

YAKIMA VALLEY PARTNERS FOR EDUCATION

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Edition I



MINDFULNESS INSTITUTE FOR EMERGING ADULTS

In September YVPE had the opportunity to host pre-req course on three consecutive Saturdays, 9/14, 9/21 and 9/28. This is an immersive experience to lay the foundation to becoming a certified MIEA Mindfulness teacher.

The responses from attendees was overwhelmingly positive. Some of the statements included being able to express themselves, feeling tension release and feeling more energized.

“FUE COMO UN MILAGRO” “IT WAS LIKE A MIRACLE”

October 3, 4 and 5 we hosted a cohort individuals in a certification workshop where 25 participants from different backgrounds were brought together in an immersive experience to become MIEA Mindfulness teachers. Thanks to our Director, Suzy Diaz, this was provided in both English and Spanish to participants.



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Proviso Wellness Zones

Recap & Context

- Fall of 2023 YVPE advocated for Wellness Zone funding (Rep. Senn, Sen. Torres, Rep. Corry) with UW CoLab and WA Cradle to Career Network members, The Zone and Renton Innovation Zone.
- Early 2024 Suzy testified and rallied support for YVPE and the Proviso
- One million dollars awarded to establish 4 wellness zones and work with OHY, Commerce, and UW CoLab. Phase I partners: Granger and Mabton School Districts, Communities in Schools, Yakima Valley College and the backbone staff.
- We selected April Shine to serve as the fiscal agent and UW CoLab will be evaluating our collective efforts. First report draft is being finalized soon.
- Hosting a webinar on 11/13 with Sen. Torres and others to highlight the support and vision/purpose of wellness zones.
- We will pursue an additional request to carry phase II of our work based on need and learning from this baseline year.

Social Emotional Pilot via [UW Colab](#)



Data Dashboard - Educational Progress in Yakima County



Visit the YVPE data dashboard created and maintained by Eastern Washington University was designed to track the educational progress of students in the Lower Valley. The indicators featured here track the progress of four school districts and their surrounding communities. They correspond to the seven cradle to career focus areas. Comparisons to the values for Yakima County overall and the state of Washington are provided for context. Click this [link](#) to access the data dashboard.



how are we doing **ON FILLING OUT THE FAFSA?**



FAFSA RATES	2024 (10/9)	2024 (9/6)	2024 (8/6)	2024 (7/10)	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Grandview	62%	60%	57%	55%	65.4%	50.8%	49.3%	52.5%	50.8%
Granger	52%	47%	43%	39%	66.1%	66%	58.1%	58%	59.1%
Mabton	64%	64%	61%	61%	77.6 %	67.7%	42.9%	64.2%	50%
Sunnyside	49%	48%	43%	41%	52.8%	52.7%	42.4%	52.4%	59.6%

This work is funded by the Washington Student Achievement Council. YVPE is using the FAFSA rate as a leading indicator to measure change. Our four school and community-based strategies are: college visits, community conversations, tax preparation support, and data. We convene and mobilize over 30 partners in this focus area to improve access to post-high school opportunities that include college and career pathways.



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