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The California Employment Consortium for Youth and Young Adults with Intellectual and Other Developmental Disabilities

ARTICLES AND BRIEFS

From Awareness to Respect
In recognition of Developmental Disability Awareness Month, ADD Commissioner Lewis appeared as a guest blogger at Disability.gov. Her post, "From Awareness to Respect, illustrates ADD’s vision for improving the lives of people with developmental disabilities and moving beyond awareness to respect.

State Intellectual and Developmental Disability Agencies’ Service Trends
From 1999 to 2010, there was a 23.4 percent increase in individuals receiving day or employment supports from state IDD agencies, but only a 5.2% increase in the number of individuals supported in integrated employment services. State investment in supports continues to emphasize facility-based and non-work services rather than integrated employment services. Incorporating the most recent findings from The National Survey of State Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Day and Employment Services, this data note discusses trends in integrated employment and facility-based and non-work settings.

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

A New Day 2012: Working Toward A Positive Future
Pasadena Hilton: September 18 & 19, 2012 in Pasadena, CA. CECY CO-SPONSORED.
This year’s conference theme centers around collaboration and working together towards a positive future. New Day 2012 will provide a forum for sharing knowledge and expertise on the promising practices and innovations that make employment and housing a reality for persons with developmental disabilities. CECY will be sponsoring the luncheon and 2 workshops.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES

Applying for a Job: The Young Adult’s Guide
The tip sheet offers practical guidance for young people who are seeking employment. This tip sheet covers things to keep in mind when looking for a job, where to search for jobs, how to fill out job applications, etc. More tip sheets for young adults are available here.

Career Exploration in Action: An Innovative Strategies Practice Brief
The National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability for Youth (NCWD/Youth) has released a Practice Brief, “Career Exploration in Action, part of their series on “Innovative Strategies Practice Briefs. Each brief highlights strategies for implementing a specific practice from the Innovative Strategies of NCWD/Youth-identified promising and exemplary programs. This brief describes strategies and resources that youth programs and school systems use to engage all youth in exploring various career options. All youth need career exploration opportunities to identify how their interests
and skills relate to various careers, learn what education and training is needed to pursue careers of interest, and make informed decisions about their future. Some types of career exploration activities include career-related guest speakers, workplace visits and tours, job shadowing, career fairs and career days, and career-focused mentoring.

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