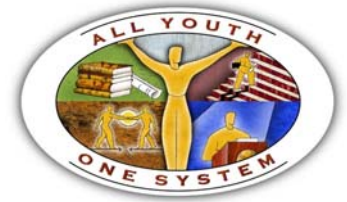


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It's Been a Great Four Years for YCi!

A Letter from the Executive Directors

New Ways to Work and the California Workforce Association (CWA) are celebrating the success of YCi over the past four years. We want to extend our congratulations to all the local Workforce Investment Boards, Youth Councils, and service providers for all that you have done to build local programs that support the success of all youth. We are extremely proud of your accomplishments across California, and admire your tireless enthusiasm and hard work dedicated to creating comprehensive youth-serving systems.

Unfortunately, the State Board (CWIB) has decided not to renew funding for YCi at this time. We hope that this may change in the future, but for now, this issue of the *YCi Reporter* is the last scheduled communication you'll receive from YCi.

There are a host of tools, materials and publications that we have gathered and created over the past four years, all still available and posted on the [YCi website](#). New Ways has updated and will keep the site live, converting it to support Youth Councils across the country through the **National Youth Council Institute**, which New Ways plans to launch later this fall.

Elsewhere in this final edition of the *Reporter* you'll find information about and links to the recently compiled [YCi Ideas Book](#), and the summary of the [YCi Forums](#) held over the summer. Please also check out the [YCi Impacts Report](#), which chronicles the work of YCi over the past four years. We're proud of what we've accomplished with you as our partners. (Continued on page 2)

Local Youth Councils, Workforce Boards, and Partners Discuss Strategies and Challenges

YCi sponsored a series of Regional Forums across the state during the months of June, July and August, 2005. The purpose of the Forums were to facilitate a dialogue among Youth Council leadership and providers within local communities centered on state and federal direction and legislation affecting workforce programs for youth. Information gathered through the Forums was also intended to help inform state policy. Topic areas included program and policy shifts outlined in the USDOL's New Strategic Vision for Youth, pending WIA Reauthorization and implementation of Common Measures, and California's Strategic Two-year Plan. Participants shared strategies being used to continue to build comprehensive youth-serving systems in the current changing environment. Participants also identified challenges and barriers posed by the new policy directives and discussed approaches to partnering across systems in order to focus on the "neediest youth".

YCi staff collected feedback through all six regional YCi Forums and summarized it into a packet of information submitted to the State Board (CWIB), to be considered by state staff and the newly formed Life Long Learning sub-committee of the Board. The following information is what was presented on behalf of YCi to the CWIB:

[Youth Council Forum Summary Report](#)
(14 pages - PDF)

[Attachment A: Full Transcription of Forum Notes](#) (10 pages - PDF)
[Attachment B: Participant Questionnaire](#) (10 pages - PDF)
[Attachment C: Forum PowerPoint Presentation](#) (34 pages - PDF)
[Attachment D: Forum Participants List](#)
(available by emailing clarsen@nww.org)

YCi Ideas: A Compilation of Promising Practices from Youth Councils throughout California 2001-2005 is Now Available

The Youth Council Institute has gathered over 60 YCi Ideas – articles about promising practices being implemented in California communities in order to better support their young people – and compiled them into a single volume. Some of the *Ideas* date from the beginnings of Youth Councils; others were written expressly for this compilation about up-to-the-minute developments. Eleven different topics are addressed by the *YCi Ideas*: Convening Local Leadership to Take Action, Coordinating Youth Services, Educational Options, Innovative Programs, Resource Mapping, Measuring Quality and Impact of Local Efforts, Youth One-Stops, Serving Special Populations, Staff Development, Work-Ready Certificates, and Youth Involvement.

Taken together, these *Ideas* show the tremendous achievements of Youth Councils during the past four years and offer a valuable array of strategies for meeting the needs of our youth. YCi wishes to thank all of the many people who helped to make this book possible. [YCi Ideas: A Compilation of Promising Practice](#) is available online.



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New Ways and CWA Continue to Offer Opportunities for Support

New Ways and CWA are still available to support your work in a number of ways. Although YCi will not be a funded initiative at the state level, New Ways and the CWA will continue to provide support for local Youth Councils and providers through a variety of networking and technical assistance activities, including the following:

- **The Annual All Youth-One System Conference** - to be held January 17-19, 2006 in Anaheim, CA. [Click here](#) for more information
- New Ways will continue to offer **training and technical assistance** on a fee-for-service basis to support many of your training and strategic planning needs. For more information, please visit [New Ways Technical Assistance Webpage](#).
- CWA will continue to offer **facilitation services** on a fee-for-service basis to support your needs for strategic planning and other projects. CWA also has available a list of trainers available to its members at discounted rates, and/or pre-procured through CWA. For more information, please visit www.calworkforce.org.
- New Ways will continue to conduct **regional workshops and content conference calls** on topics related to youth and their transitions to adulthood.
- New Ways will continue to work on several other statewide and national initiatives aligned with the **All Youth-One System frameworks**, including:

Youth Transition Action Teams – Leveraging community resources to ensure successful transitions for foster youth.

Intermediary Network - Supporting intermediaries in their functions of extending the classroom to the workplace, connecting students to work-based experiences and linking employers to schools.

Youth Council Institute National - Supporting Youth Councils across the nation – YCi website to be converted over the fall.

Diploma Plus - Supporting vulnerable youth in the successful completion of high school and their transition to higher education – project to be launched in the fall of 2005.

As a current subscriber to the YCi listserve, your name will be added to the **New Ways to Work listserve** (as the YCi listserve will be closing). You will continue to receive updates, information and resources connected to supporting comprehensive youth-serving systems. You will also be added

to the CWA email list for notice of conferences and training events.

Again, we celebrate your accomplishments over the last several years, and encourage you all to continue to connect with each other and continue to build on the work you began through YCi.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and support you in any way possible. If you are interested in discussing opportunities for technical support, please contact Chandra Larsen at clarsen@nww.org.

Bye for now,

Steve Trippe and Virginia Hamilton

New Ways and CWA 2005 - 2006 Activities

This is a current calendar of events and activities of the New Ways to Work and CWA Networks for 2005-2006. Confirmed dates and locations will be posted online at: www.nww.org.

October

October 19-21 Intermediary Network Fall Leadership Forum (Savannah, Georgia)

TBD

Youth Transition Action Teams
Team Leader Conference Call
(Topic: **Mental Health Services and Resources for Foster Youth**)

November

TBD Content Conference Call (10:00 a.m.)
(Topic: **Supporting Foster Youth through WIA Programs**)

December

TBD Youth Transition Action Teams
Team Leader Conference Call
(Topic: **TBD**)

January

January 17-19 All Youth-One System Conference

January 17

Youth Transition Action Teams
Team Leader Meeting

TBD

Diploma Plus! Information Session

TBD

Content Conference Call (10:00 a.m.)
(Topic: **TBD**)