



News Letter

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Youth Leadership Forum

for Students with Disabilities

There are many ways that SCDD can have a positive impact on the lives of people with developmental disabilities in California. One way, is by supporting the annual Youth Leadership Forum for Students with Disabilities (YLF). YLF is a five day leadership program that provides high school students with disabilities with information and resources about employment, education, independence and assistive technology. Students have the opportunity to interact with peers and staff with various disabilities to develop long lasting friendships. Students stay in the dorms on campus at California State University, Sacramento and create "Personal Leadership Plans" that help them reach their future education and career goals. SCDD recognizes the importance of investing in youth with disabilities. Therefore, SCDD took two meaningful steps to support YLF this year. First, SCDD joined with some of our State and community partners to provide financial support. (continued on back page)

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- Gabriel Rogin
- Michele Geving
- Monique Von Schimmelmann
- Sarah May
- Dee Anne Holloway

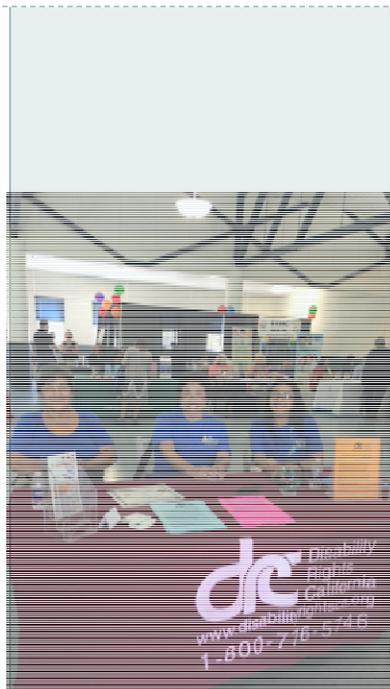
October Event: 1st Annual Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) Fair - Jobtoberfest



[above] Mayor Kevin Faulconer

In recognition of National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM), Regional Office 13 along with the Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) worked the Jobtoberfest held at the Balboa Park Club, San Diego, CA, on October 14, 2014. The DAC Liaison, Dee Anne Holloway, DAC Member Michele Geving, and Regional Office 13 Executive Director, MaryEllen Stives worked the Jobtoberfest all day, explaining the Limited Examination Appointment Process (LEAP) to the participants. There were LEAP brochures, along with the state-wide LEAP positions available and also a lap-top and Ipad to show participants the website and explain the process to become LEAP certified. They also explained the process to take LEAP on-line examinations, register on E-Notify so that they will receive automatic email alerts of vacant positions when they

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[above]

Disability Rights California
Staff attendees.

are posted on the website.

The opening ceremony presented by Robert Loeun, District Administrator of Department of Rehabilitation (DOR).

Mayor Kevin Faulconer presented Scholarships to the 2014 recipients.

Tom Bossmeyer and his wife performed a fun dance and even got Dee Anne Holloway up in front dancing. This brought a fun happy gala moment to everyone in the room. The employers that participated besides SCDD were: Access to Independence, CA Telephone Access, CA Employment Development Department, Christies Place, Comfort Keepers, Courage to Call, CRF/Downtown Impact, Cox Construction, CSA San Diego,

Cubic Corporation, Deaf Community Services, Department of the Navy, Disability Help Center, Disability Rights of CA, Doubletree by Hilton, Dystonia of San Diego, General Atomics, Goodwill, Home of Guiding Hands, Hyatt Hotels, Kaiser Permanente, KSWD Radio, King Chavez Dental Clinic, KSWD Radio, King Chavez Dental Clinic, Living Independently is for Everyone, Luv Em Up Ministries, MAAC, Mental Health America, Mental Health Systems, Partners With Industry, Recovery Innovations, San Diego Arc, SHBIS, Scripps Research Institute, SD County HHSA, SD Futures



From left to right: MaryEllen Stives, Dee Anne Holloway, Michelle Geving

Foundation, SDG&E, SD Regional Center, SDSU Center for Human Resources, Social Security Administration, Tactical Engineering & Analysis, Towards Maximum Independence, Tri-Tech Software, UPAC, US EEOC, Vons, Wheelchair Dancers, YMCA Urban Teacher Fellows. All the employers received a wonderful gourmet lunch provided by Community Providers and volunteers.

Dee Anne Holloway stated,

“It was by far the BEST Job Fair I have ever participated in and will be back next year presenting a power point presentation on LEAP. I was most impressed with the San Diego State University students ready to get their foot in the door and become civil servants with the State of California.”

Michele Geving, DAC Member stated,

“As a past committee member, volunteer and current resource participant, I feel Jobtoberfest is a well planned community wide sponsored event for adults with disabilities looking for employment. I’m not aware of any other job fair of this magnitude and Jobtoberfest is an awesome example of community collaboration for the advancement of people with disabilities.”

