



New Ways to Work

Building Community Connections that Prepare Youth for Success

New Ways News

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- 1) **California Governor's 15% Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funds are available**

On September 8, 2006, the California Employment Development Department announced the availability of up to \$13.6 million in WIA's governor's 15% funds in a solicitation for proposals (SFP). The SFP has the following three distinct funding categories:

- Growth Industries – High Wage, High Skill Job Training
- Industries with a Statewide Need
- Advancing Minimum Wage Workers

For more information, visit www.edd.ca.gov/wiarep/wiaspind.htm.

Proposals due October 23, 2006 before 3 p.m.

- 2) **Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act Reauthorized – few but significant changes**

On August 14, President Bush signed into law the reauthorization of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act. The act governs the flow of some \$1.3 billion in federal funding to state and local work-related classes, programs, and training, the largest single source of federal funding for middle and high schools.

Under the reauthorization, programs will be required to report state test results and graduation rates, as defined by the *No Child Left Behind Act*; and programs will be required to establish "programs of study," or plans for integrating academic- and career-oriented courses leading to a degree or industry certification.

The Alliance for Excellent Education notes that one change of particular importance to high school reform advocates is that, for the first time, both basic grantees and Tech Prep grantees can use funds to develop personal graduation and career plans for students participating in career and technical education programs. Additionally, Tech Prep grantees are required to provide professional development programs for counselors designed to enable them to more effectively "support student progress in completing tech prep programs, which may include the use of graduation and career plans." For more information, visit www.all4ed.org/publications/StraightAs/straightas.html.

3) **Intermediary Network (INet) Fall Forum scheduled for October 25 – 27, 2006 in Philadelphia**

The fifth annual INet Fall Leadership forum (Fall Forum) will be held in Philadelphia. One priority focus of the meeting will be serving our most vulnerable youth through intermediary practice. Members that focus on INet's core work of connecting schools to workplaces will welcome new intermediaries that concentrate on serving out-of-school youth and youth served in after-school and out-of-school time programs.

Leaders from local intermediaries around the country and national affiliate organizations will meet to address six priorities:

Intermediary Practice Priorities

- Deepening Practice in Connecting Schools, Workforce, and Community Partners
- Expanding Practice to Serve Out-of-School Youth
- Expanding Practice to Serve Youth After-School and in Out-of-School Time

Intermediary Network Priorities

- Expanding INet Membership
- Supporting and Encouraging Diversity in Intermediary Leadership
- Expanding Data & Evaluation Effort

For more information, contact Shannon Wesley at swesley@newwaystowork.org or (707) 824-4000 ext. 28.

For more information, see the [Fall Forum Fast Facts](http://www.intermediarynetwork.org/documents/fallforum2006/fastfacts.pdf) (www.intermediarynetwork.org/documents/fallforum2006/fastfacts.pdf)

4) **Foster Youth Employment Forums are coming to California in November and December**

This fall, 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, will be hosting the **Foster Youth Employment Forums** in five regions throughout California. The forums are being scheduled for November and December of this year, and they will take place in five locations throughout the state:

November 8th –Garden Hilton in Shasta (Northern Region) +
November 28th - Orange County area* (Southern Region) +
November 29th * – Madera Department of Human Services (Valley Region) +
December 4th – The State Building in Oakland (Bay Area Region) +
December 7th – United Way in Sacramento (Mountain Valley Region) +

** Exact location and/or date to be determined.*

*+ To see which counties are being targeted within each region, visit the Foster Youth Employment Forums [Fast Facts](#).
(www.newwaystowork.org/documents/ytatdocuments/FYEmploymentForumsFastFacts.pdf)*

The primary goal of the forums is to bring together county staff and representatives from child welfare, workforce development, education, and other partner 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](#)
(www.newwaystowork.org/documents/ytatdocuments/FYEmploymentForumsFlyer.pdf)

and [Fast Facts](#)
(www.newwaystowork.org/documents/ytatdocuments/FYEmploymentForumsFastFacts.pdf)

To be added to a mailing list, please contact Tracy at telms@newwaystowork.org or call (707) 824-4000 or (707) 824-4000 ext. 23.

