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Yuba College is a large (4,200 square miles) district in rural northern California, encompassing all or part of eight counties. Despite its size, it is a one-college district, with a main campus located in Marysville in Yuba County and four smaller centers.

Colusa County, with 16,000 plus residents, is served by a Center with one full-time faculty-counselor, many part-time faculty, and an administrator housed at the Marysville campus. This staff, working with a community advisory committee, has targeted critical needs.

In 1990 over 33 percent of Colusa's population of 16,275 was Hispanic. Informal evidence indicates this percentage is now even higher. However, after an initial enrollment of 500 students in Yuba's Amnesty classes in 1989, very few Hispanic students have continued their education. Their problems reflect many of the issues related to minority students today. Concerns include the following:

1. There is no bilingual assistance or counseling at the Colusa Center (other than monthly visits from an EOPS advisor);
2. Many students cannot attend ESL classes because of childcare needs;
3. After introductory ESL classes, students do not progress into basic skills and/or vocational programs;
4. Limited English students who enter vocational programs often withdraw.

In order to meet the needs of these potential limited English students, Yuba College will develop and provide a pilot counseling, literacy, and skills training program that will assist students to succeed in the college's classes, providing:

1. Bi-lingual counseling and outreach assistance;
2. Development of a pilot Vocational ESL curriculum;
3. ESL classes that include a partnership component with Migrant Education;
4. Basic skills classes that include bilingual tutorial assistance;
5. Introductory business classes that include a bilingual instructional assistance.