CWA YOUTH CONFERENCE  
JANUARY 15 – 17, 2008

AGENDA (subject to change 12-20, rev 2)

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

9:00 – 11:30 PreConference Sessions

- Steering your Way through Youth Common Measures  
  Liz Clingman, Employment Development Department  
  Evan Rosenberg, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington DC  
  Educational Rep Pending

- The Career Explosion in Logistics (Field Trip)  
  Bryan Rogers, Long Beach WIB

1:00 OFFICIAL CONFERENCE START

Welcoming Remarks  
Stewart Knox, Chair, CWA  
Director, North Central Counties Consortium

Opening Plenary

Jeff Yalden, Youth Life Coach

2:00 – 3:00 Youth Engagement Plenary Panel

Makin’ It Straight in 2008: The Absolutely Necessary Steps for Full Youth Engagement  
A Panel Discussion Facilitated by  
Edward DeJesus, President, Youth Development Research Fund

3:00 – 3:30 Refreshment Break

3:30 – 5:00 Workshops on Youth Engagement (6 Concurrent Sessions)

- Hip Hop Project: Using Culture to Engage Youth  
  Chris “Kazi” Rolle, Director, Hip Hop Project

- Letting Youth Take the Lead!  
  Nicholas Moore, Project Assistant  
  California Health Incentives Improvement Project  
  Dani Anderson, Youth Presenter, Advisory Commission on Special Education  
  Jonas Gomez, Youth Presenter, YLF Alumni Alliance

- Healing the Generation Gap  
  Dereca Blackmon, Executive Director  
  Leadership Excellence  
  Randa Powell, Youth Leadership Excellence  
  Scid Howard, Youth Leadership Excellence
Recruiting the Next CEO
Terri Leisten, VP Youth Services, ResCare ETSG
ResCare, Inc
Joseph Oaxaca, Youth Services Program Manager, Arbor E & T
Debra Giordano, Project Director, Arbor E & T

Using PEPNet to Build Youth Program Quality
Glenn Eagleson, SF Mayor’s Office of Economic and Workforce Development
Karinne Kannikenberg, Resource Teacher, Kern County High School District, Career Resource Department
Mala Thakur, Executive Director, National Youth Employment Coalition
Peter Gerharz, Workforce Development Manager, Larkin Street Youth Services

Youth Engagement Strategies from a Youth Perspective
Youth from Kings View Ready, Set, Go! Program
Michelle Hernandez, Claudia Romero, Johnnie Hendix, George Deleija

5:30  “Full Steam Ahead” Reception

Wednesday, January 16, 2008

7:00  Diane Walton/ Pilates

7:30 – 8:30  Continental Breakfast

8:30 – 10:00  Juvenile Justice Plenary Panel

Paul L. Seave, Director, Gang and Youth Violence Policy
Office of the Governor (invited)
California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention (CalGRIP) Initiative
Judith Green, Justice Strategies
Vernon H. Williams, III, Founder and CEO, The Williams Group
Contra Costa Youth Provider
Jared Lewis, Director, Know Gangs

10:15 – 10:45  Refreshment Break

10:45 – 11:45  Workshops on Juvenile Justice (6 Concurrent Sessions)

Future Directions for CalGRIP (pending)
Barbara Halsey, Executive Director, California Workforce Investment Board

Second Chance Program (pending)
Jack Miklos, Deputy Director, Second Chance

Winning Over the Hearts and Minds of Youth!
Designing Programs that Support Gang Diversion
Larry Robbin, Robbin & Associates

Moving Youth Beyond Gang Life
Vernon H. Williams, III, Founder and CEO, The Williams Group
Contra Costa Youth Provider

What Every Youth Worker Needs to Know about Gangs
Jared Lewis, Director, Know Gangs

Best Practices Discussion Session
Facilitated Discussion

Noon
Dwight Brydie Scholarship Awards Luncheon (YDRF, CWA, Brydie Family)

1:30
Transitions Plenary Presentation
Marlon Shirley, World Paralympian Champion

2:30 – 3:30
Youth Transitions Workshops (6 Concurrent Sessions)

Transition Planning 101: Benefits Planning Tools for Youth with Disabilities
Rachel Stewart, Program Manager, California Health Incentives Improvement Project
Bryon MacDonald, Program Manager, World Institute on Disability
California Work Incentives Initiative

Green Camp: Financial Fitness Workshop
Terrilena Austin, Youth Specialist/Analyst, Development Department
Lillian LeBlanc Youth Specialist/Analyst, Employment Development Department

Reconnecting Youth to an Education Pathway that Works
Mala Thakur, Executive Director, National Youth Employment Coalition
Phil Matero, Deputy Director Los Angeles Conservation Corps
Ruth Nunez, Larkin Street Youth Services Director of Education and Training

Innovative Solutions to Improve Transition Outcomes for Youth with Disabilities
Margaret Mack, Senior Policy Analyst, CA Workforce Investment Board
Sue Sawyer, Director, Shasta 21st Century Career Connections
Laurie Belton, Program Director, Jewish Vocational Services
Danielle Anderson, Youth Leadership Forum Alumni

Voyage to Independence
Eldonna Caudill, Program Coordinator, Tulare County Workforce Investment Board
Michelle Reynoso, Prevention Program Supervisor, & Christina Jones, Analyst, Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency
Youth Participants: Lonnie Martinez, Paula Aviles, Andrew Vasques, and Erica Martinez

Community Collaboration for Foster Youth
Karine Kanikkeberg, Resource Teacher
Kern High School District - Career Resource Department
Carrie Bloxom Supervising Case Manager Kern County Network for Children, Foster Youth Services

3:30 – 4:00 Refreshment Break

4:00 – 5:00 **Youth Performance Measures Plenary Panel**
Liz Clingman, Employment Development Department
Evan Rosenberg, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington DC
Educational Rep Pending

*A Passionate Conversation about Race, Class and Poverty and its Impact on our Work and the Employment Chances of Young Adults*
Facilitated by Edward DeJesus, Youth Development Research Fund and the Los Angeles Urban League LAMEC Youth Participants

8:00 CWA: Dancing with the Stars

**Thursday, January 17, 2008**

7:30 - 8:30 Continental Breakfast

8:30 - 9:00 **Career Pathways Plenary Panel**
Denise G. Fairchild, President (invited)
CDTECH

9:00 - 10:00 Workshops on Career Pathways (6 Concurrent Sessions)

*Career Pathways Best Practices: CareerScope® Case Studies*
Eric David, President, Vocational Research Institute

*Linking Afterschool Employment with California’s Public Sector Workforce Needs*
Rebecca Goldberg, Project Director, California School-Age Consortium
Linda Collins, Executive Director, Career Ladders Project

*Be the Glue! How to Work with Business People and Youth to Improve Job Retention*
Larry Robbin, Robbin & Associates

*Accelerating Credit Recovery through School-to-Work and Service Learning*
David Reed, Assistant Educational Director
Blueridge International Academy

*Partnering with Community Colleges to Create Career Pathways*
City of Los Angeles

10:00 – 10:30 Break

10:30 **New Media Plenary Panel**
Global Kids (GK) is committed to transforming youth into successful students, as well as global and community leaders by engaging them in socially dynamic, content-rich learning experiences. Through its professional development program, GK provides educators and counselors with strategies for integrating a youth development approach and international issues into their classrooms and training programs.

11:30 - Noon  Closing Plenary (CWA TV Video)