5) **First two California Diploma Plus (DP) school sites selected**

In June the Diploma Plus California team selected two schools in California to add to the Diploma Plus national network and to launch the California initiative.

Congratulations to **the Rhythms of the Village Charter School** in Pasadena and the **Einstein Education Center** in Woodland. Each school has proposed unique approaches to school culture and structure, tailoring their design to incorporate DP elements and suit their community needs. For more information on Diploma Plus California and on the two schools, visit the [New Ways Diploma Plus](#) web site.
(www.newwaystowork.org/initiatives/diplomaplus.html)

6) **Diploma Plus begins selection process for two new schools**

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, 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.

Letters of Interest are due December 15, 2006. Full proposals will be due in April 2007, with schools selected by May 2007. For information and guidelines visit www.newwaystowork.org/documents/dpdocuments/DPSolicitation.pdf.

Diploma Plus Information Sessions

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)

If you would like to be added to mailing list to receive updates about the information sessions, email Tracy at 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.

7) New Ways Calendar

The [New Ways Agency Calendar](http://www.newwaystowork.org/documents/NewWaysCalendar.pdf) is now available, covering September 2006 through June 2007. (www.newwaystowork.org/documents/NewWaysCalendar.pdf)

8) New Ways staff update

New Ways to Work Vice President, Charlene Mouille, has returned from maternity leave and will be managing the Youth Transition Action Teams initiative as well as overseeing all New Ways initiatives. Chandra Larsen, Initiatives Coordinator, has been promoted to Project Manager. Chandra will be focusing primarily on Diploma Plus as well as key elements of the Youth Transition Action Teams initiative and the Intermediary Network. Welcome back, Charlene and congratulations, Chandra!

Two new staff members have joined the team: Shannon Wesley, Events Coordinator, INet Membership Coordinator, and Project Associate; and Tracy Elms, Project Assistant. Welcome to New Ways!

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9) Selected grant and award information

Grant: YouthRising Grant Program

Organization: Youth Service America and the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Deadline: October 12, 2006

This program will offer grants of \$2,000 for projects that engage high-risk and/or gang-involved youth (ages 12-25) in service to their communities. The goal of this initiative is to design and implement creative service projects that engage such youth in service and develop their capacity for leadership and civic engagement. Funded projects should be co-led by youth and adult allies such as parents, coaches, teachers, etc. A significant portion of the project must take place on National & Global Youth Service Day, April 20-22, 2007. Community-based groups/ organizations, local government agencies, schools, and faith-based groups are eligible to apply.

Contact: [Youth Service America: YouthRising](http://www.ysa.org/awards/award_grant.cfm)
(www.ysa.org/awards/award_grant.cfm)

Award: The Lewis Hine Awards for Service to Children and Youth

Organization: National Child Labor Committee

Deadline: October 25, 2006

The *Lewis Hine Awards for Service to Children and Youth* are presented to honor unheralded individuals for their volunteer or professional work on behalf of America's children and youth. Recipients are selected by a panel of judges from the nominations provided by community leaders. Ten awards will be presented - five to paid professionals and five to unpaid volunteers. Each award carries a stipend of \$1,000.

Contact: (212) 840-1801 or NCLC05Hine@aol.com

Award: The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards,

Organization: Prudential Financial, administered by the National Association of Secondary School Principals

Deadline: October 31, 2006

The awards recognize middle and high school students for volunteer community service. Applications are solicited each fall through more than 40,000 middle-level and high schools and through officially designated local organizations across the country. Local Honorees are selected at participating schools and organizations in November, and from these winners, two State Honorees are chosen in each state and in the District of Columbia. State Honorees receive awards of \$1,000 and all-expenses-paid trips to Washington, D.C. Ten National Honorees receive additional awards of \$5,000.

