



## State Youth Council Formally Adopts YCi Framework

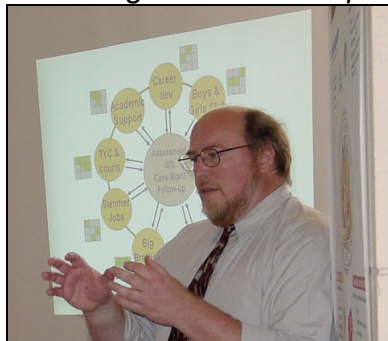
The State Youth Council formally adopted the YCi framework at its meeting April 18<sup>th</sup>. The membership was enthusiastic about the framework, commenting that full support from the State Youth Council "is a no-brainer." The State Youth Council is hosting two public hearings, June 25<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento, and June 27<sup>th</sup> in Long Beach. For info, go to [www.calwia.org](http://www.calwia.org). The next meeting of the State Youth Council is August 14<sup>th</sup> in Oakland. All State Youth Council meetings are public and you are encouraged to attend.

### LATE BREAKING YCi NEWS!!!!

On May 30<sup>th</sup>, the State Board adopted the YCi framework!

## "Coordinating Youth Services: the Daisy Wheel Model" is a Success!!!

### YCi Hosts Regional Workshops



John Niles of CommCorp presented two regional one-day workshops about a very effective model for coordinating youth services May 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. For information presented, log onto [www.nww.org/ycci](http://www.nww.org/ycci) and go to "Past Events" and click on "Daisy Wheel."

## 2<sup>nd</sup> in a series: YCidea Snapshot: Youth Centers Created as a Result of Community Forums

As a result of 14 community forums in Riverside County, six area Youth Centers were created. Each Center is supported by a coalition of six to fifteen partners who provide services, in-kind resources, and oversight. The ten WIA elements are offered by the coalition of partners of each Youth Center. How the 10 elements are delivered vary at each Center, depending on the primary resident or lead agency and the goals of the coalition. One of the areas received a donated building, an exciting outcome of the creation of the Centers! (A full description of this and 30 other YCideas is available at <http://www.nww.org/ycci>)

## Youth-Serving Practitioners Meet & Network in Riverside

JD Hoyer of Keep the Change, Inc., led a full-day meeting of 54 youth practitioners from across the state on the topic of engaging stakeholders on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Participant evaluations indicated that the workshop had helped them by:

- Identifying other providers
- Hearing what others are doing
- Identifying areas of need
- Strategies for connecting with partners
- Knowing my programs strengths and weaknesses
- Networking
- Looking at the comprehensive youth system

Participants prioritized the following issues to be addressed by YCi:

1. WIA Eligibility & Documentation
2. Engaging & Sustaining Youth Participation
3. Recruitment & Retention of Out-of-School Youth
4. Transportation
5. Lack of Parental Involvement
6. Follow-up Services
7. Faith-based Org Participation

## “Zoomerang” does it Again!

Thanks to the 66 of you who responded to the YCi Zoomerang Survey! The feedback and input that the survey provided YCi has helped to shape the upcoming year through your suggestions for content, delivery format, frequency of events, etc. You were also very encouraging, telling us the great success stories of the work that is going on in individual Youth Councils that has been influenced by the YCi framework and network. For example, 58% of the Youth Councils have reported conducting the YCi self-assessment with their full Youth Council. In fact, the comments were so positive, we just have to include a few here:

*“The backup of YCi, the information and the networking it brings has helped me solve many problems. Every week I am in contact with another YCi member. The tools have made it easier by far to help our YC make major positive progress.”*

*“The tools used to (help us) strategize and prioritize our needs has assisted us a great deal in developing a Comprehensive Delivery system of service for youth in our area.”*

*“The system and the direction our Youth Council is now taking is a direct result of the YCi Institute. We are more system oriented and have a direction we want to take youth programs in XYZ County.”*

*“I have a broader concept of youth services and needs. I am now looking at it from a systems point of view versus compartmental.”*

*“I have a better understanding of what an effective youth council looks like, and how it can help a community.”*

We will present the full results of the YCi Year 1 survey at the June 17<sup>th</sup> YCi meeting and post on the YCi web site.

## Contribute to the YCi Reporter

Submit items to the YCi Reporter. Email [yci@nww.org](mailto:yci@nww.org) or fax 323.467.9499.

## Young Worker Health & Safety Info:

The following young worker resources are available free of charge:

1. Resource kit for teachers and other adults working with teens.
2. Poster, bookmarks & flyers with resource information.

To order, call 510-642-5507 or email [cyndunn@uclink.berkeley.edu](mailto:cyndunn@uclink.berkeley.edu)

## Web Sites You Might Find Helpful:

[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](http://www.calwia.org/Local_Areas/index.tpl)

[US Department of Labor/ETA](http://www.usworkforce.org/resources/youth)

[www.usworkforce.org/resources/youth](http://www.usworkforce.org/resources/youth)

[YCi: The Youth Council Institute](http://www.nww.org/yci)

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## Calendar of Upcoming Events

**June 17<sup>th</sup>** – YCi meeting, Marriott Resort & Spa, Palm Desert. 2:00 – 4:30 p.m.

RSVP to [lporter@nww.org](mailto:lporter@nww.org).

**June 16-18** – “Get Connected Academy” Palm Desert,

<http://www.bayscan.org>

**June 18** – “The Center” for cross project thought leaders, Palm Desert.

**June 25** – State Youth Council Public Hearing, Sacramento, 3:00 -7:00 p.m.

**June 27** – State Youth Council Public Hearing, Long Beach, 3:00 – 7:00 p.m..

**August 14** – State Youth Council Meeting, Oakland

## 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.

## For more information:

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