



WORKGROUP REPORT

September 27, 2013, In-Person Meeting

YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CORE INFORMATION:

Workgroup Members: **Facilitator:** Gina Semenza

Members: Steven Kapp ▪ Jeremy Sicile-Kira ▪ Adam Smith ▪ Jenaro Soto ▪ Caley Versfelt ▪ Krystal Zanel

Workgroup Description/Purpose: To provide a youth/young adult voice to CECY, to help one another, and to educate other youth with disabilities.

WORKGROUP PROGRESS SUMMARY (covering April 1 – Sep 30, 2013):

- 1) The work of CECY is to increase the number of youth and young adults with ID/DD in integrated competitive employment. **The Youth Advisory Committee** contributes to this overall goal by providing a youth/young adult voice, input, and perspective to CECY efforts.
- 2) Toward this purpose, we have accomplished the following between April 1 and Sep 30, 2013:
 - a) Workgroup Meetings and Call:
 - Individual meetings/calls between members
 - YAC Meetings: April 1, June 4, July 2, September 26
 - b) Progress and Activities:
 - Currently working on youth/young adult component to future community conversations
 - Local, casual face-to-face dinner meeting on November 1, 2013
 - Gave input to Outreachers on survey for youth
 - c) Completed Key Accomplishments
 - Learned about agencies & systems, soft skills, & disability history
 - Supported one another in our own career interests
 - Develop professional experience by participating in CECY meeting
 - Provided feedback to CECY
 - d) Update on Status of Product(s) to be Disseminated:
 - Provided feedback to Outreachers re: survey to youth
 - Working on developing Community Conversations with youth component
 - e) Systemic Barriers Uncovered/Encountered in Our Work:
 - Socioeconomic disparities
 - Lack of consistent agency support
 - No centralized information for resources and support
 - Underlining underestimation of abilities
 - Confusing paperwork, communication challenges
 - Bureaucratic run around
 - Reduced funding for programs
 - Families & youth may not know what's possible
 - Need local/in-person/tailored information & counseling
 - Need to publicize work incentives & supportive programs

- 3) List the names of any individuals and/or agencies from outside your workgroup that you contacted to assist with your workgroup activities. This may include other members of CECY or external individuals or entities. For each instance, please list PERSON, AGENCY, PURPOSE & OUTCOME.
- DOR – Susan Mathers – Presented on DOR at YAC meeting
 - ODEP – Maria Towne – Presented on soft skills at YAC meeting
 - Regional Centers – Amy Westling, Janice White, & Andy Ponce – Presented at YAC meeting

LOOKING AHEAD (covering Oct 1 – Dec 31, 2013):

1) KEY OUTCOMES:

- Met face to face
- Planned youth component to Community Conversations
- Continue to support Outreachers on survey development and implementation
- Supported Unbroken Chain in reviewing & providing feedback on materials to families

2) MILESTONES:

Develop specific plan to reach out to other youth throughout California through Community Conversation youth components.

3) ACTIVITIES TIMELINE:

- Meet face-to-face in Los Angeles in November
- Specific plan for twol youth Community Conversations component by end of December 2013

WORKGROUP/JOINT MEETING SUMMARY:

Please list participating workgroup members and guests for your Sep 26-27, 2013, group meeting(s).

- **YAC Meeting** - Participating: Steven, Krystal, and Gina.
- **ANTM Meeting** - Participating: Krystal and Gina

Please summarize your work during your for workgroup meeting(s).

- **YAC:** Met on September 26th to discuss future direction and member composition of YAC. Krystal proposed that we wait on bringing in new members to focus on community conversations and feedback to products from other work groups. Next step is a local, face-to-face dinner gathering to catch up and brainstorm ideas related to the community conversations.
- **ANTM:** Met on September 27 to talk about community conversations and began discussion as to what a youth/young adult component could look like.

What key decisions or agreements did you make at your meeting(s)? What tasks did you complete?

- Upcoming date: face-to-face for local YAC
- Decided to halt outreach to potential YAC members and to not yet grow the group

If you had a JOINT MEETING ... Please summarize the benefit of your joint meeting, your outcomes, next steps, and any plans to meet again.

How will you use what you learned from the HPS panel presentations and group discussion within your workgroup?

Any additional information would you like the CECY Coordinating Team to know about?