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

ANNOUNCEMENT
Legislative Alert Assembly Bill 2338
Assembly Human Services Hearing April 10th Sacramento, CA; lists committee members for comment. The Assembly Bill 2338 was introduced on February 24, 2012 to promote the employment of individuals with disabilities.
- Require regional centers consider the Employment First policy when developing an individual program (IPP) with a transition age youth or working age adult;
- Define “competitive employment, integrated employment, micro-enterprises, and self-employment;
- Clarify that implementation of this policy is consistent with the rights established under the Lanterman Act, including the right to make informed choices, and does not expand the existing entitlement to services for persons with developmental disabilities.

NEWSLINKS
Column: Jobs and civics go hand in hand
According to a recent study by the congressionally chartered National Conference on Citizenship, there is a strong correlation between civic engagement and unemployment. In recent years, unemployment has risen less in states and cities where more people volunteer, register to vote, attend public meetings, and work with neighbors to address community challenges.

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS
2012 TASH Conference
Call for Presentations, Posters and Films
Long Beach, California Nov 28 – Dec 1
Deadline for proposal submission: April 5, 2012
With a theme of So Many Answers Left Unquestioned, the 2012 TASH Conference will bring together stakeholders from the field in deliberately thinking about the way systems work, programs are funded and people are supported. We're looking for presentations, posters and films that pose questions to the long-held "answers" that have limited the ability of people with disabilities to access full lives in the community. Topic areas include:
- Inclusive Education
- Employment
- Community Living
- Human Rights
- Diversity & Cultural Competency
- Communication
- Positive Behavior Support
- Advocacy

EMPLOYMENT AND TRANSITION RESOURCES
Think College Webinar -- "The Ins and Outs, Ups and Downs of Mentoring"
This webinar, presented by directors of two emerging programs for students with ID, will provide information on mentoring programs. Topic covered included: Mentors and their different roles, Recruiting and Training Mentors, Matching Mentors and Students, Supporting Mentors, the Benefits of mentorship, and Assessment of Mentor Programs. The webinar was presented by Dr. Cindi May (College of Charleston) and Dr. Missy Jones (Northern Kentucky University).

ARTICLES

*Insight: A Think College Brief on Policy, Research, and Practice*

Insight is a series of publications on various topics related to postsecondary education for people with intellectual disabilities and published by Think College. Publication topics include mentoring, health insurance, educational coaches, amongst others.

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