



# OWNERSHIP LINKAGE COMMUNITY FORUMS

Executive Summary



The Yavapai College District Governing Board supported two (2) separate community information gathering projects to elicit community feedback and input on the college's current and future direction. Each of the Forums asked the following four questions:

- Which of the following outcomes (ENDS) do you value most?
- What do you believe will be the most significant challenges facing our community in the next 3-5 years?
- What is the most important difference that our organization can make?
- If there was only one need, that if met, could immediately assist you or your organization/community, what would that be?

# Five thematic expectations of YC emerged from the analysis:

- YC is a hub for economic development, education, and social/cultural resources
- Providing Workforce Training
- Creating Community Partnerships
- Promoting Economic Growth
- Retaining Youth in our communities

Which of the following outcomes (ENDS) do you value most?

Education

Economic

Cultural

## 1. VALUE :

- All ENDS are Interwoven
- Economic
- Education
- Community

What do you believe will be the most significant challenges facing our community in the next 3-5 years?

## 2. Challenges:

- Affordable Housing
- Two-way Communication
- Workforce Training
- Trust

What is the most important difference that our organization can make?

3. Making a Difference:
  - Be flexible and reaction to community needs.
  - Improve Dual, Concurrent, & JTED/VACTE Enrollment.
  - Partner with Business to provide Soft Skills and Workforce Training.

If there was only one need, that if met, could immediately assist you or your organization or community, what would that be?

#### 4. OPPORTUNITIES:

- Economic Driver throughout the County
- Workforce Training
- Business and Community Partnerships
- Equity



PROPOSED  
NEXT STEPS



# YC's Response to the Forums

Create a *Master Academic and Workforce Training Plan* that meet the needs of the community and college over the next 5 years.

## PURPOSE

- Identify all of the community's education and workforce assets and harnessing them to support and promote increased opportunity for all of Yavapai County.
- Create public-private partnerships to help industries thrive (construction).
- Develop partnerships between education institutions and workforce development agencies with business and industry to provide training and job related opportunities such as apprenticeships and internships.
- Support innovation and improvement initiatives shown to promote postsecondary education access and success.