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"People Helping People"

The Faces Of Poverty

In the Counties of



Central California

A REGIONAL DIALOGUE ON A NATIONAL ISSUE
FRESNO CONFERENCE CENTRE OF HOLIDAY INN

May 1, 1996

Dialogue On Poverty Offers An Opportunity

For people from all parts of the community to come together in dialogue about poverty and related problems which prevent individuals and communities from achieving their full potential...
For Community Action Agencies to lead the community, to bring people together and to generate agreement about the future of the local community and how to get there...

"A SNAPSHOT" OF POVERTY IN CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
6 % NATIONAL
14 % CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

RATE OF POVERTY
18 % NATIONAL FOR CHILDREN
31 % CENTRAL CALIFORNIA
13 % NATIONAL - ALL AGES
20 % CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

OVER 1/2 MILLION FAMILIES ARE
RECIPIENTS OF FOOD STAMPS,
TOTALING OVER
148 MILLION DOLLARS,
PER YEAR IN CENTRAL CALIFORNIA.

For people with low income to become a central part of the dialogue about new solutions to the problem of poverty in the community...

To direct resources in the community to get the results people want for all individuals and families...

To restore a sense of hope, purpose and working together to achieve common goals.

Program

8:00 a.m.
Registration & Seating
Music by the Edison Mixed Choir
Jackie O'Neil, soloist

8:30 a.m.
Welcome
Roger Palomino, FCEOC Executive Director

Program Facilitator
Paul White, FCEOC Assistant Executive Director

8:45 a.m.
"The Faces of Poverty"
A Video Presentation of "Poverty" in our
Central California Counties
A Video Production using photos from all counties; created by the Fresno EOC
Sanctuary Youth Project - Media Production Training Program
Media Specialists Rudy Cortez, Isaac Horton & Coordinator Joe Martinez

9:00 a.m.
Testimonials
Victor Lopez, Fresno County * Tuolo Thao, Fresno County
Judy Thompson, Kings County * Erma Urias, Kings County
Maria Woods, Madera County * Tanisha Bess, Fresno County
Gloria Cortez Keene, Merced County * Barbara Bryan, Stanislaus County
Carolyn Rose, Tulare County

9:30 a.m.
Don Villarejo, Executive Director
California Institute for Rural Studies, Inc.

9:45 a.m.
Break

10:00 a.m.
Keynote Speaker
Michael M. Reyna, Director of Rural Development
United States Department of Agriculture

10:30 a.m.
Small Group Dialogue on Poverty

12:30 p.m.
Program Conclusion
Mary Jane Nabors, MCAC Executive Director