CECY E-NEWS
The California Employment Consortium for Youth and Young Adults with Intellectual and Other Developmental Disabilities

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.

EMPLOYMENT AND TRANSITION RESOURCES
Ability Jobs
This website is a job site to facilitate the hiring of people with disabilities. Jobs are categorized by job function, industry, job type, and state.

Disability.gov
Online access to disability-related resources, services, and information available throughout the Federal government. Resources and information available on this website include civil rights, community life, education, employment, transportation, amongst other topics.

The Employment Specialist’s Toolbox
As a job coach, you are not just a trainer— you are a workplace consultant. You are always figuring out how an employee with a disability can succeed on the job, without constantly relying on you for training or direction. To help you with this, there is a collection of strategies for your job-coaching toolbox. You will notice that direct training is only one of these tools. In fact, training should be used only after you have tried out the other, more natural strategies listed here. With these in your toolbox, you can thrive in your true role as a workplace consultant.

ICI's E-Mentoring Program Helps Prepare Youth with Disabilities for Life After High School
Among young adults in general, young people with disabilities have the highest unemployment rates, lowest participation in postsecondary training and education, and highest likelihood of remaining dependent on public assistance programs after high school. Participation in mentoring programs can help change these outcomes. The E-Connect e-mentoring program developed at the Institute on Community Integration (ICI) combines new technology and the time-tested practice of mentoring to create a program that utilizes e-mail and school-supervised face-to-face meetings to connect high school students with disabilities with employees from local companies.

ARTICLES
Insight: A Think College Brief on Policy, Research, and Practice
Insight is a series of publications on various topics related to post-secondary education for people with intellectual disabilities and published by Think College. Publication topics include mentoring, health insurance, educational coaches, amongst others.
FAMILY RESOURCES

Think College Podcast #2 -- "Digging Deeper"

In this 15-minute podcast, Cate Weir from Think College digs deeper into questions that families have about the ins and outs of students with intellectual disabilities in college. Questions include: “What classes do they take? Can they live on campus? Who provides transportation?

POLICY

Upcoming Legislative Hearing for Assembly Bill 2338

Assembly Bill (AB) 2338, by Assembly member Wes Chesbro, promoting employment of individuals with disabilities is scheduled for a hearing by the Assembly Human Service Committee on April 10th at 1:30, Room 437, State Capitol.

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