Some of the comments Michele, MaryEllen and Dee Anne heard were:

A parent with her adult son: “This is such a wonderful event. Thank you for being here. We’re getting a lot of good information and employer contacts.”

A person with a disability: “I appreciate all these employers being here today. I got help with my resume, too!”

October 2014

Disability

Re-Survey

coordinated by the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) office and the

Disability Advisory Committee (DAC),

increased from 26.2 percent to 33.3 percent.

Out of the small state departments, SCDD had the second highest representation of employees with disabilities.

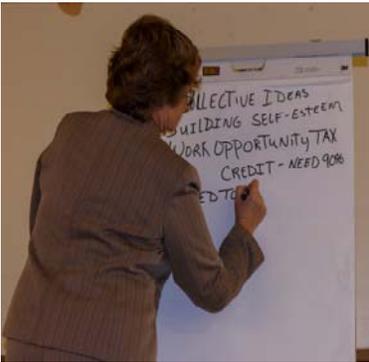
This is a major accomplishment and shows SCDD’s commitment to the newly formed DAC and to equal employment opportunity and hiring persons with disabilities.

Community Conversation

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD), in partnership with the California Employment Consortium for Youth and other community stakeholders, has been organizing Community Conversations on employment for youth with disabilities throughout the state. The Conversations are taking place in seven counties (Kern, Alameda, Orange, Glenn-Butte, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and San Diego) between March, 2014 and February, 2015.

The Community Conversations are based on a simple premise – many youth and young adults with disabilities can work and want to give back to their communities. Through collaborative dialogue, the Conversations increase the engagement and investment of local community leaders (employers, local officials, educators, families, people with disabilities, etc.) and generate fresh ideas, solutions and action steps to improve employment opportunities.

For more information, please contact your SCDD Regional Office or visit tarjancenter.org/cecy/



All ideas to help were gathered together to support people with disabilities in their communities. [above]



Henry Sanchez and Charles Horne-Nutte share thoughts. [above]

Community Conversation had a large attendance this year. [below]



As an active member of DAC, Sarah May, North State Office Manager, participated in the planning and organizing of the Glenn-Butte Community Conversation that occurred on November 20, 2014 in Orland, California. The Community Conversation's purpose is to improve employment opportunities for youth and young adults with disabilities in their communities, which supports the goal of DAC. [as seen above]

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

(CECY) is administrating the facilitation of the projects in 7 counties of California. The Fall-Winter 2014-15 schedules of the Community Conversations are: September 4, 2014 in Alameda County; October 22, 2014 in Orange County; November 20, 2014 in Glenn-Butte Counties; December 9, 2014 in L.A. County; January 22, 2015 in San Francisco County; and February 18, 2015 in San Diego County.



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The California Employment Consortium for Youth and Young Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (CECY) is a 5-year (2011-2016) multi-agency systems-change Project of National Significance under Partnerships in Employment Systems Change grant (#90DN0284) by the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

The Tarjan Center at UCLA, a University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, provides its administrative leadership under Tarjan Center and CECY Director Olivia Raynor.

[tarjancenter.org/cecy/
communityconversations](http://tarjancenter.org/cecy/communityconversations)



Charles Horne-Nutte engages in the Community Conversation. [above]

Other community members enjoy the event as well. [left]

Recognition & Awards Celebration

Sacramento Office Manager and board members in collaboration with DAC member, Monique Von Schimmelmann, organized a Recognition & Awards Celebration on December 9 in Sacramento. We collaborated with the regional center, day, work and ILS/SLS programs, Family Resource Centers, and our existing connections to family members to identify children and adults with developmental disabilities who had achieved a goal in their life - however small or big - this year.

Sacramento Office is dedicated to building strong relationships with individuals with developmental disabilities, their families, caregivers, teachers, staff, and agencies within our 10-county area. The individuals we serve have a variety of disabilities from mild to severe, from invisible to apparent. We serve all ages of individuals. We serve a linguistically, culturally, and geographically diverse community. Serving these individuals can be a complex and sometimes difficult process, but one that has everlasting, positive results.



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Second, SCDD's Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) sent two staff, Gabriel Rogin (Bay Area Manager) and Anastasia Bacigalupo (Central Coast Manager), to personally attend the event and support the students. Gabriel and Anastasia were overwhelmed by the dedication and enthusiasm of the youth. They both reported feeling energized and were grateful for the opportunity to attend. Both Gabriel and Anastasia developed positive relationships with the students and will be available to support them in the future. Moreover, Anastasia supported four YLF students to meet with a staff member from Senator Ted Lieu's office.

Again, supporting YLF is just one example of how SCDD can make a difference for people with disabilities in California. By supporting students with disabilities, we are promoting increased independence, productivity, inclusion and self-determination and furthering the work of our State Plan. SCDD's Disability Advisory Committee plans to continue supporting YLF in the future. With SCDD's continued support, there are no limits to what the YLF students can achieve.



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