Phillips, Benigno Sandoval, Nat Gustafson, Sean Erickson, Andres Maestas, Ashley Valdez, Jeremy Kasik, Tim Lam, Kevin Hemphill, Brianna Day, Katarina Juarez, Johanna Pigue, Keanna Cohen, Shannon Blair, Diane Touts; Other Adults – Lindsay Milligan, Janelle Vigil-Maestas, Michelle Hall, Ken Freeman, Teri Thomas, Min Park, Sharon Stover, Lori Heimdahl Gibson

- Lori Heimdahl Gibson facilitated a wonderful meeting.
- Ken Freeman from Protection Technology of Los Alamos presented a \$1000 donation check to JUNTOS.
- We went around the room for introductions and there were a few new faces.
- Benigno was asked to speak about the Youth Panel that presented at Leadership Los Alamos. It went very well and JUNTOS received a \$250 donation that day.
- Chris Shamy is making a JUNTOS video, which is in the works and will be completed and presented at the JUNTOS Youth Summit on May 28-29.
- We need LOGOS! Sharon improved the current clip art logo and it was presented to the youth for feedback. They agreed that it needed work. But we need youth to submit ideas and would like to have an official logo for the Youth Summit to be printed on hooded sweatshirts.
- We also need strong committed students to attend the Team-building Workshop with Sean Hall on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Those youth will also carry on through the Youth Summit as well. Let Lori know if you want to attend the Team-building workshop.
- The Youth Summit is scheduled for May 28-29, an overnight in dorms at NNMC's El Rito campus. We are asking for a volunteer to make a flyer to pass out to recruit youth. We need to nail down some entertainment and want ideas from the youth. If you have any

ideas, please email Lori. The dates were accepted for the Youth Summit at Northern!  
We want to know what the youth want to see at the Summit. Email any ideas to Lori.

- We had a wonderful and energetic conversation and continuing “authentic dialogue.” We talked about a woman and part African American running for President of the USA. That led into a “labeling” of “race” on voting ballots and other applications. A big question was “Have your perceptions changed since you have been in JUNTOS?” There were a few examples shared of dramatic positive changes in the perceptions of each other.
- Bruce Hopmeier has asked if JUNTOS Youth would come and present a PowerPoint presentation at the next Española School Board Meeting on Wednesday February 27, 2008 at 5:00pm. (This has been postponed to March. Date to be determined.)
- We are still working out a date for the next JUNTOS youth meeting that will be down in Española. We have a request for the meeting to be held at EVHS during the day when school is in session, so that students can observe the activities and classes.

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