



"Coordinating Youth Services: the Daisy Wheel Model" May 14th & 15th

YCi Hosts Regional Workshops in Response to Your Requests

John Niles of CommCorp will present two regional one-day workshops for Youth Council members and staff who are interested in learning about a very effective model for coordinating youth services. John will demonstrate how Youth Councils have incorporated the "Daisy Wheel" model into their service strategies, and instruct participants on specific steps to take to make significant progress toward the critical function of "Coordinating Youth Services".

Participation is limited to maximize the interaction among attendees and with the presenters, so register early. Workshop schedule is 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. To register for the Sacramento workshop on May 14th or the Los Angeles workshop on May 15th, go to <http://www.calworkforce.org>. The early-bird registration fee for each one-day workshop is \$175 per person by April 12th, or \$195 per person after April 12th until May 3rd. This fee includes all workshop materials and meals.

John Niles serves as a Senior Manager with the Center for Youth Development and Education of the Commonwealth Corporation. He is the manager for implementing youth components of the Workforce Investment Act in Massachusetts.

First in a series:

YCidea Snapshot:

Youth Involvement & Leadership through Paid Work Experience

Two years ago, the **County of Marin Youth Council** created a subcommittee of seven high school youth to support the Council. These WIA-enrolled youth receive community service credit required for graduation and are paid a stipend from WIA funds for their work experience. The subcommittee is engaged and trained in Council work daily, and its youth are actively mentored by an adult member of the Youth Council. These youth also work to produce the six week summer program, and are trained as peer counselors. Since the WIA positions were created, work accomplished by the youth has expanded drastically, with powerful and effective strategies developed as a result of their efforts.

A full description of this and over 25 other YCideas is available at <http://www.nww.org/yCi>.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

March 21 – "Community Outcomes" conference call 9 a.m., 707-824-8013

April 17 – WIA/TANF Reauthorization Public Forum, Los Angeles, 1-4 p.m. Contact Christine Chudd (619)224-8166.

April 18 – State Youth Council meeting

April 18 – "Youth Council Engagement" Conference call 9:00 a.m.

May 8 – Youth Practitioner Meeting, TBD

May 14 & 15 – "Coordinating Services" workshop, see accompanying article.

May 16 – "Coordinating Services" conference call 9:00 a.m., 707-824-8013

June 16-18 – "Get Connected Academy" Palm Desert, <http://www.bayscan.org>

June 18 & 19 – "The Center" for cross project thought leaders, Palm Desert.

June 26 – 28 – National Youth Summit, Washington, DC and via satellite.

YCi Team Leaders & Practitioners Meet & Network in Palm Springs

The CWA Youth Conference in Palm Springs was a huge hit again this year. As part of the Youth Conference, YCi hosted four forums. Two workshops on YCi were presented by Steve Trippe of New Ways and Cyd Spikes of the South Bay Youth Council. The 2nd Youth Practitioner Network meeting was held on Feb. 4th, and on Feb. 6th, YCi hosted a meeting of team leaders from the YCi "Road Trip" Institutes. This first "reunion" meeting of the cadre of trained team leaders resulted in an identified set of priority issues and needs that the team leaders would like to see addressed by YCi. The "burning issue" priorities included:

- Resource coordination
- Effective stakeholder involvement
- Program coordination
- Advocacy for Youth Councils

The "YCi follow-up" priorities included:

- Dissemination of effective practices
- Access to Technical Assistance
- Site-to-site sharing
- Short e-mail updates
- Site-specific YCi visits
- Regional meetings

For the notes from this and other YCi meetings, log onto <http://www.nww.org/yci> (Past Events Calendar).

Web Sites to Watch Out For:

[Young Worker Health & Safety Network](http://youngworkers.org)
<http://youngworkers.org>
[California Workforce Investment Board](http://www.calwia.org)
<http://www.calwia.org>
[The Employment Training Network](http://www.trainingnetwork.org)
<http://www.trainingnetwork.org>
[Local Workforce Investment Areas](http://www.calwia.org/Local_Areas/index.tpl)
www.calwia.org/Local_Areas/index.tpl
[US Department of Labor/ETA](http://www.usworkforce.org/resources/youth.htm)
www.usworkforce.org/resources/youth.htm

YCi "Road Trip" Institutes

January 2002, YCi held two strategic planning Institutes for teams from twenty-nine Youth Councils from across the state. The teams that participated in the Institutes conducted an internal assessment, established priorities based on the **YCi Functions of a Youth Council in Building the System**, and developed action plans to build comprehensive youth-serving systems.

Ripped from the pages of the Institute participant evaluations, you said:

"This exceeded all of my expectations."

"The format and structure of this (Institute) was excellent-fast, intense, expert content folks."

"What a great Institute! Training, tangible tools, and a work plan that can be implemented with our Youth Council."

"We gained a common understanding of the functions and direction of the Youth Council and commitment to move forward."

Contribute to Future Issues of the YCi Reporter

Please help us with the future issues of the YCi Reporter by providing us with your stories, your work, your insight, and your lessons learned as you work to build "All Youth, One System."

To submit items, email to yci@nww.org or fax to 323.467.9499.

What is YCi?

The California Youth Council Institute was established July 2001 by the California Workforce Investment Board (CalWIB) to assist California's 50 Youth Councils in creating comprehensive, local youth-serving systems. YCi is managed by New Ways and CWA through the support of the CalWIB.

For more information:

For more information on YCi, the YCi Calendar, strategic partners, YCi ideas, materials and downloadable tools, go to <http://www.nww.org/yci>.