Contact: [Prudential Spirit of Community Awards](http://www.prudential.com/overview2/0%2C2155%2CintPageID%25253D8983%252526bInPrinterFriendly%25253D0%2C00.html?furl=%2Fspirit)

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Award: Do Something BRICK Awards

Organization: Do Something

Deadline: October 25, 2006

Each year the Do Something BRICK Awards program honors the efforts of nine dynamic leaders age 25 and under who use their talents to take action that measurably strengthens their local communities in the areas of community building, health, or the environment. Each BRICK winner in the 18 and under category receives a \$5,000 higher education scholarship and a \$5,000 grant for continued community work. Winners in the 19-25 category each receive a \$10,000 grant for continued community work.

Contact: [Do Something BRICK Awards](http://www.dosomething.org/brick/) (free registration required)

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10) More grants and awards from Youth Today

MORE GRANTS from our friends at Youth Today

Visit <http://www.youthtoday.org>

Grants Available

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Child Welfare

Grant: 2006 Jewelers for Children Grants Program - For direct services to children in two funding categories: rural/tribal and urban/suburban. The grant will primarily support the salary, benefits and taxes of a staff person that works directly with volunteers in a recruiting, training and/or supervisory role.

Funder: National CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) and Jewelers for Children.

Eligibility: Court appointed special advocates and guardian ad litem programs that provide direct services to youth in rural/tribal or urban/suburban settings.

Deadline: Sept. 29.

Amount: \$5,000-\$10,000 each.

Contact: www.casanet.org/download/ncasaa-grants/0608_JFC_application_0062.doc.

Civic Engagement

Grant: YouthRising - For projects that engage high-risk and gang-involved youth in volunteer service. Youth should have a major role in planning, implementing and evaluating the proposed service project. A significant portion of the project must take place on National & Global Youth Service Day, April 20-22 2007.

Funder: Youth Service America, with funding from the U.S. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Eligibility: Community-based organizations, local government agencies, schools and faith-based groups that have documented success working directly with high-risk and/or gang-involved youth, ages 12 to 25.

Deadline: Oct. 12.

Amount: \$2,000 each.

Contact: www.ysa.org/awards/award_grant.cfm#nowavailable.

Grant: State Farm Good Neighbor Service-Learning Grants support school-based service-learning coordinators who are implementing projects for National and Global Youth Service Day, April 20-22, 2007. Projects can address themes that include the environment, disaster relief, health, teen issues, education, interfaith dialogue, intergenerational relationships, homelessness and literacy.

Funder: State Farm and Youth Service America (YSA).

Eligibility: Youth (ages 5 to 25), teachers or school-based service-learning coordinators.

Deadline: Oct. 16.

Amount: \$1,000 each.

Contact: www.YSA.org/awards or GoodNeighbor@ysa.org.

Grant: 2007 Harris Wofford Awards - Recognize extraordinary achievements in three categories: the Youth award, for one youth (ages 12 -25) who demonstrates exemplary commitment and action to involve his or her peers in service, youth voice, service-learning or civic engagement activities; the Organization award, for a nonprofit, foundation or corporation with a demonstrated record of activity and impact devoted to youth service, youth voice, service-learning or civic engagement; and the Media award, for an institution or individual member of the news media who makes a commitment to the importance of reporting accurately and comprehensively on youth and youth service issues.

Funder: State Farm Companies Foundation.

Eligibility: (See summary **above**.)

Deadline: Oct. 19.

Amount: \$500 for the youth winner and \$500 to the nonprofit of his/her choice (organizational and media winners receive a plaque).

Contact: www.YSA.org/awards

Grant: Youth Leaders for Literacy - Helps youth plan and implement reading-related service projects that begin on Read Across America Day, March 2, 2007, and culminate on National & Global Youth Service Day, April 20-22, 2007.

Funder: National Education Association and Youth Service America.

Eligibility: Youth or groups of youth age 21 and younger.

Deadline: Nov. 24.

Amount: 20 grants of \$500 each.

Contact: www.nea.org/readacross/volunteer/index.html.

