



# New Ways to Work

Building Community Connections that Prepare Youth for Success

New Ways' Newsblast

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Welcome to New Ways' Newsblast, a timely and informative news and resource portal. New Ways has several important announcements that we wished to highlight and share with our networks across the country. Scroll down past the contents listing to read details.

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## 1) Foster Youth Employment Forums – Register Now!

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In November & December, New Ways to Work, in partnership with the Child and Family Institute of California (an affiliate of the County Welfare Directors Association); Casey Family Programs; and numerous other statewide and local agencies and organizations, is hosting the **Foster Youth Employment Forums** in five regions throughout California:

**November 8th – Garden Hilton in Shasta** (Northern Region)

**November 28th – Embassy Suites in Santa Ana** (Southern Region)

**November 29th – Madera Department of Human Services in Madera** (Central Valley Region)

**December 4th – The State Building in Oakland** (Bay Area Region)

**December 7th – United Way in Sacramento** (Mountain Valley Region)

**REGISTER NOW!** Registration is now open – go to  
[www.regonline.com/fyeforums06](http://www.regonline.com/fyeforums06).

**Registration Fee:** Registration is \$35.00 for regular attendee (adults) and fee is waived for youth.

The primary goal of the forums is to bring together county leadership and staff representatives from child welfare, workforce development, education, and other youth-service agencies to learn about programs in their region that have implemented effective strategies for improving employment opportunities for foster youth. Participants will also begin the process of planning for replication of such programs across the state. To learn more, see the [Foster Youth Employment Forums Flyer](#) (PDF 172 KB) and [Fast Facts](#) (PDF 356 KB)

**Questions.** For questions or comments, contact Chandra Larsen, Project Manager, at [clarsen@newwaytowork.org](mailto:clarsen@newwaytowork.org) or call (707) 824-4000 x.26.

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## 2) Diploma Plus Small School Funding Opportunity – Information Sessions begin Next Week!

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Resources from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will support planning and capacity-building activities for two new California schools that will open in the fall of 2008. Support will be provided over three years beginning July 1, 2007 (with 07/08 as a planning year). Each selected school, once established as an educational institution with the California Department of Education, will receive multi-year capacity-building grants (based on a formula of \$1,050 per student, up to 400 students over the three-year grant period) to supplement the initial development of new Diploma Plus schools in the state.

### **Diploma Plus Solicitation Letter & Submission Guidelines**

The [Diploma Plus Solicitation Letter](#) (PDF 198 KB), which includes details about the funding opportunity and guidelines for submission is now available online. Letters of Interest are due December 15, 2006.

### **Diploma Plus Information Sessions Begin Next Week**

To learn more or to find out how you can apply to become a DP school, please plan to attend one of the following information sessions:

***Sacramento Information Session*** – Thursday, October 12th (10:00 a.m. – noon)

***Los Angeles Information Session*** – Tuesday, October 31st (10:00 a.m. – noon)

***San Diego Information Session*** – Wednesday, November 1st (10:00 a.m. – noon)

**To register:** Please contact Tracy Elms, New Ways to Work, with your full contact information and the date/location of the information session you wish to attend to [telms@newwaystowork.org](mailto:telms@newwaystowork.org). Details about the meeting locations will be sent out following notification of your interest to attend. Updates will also be posted on the Diploma Plus section of the New Ways website at [www.newwaystowork.org/initiatives/diplomaplus.html](http://www.newwaystowork.org/initiatives/diplomaplus.html).

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## 3) Intermediary Network Fall Leadership Forum – You're Invited

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### **Organizations focused on serving Out-of-Work and/or Out-of-School Youth are invited to attend this Year's INet Fall Leadership Forum**

The Fifth Annual Intermediary Network Fall Leadership Forum will be held in Philadelphia, October 25-27, 2006. Please come and join leaders from local intermediaries around the country, along with the network's national affiliate organizations as we gather to share quality practices and discuss how to shape the expansion of the Intermediary Network to include intermediaries that concentrate on serving our nation's most vulnerable youth -- those that are out-of-work and out-of-school. We will also be joined by organizations that focus on those youth served in after-school and out-of-school time programs. During our annual leadership forum we will focus on strengthening intermediary practice in connecting schools to workplaces, serving out-of-school youth and supporting activities for youth in out-of-school time. We will also begin the process of developing a national policy agenda related to disconnected and disconnecting youth.

For more information, see the [Fall Forum Fast Facts](#) (PDF 50 KB) or contact Shannon Wesley at [swesley@newwaystowork.org](mailto:swesley@newwaystowork.org) or (707) 824-4000 ext. 28.

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## **4) Job Opportunities at New Ways to Work**

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New Ways to Work is currently seeking to hire 2-3 dynamic individuals to add to our team. All new hires will work primarily on the Diploma Plus initiative and Youth Transition Action Team Initiative (explore our website for more information about these projects). See the following announcements for specific information about each position:

[Education Specialist Job Announcement](#) (PDF 168 KB)

[Project Associate Job Announcement](#) (PDF 156 KB)

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New Ways News provides periodic updates to New Ways network members about New Ways' activities and events and other important information and resources for the field of youth services. To be added to the New Ways to Work listserve, please email your request and contact information to Tracy Elms at [telms@newwaystowork.org](mailto:telms@newwaystowork.org).