



YCi & WIA Reauthorization:

On June 17th, representatives from a number of CA Youth Councils informed the National Center for Youth Law about the following issues that they would like to see addressed in the upcoming reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act:

- Invest in building the capacity of youth councils
- Change funding formula so that it is based on youth needs (less emphasis on poverty)
- Increase flexibility of ability to move funding to areas of need
- Reduce documentation needed for eligibility
- Change income requirements for eligibility (currently too restrictive)
- Eliminate income restrictions on out-of-school youth
- Connect performance measures to those used in other programs
- Develop a means to improve evaluation of programs so that we can better determine whether we're spending money on programs that really work

The U.S. Department of Labor accepted initial public comments through June 30, 2002. Many of the points identified by the youth council members were echoed in the public comments. Public debate will likely begin next year in Congress as WIA is scheduled for official reauthorization in 2003. The National Center for Youth Law will continue to poll youth council members on their concerns so that their views are included in the national debate on WIA reauthorization. To keep posted on the latest reauthorization developments, go to the following websites:

www.doleta.gov/usworkforce/reauthorization

www.nyec.org (draft principles)

For more information on the National Center for Youth Law, go to

www.youthlaw.org/

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Memorandum of Understanding between WIB and Youth Council

The Santa Barbara Youth Council created a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that defines roles, responsibilities, and authority of the WIB and Youth Council as they relate to one another. The MOU gave authority to the Council for the benefit of both parties and was designed to require concurrence of both the WIB and Youth Council should an issue arise. As a result, the Council has a sense of empowerment, understands its roles more clearly, and has authority to accomplish its work. The WIB has a voice in youth workforce issues and can support the Council more effectively. (A full description of this and 30 other YCi Ideas is available at www.nww.org/yci)

YCi List Serve gets the word out!

Over the past few months, the YCi list serve has distributed the following types of information:

- Calendar of pertinent events
- Funding opportunities
- Policy announcements
- YCi bulletins
- YCinfo requests
- General information of interest to Youth Council members, staff & youth practitioners

If you would like to subscribe to the YCi list serve, please email yci@nww.org.

Also, let us know if you have a question, problem, or would like to get a message out to YCi participants. Use YCi!

YCi Launches Workgroups

At the YCi meeting held in Palm Desert June 17th, the participants identified four workgroups to tackle the content and

direction of YCi for the upcoming year. These workgroups include:

- YCi Network
- Coordinating Youth Services
- Measures
- Policy

Workgroups will meet regularly, with the frequency determined by the workgroup. At a minimum, workgroups will meet via telephone conference call on a quarterly basis, with at least two face-to-face meetings scheduled during the year. If you are interested in joining any of the workgroups, please email yci@nww.org by August 23rd.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Aug. 14 – State Youth Council meeting, Oakland City Center Marriott, <http://www.calwia.org>

Aug. 20-22 – "One-Stop Conference" Anaheim, <http://www.calworkforce.org>

Aug. 21 – YCi Youth Practitioner's Meeting, 9:30 – 12, Anaheim, contact fmiller@calworkforce.org

Sept. 11-13 – CWA's Meeting of Minds in Monterey, <http://www.calworkforce.org>

Oct. 3 – YCi Orientation, Oakland, contact laporter@nww.org

Oct. 16 - YCi Youth Practitioner conference call, WIA Eligibility Criteria, 9-10 a.m., dial 707-824-8013

Nov. 13 – YCi Youth Practitioner meeting

Nov. 19 – YCi Network Meeting, Long Beach, contact laporter@nww.org

Nov. 20 – State Youth Council meeting, Long Beach, <http://www.calwia.org>

REMINDER: The deadline to apply for the NYEC WIA Leaders Academy is August 23rd (all applications must be postmarked no later than August 23).

What is it? WIA Leaders Academy is a professional development opportunity for youth program staff of local and state WIBs or WIA funding agencies. The Academy curriculum is designed to address major challenges of WIA implementation through exposure to current information about effective

practice, policy, and research from the fields of youth employment and youth development. This opportunity is offered by the National Youth Employment Coalition (NYEC).

Who can apply? Mid-level professionals who work directly for the local and state Workforce Investment Boards or WIA funding agencies who are primarily responsible for youth programs.

How to apply? Complete and submit an application by August 23rd, at www.nyec.org/wialeaders.html (fact sheet online).

Questions? Contact Mala B. Thakur (mt@nyec.org) or Mindy Larson (ml@nyec.org), ph. (202) 659.1064
This Leaders Academy opportunity is made possible with funding from the Office of Youth Services, U.S. DoL, ETA.

Web Sites You Might Find Helpful:

California Workforce Investment Board
<http://www.calwia.org>

California Workforce Association
<http://www.calworkforce.org>

The Employment Training Network
<http://www.trainingnetwork.org>

Local Workforce Investment Areas
www.calwia.org/Local_Areas/index.tpl

National Leadership Institute for Workforce Development
<http://www.wibleadership.com>

New Ways to Work
<http://www.nww.org>

US Department of Labor/ETA
www.usworkforce.org/resources/youth