Education

Grant: Grants For K-8 Art And Music Programs - To support elementary and middle school teachers for art and music programs that their schools are unable to fund.

Funder: Airborne, Inc.

Eligibility: Teachers from public and private schools in California, Florida, Louisiana, Massachusetts and Missouri. More states will become eligible each quarter as the program is gradually rolled out nationally.

Deadline: Oct. 31.

Amount: \$200 to \$10,000 each.

Contact: www.airbornetrust.com.

Health

Grant: Community Health Leadership Program - Honors individuals who overcome daunting odds to expand access to health care and social services to underserved and isolated populations in the United States. The goal is to

elevate the work of these leaders through financial support, opportunities for growth, networking and help in raising awareness of their contributions.

Funder: The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Eligibility: Consumers, community leaders, health professionals and government officials nominate candidates working at the grass-roots level who have received no significant national recognition and are "mid-career" (no less than five and no more than 15 years of community health experience).

Amount: \$120,000 per winner - \$105,000 for the winner's program and a \$15,000 personal award.

Deadline: Sept. 22.

Contact: www.communityhealthleaders.org.

Grant: Fresh Ideas: Community-based Approaches to Improve Care for Vulnerable Populations - The foundation supports new community-based approaches to health and health care problems that intersect with social factors, such as inadequate housing, poor education and poverty. The funder would like to finance projects that serve hard-to-reach individuals and families, especially new immigrants and refugees, frail older adults and at-risk adolescents.

Funder: The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Eligibility: Public entities or nonprofits with 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status.

Deadline: Open.

Amount: \$300,000 for three-year projects.

Contact: www.rwjf.org/files/applications/cfp/cfp-FreshIdeas2005.pdf.

Recreation

Grant: Funding is available to build high-quality, public skate parks in low-income areas and areas with a high proportion of at-risk youth. The foundation primarily considers skate park projects that are designed and built by qualified and experienced skate park contractors, include local skaters in the design process, don't charge entrance fees, and encourage skaters to look after themselves and others without restricting their access to the park or over-regulating their use of it.

Funder: Tony Hawk Foundation.

Eligibility: Nonprofits, state or local agencies, including public school systems and public projects.

Deadline: Oct. 1.

Amount: \$1,000 to \$25,000 for one year.

Contact: www.tonyhawkfoundation.org.

Substance Abuse

Grant: Science Education Drug Abuse Partnership Awards - For drug abuse education programs that focus on biology and neuroscience. The grants will support programs that partner with scientists, media experts, community leaders and others to teach groups of youth. Recipients should cover topics not well addressed by educational, community or media activities.

Funder: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Eligibility: Domestic organizations with a scientific and/or educational mission, such as nonprofits, for-profits, colleges and universities, state

and local education agencies, faith-based organizations and Native American tribal governments.

Deadline: Oct. 1.

Amount: Up to \$250,000 each.

Contact: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-06-518.html>.

Youth Development

Grant: Intervention Research To Improve Youth-Serving Organizations - For intervention research to improve youth-serving organizations, such as schools and community-based organizations, or their subunits, including after-school programs. Projects should be targeted to youth ages 8 to 25.

Funder: William T. Grant Foundation.

Eligibility: Influential mid-career practitioners, policymakers and researchers.

Deadline: Oct. 30 for letters of intent.

Amount: Up to \$250,000 to \$1.5 million per project, over two to four years.

Contact:

www.wtgrantfoundation.org/usr_doc/2006_William_T_Grant_RFP_for%20Intervention_Research_Final.pdf.

Grant: Distinguished Fellows Program - Aims to increase the supply of, demand for and use of high-quality research in the service of improved youth outcomes.

Funder: William T. Grant Foundation.

Eligibility: Influential mid-career practitioners, policymakers and researchers.

Deadline: Nov. 3.

Amount: Up to \$175,000 for six months to two years.

Contact:

www.wtgrantfoundation.org/usr_doc/Final_RFP_Distinguished_Fellows_Cohort3.pdf

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