

*All Youth-One System: Connected  
Conference 2005*

**YCi Team Leader Meeting  
Notes Packet**



**January 25, 2005  
Garden Grove, California**

## **The Notes Packet**

The following notes packet includes notes from the **YCi Team Leaders Meeting** and the **Youth Council Showcase**. Please note that a [Youth Council Orientation for Youth and the Youth Perspective Closing Plenary](#) notes packet is also available online. [Pictures](#) of the event are also available for view on the New Ways website.

For more information or to receive electronic copies of any of the workshop materials, email Chandra at [clarsen@nww.org](mailto:clarsen@nww.org). For more information about YCi, go to [www.nww.org/yci](http://www.nww.org/yci) or contact Chandra at (707) 824-4000.

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## **YCi Team Leader Meeting**

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### ***Workshop Summary***

On January 25, 2005, New Ways to Work and YCi hosted a **YCi Team Leader Meeting** at the All Youth-One System: Connected Conference 2005. Charlene Mouille from New Ways to Work and Virginia Hamilton from California Workforce Association facilitated this session for Youth Council staff and team leaders. At this network meeting, participants:

- Saw and provided feedback on the new YCi Elements chart;
- Discussed and provided feedback about effective practices that have supported Youth Council success with coordinating systems, building effective collaborations, and engaging youth;
- Provided feedback for YCi Network technical support in 2005; and
- Discussed tips and tools for engaging youth.

### **Hot Topics**

Following a welcome and introductions, participants discussed the hot topics that are impacting the work of their Youth Councils and communities - this included:

- Private sector engagement
- Youth Opportunity - sustainability (YO)
- Partnership challenge – youth with disabilities/foster care – all youth
- Older youth credential
- Recruiting and retaining parents of youth on youth council
- Sustaining capacity/leadership – changing structures
- Younger youth – positioning schools/A-G courses complementing schools counselors

### **New YCi Elements of a Comprehensive Youth-Serving System Framework**

Charlene Mouille discussed the latest iteration of the YCi Elements of a Comprehensive Youth-Serving System Framework. The framework has been going through a revision process following feedback from leaders and practitioners across California working with youth workforce development, foster youth, and youth with disabilities. Participants provided additional feedback during this session, which was incorporated into the latest version of the framework. The newest frameworks may be found on the New Ways website at [www.nww.org/toolchest.html](http://www.nww.org/toolchest.html).

### **2005 Network Technical Support Interests**

Participants discussed ideas and provided feedback about supportive services and technical support for YCi in the upcoming year. The following feedback and content ideas were shared:

- Management/implementation models
- Leadership and coordination/advocacy for local youth councils
- Conference calls/YCi Reporter
- Colleague assistance/funding opps.

- Strategic planning with expertise
- Support and write about innovation
- Pushing/holding Youth Council accountable

### **Strategies for Supporting Youth on Youth Councils**

As Youth Councils increasingly gain experience with involving youth on their decision-making bodies, YCi wants to support peer-learning by sharing successful strategies. During this session, participants shared what's working and what to pay attention to when supporting youth involvement on Youth Councils. Please note: the [Youth Orientation and Youth Perspective](#) notes packet available online has recommendations made by youth. Recommendations made by adult team leaders included:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provide youth with credible positions</li> <li>▪ Acronym crosswalks</li> <li>▪ Formal/informal orientation</li> <li>▪ Provide incentives</li> <li>▪ Support transportation</li> <li>▪ Choose meeting times that work for youth</li> <li>▪ Define roles for adults and youth</li> <li>▪ Match youth with a mentor</li> <li>▪ Provide school credits</li> <li>▪ Team work</li> <li>▪ Provide contact throughout month</li> <li>▪ Context and connection to the system</li> <li>▪ Fun</li> <li>▪ Interesting meetings</li> <li>▪ Length of meeting</li> <li>▪ Recognition for participation</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ID Support System</li> <li>▪ Combine youth ID issues with business</li> <li>▪ Take the meeting to their community</li> <li>▪ Give tour/get tour of their facility</li> <li>▪ Move around</li> <li>▪ Youth select what they work on</li> <li>▪ Physical space matters</li> <li>▪ Youth mentoring youth</li> <li>▪ Bring a buddy "night"</li> <li>▪ Build trust/share stories</li> <li>▪ Relevant topics</li> <li>▪ Give them assignments</li> <li>▪ Need adult support based on their ideas</li> <li>▪ Regional Youth Action Committees (All-youth) feeder groups to council</li> <li>▪ Story telling</li> </ul> |
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There are a variety of resources available online on the New Ways website to support [youth involvement on Youth Councils](#) and other decision-making bodies. There are also several [YCideas](#) on this topic. Youth on Board in Massachusetts also publishes a variety of resources to support youth leadership - [www.youthonboard.org](http://www.youthonboard.org). Contact Chandra at [clarsen@nww.org](mailto:clarsen@nww.org) if you have any questions about resource support for involving youth.

Participants discussed the success of the meeting and provided the following feedback:

#### What worked

- Info in room
- Energy
- Good introduction to conference
- Flow
- Agenda well developed
- Flexible

#### What to do differently

- Rushed
- Pre-conference registration unclear

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## Youth Council Showcase

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On January 26<sup>th</sup>, thirteen Youth Councils participated in the **Youth Council Showcase** to share quality practices with conference participants. During a one-hour session, Showcase participants gave three consecutive 15 minute presentations to three different audiences. In spite of some technical noise challenges, the Showcase was a great success, with great participant feedback about the ideas they were able to generate and gather.

Youth Council participants shared strategies, initiatives, and projects in their communities that contribute to a connected and coordinated system. The following Youth Councils presented the following topics:

### **Anaheim Youth Council**

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### **Long Beach Youth Council**

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### **Imperial County Youth Council**

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### **Fresno Youth Council**

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### **Marin County Youth Council**

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### **Orange County Youth Council**

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### **Monterey County Youth Council**

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### **Humboldt County Youth Council**

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### **Sonoma County Youth Council**

*Work Readiness Certificate*  
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### **Tulare County Youth Council**

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## Next Steps & Resources

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- **Involving Youth at the AYOS Conference Content Conference Call - March 8, 2005 (9:30-10:30a.m.):** This call will provide an opportunity for participants to discuss their experiences of involving youth at the conference, and share any new strategies for youth engagement you've implemented since that time. Email Chandra at [clarsen@nww.org](mailto:clarsen@nww.org) to register to attend this call.
- **Youth Convening:** During the closing plenary, youth participant Alex Reynoso volunteered to support a reconvening of youth between this year's and next year's conference. New Ways staff will review the budget for YCi and discuss with the network possibly supporting a youth convening to support youth involvement.

### Workshop hosts and presenters:

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To download tools and worksheets from this and other workshops, go to:  
<http://www.nww.org/previouscalls.html>

For more information about the California Youth Council Institute (YCi), go to:  
[www.nww.org/ycci](http://www.nww.org/ycci)

For more information about upcoming content calls and trainings, go to:  
[www.nww.org/networkcontentcalls.html](http://www.nww.org/networkcontentcalls.html)

To download additional tools and materials, go to:  
[www.nww.org/toolschest.html](http://www.nww.org/toolschest.html)

For a list of online resources and links, go to:  
[www.nww.org/resources/index.html](http://www.nww.org/resources/index.html)

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