

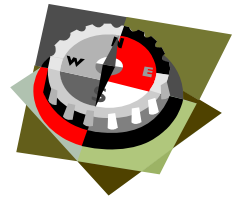


THE DPN ADVANTAGE

A Monthly Newsletter from the Disability Program Navigator

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Up & Coming

Headliner

Ask the Experts

LEGACY WORKSHOP

L101: One-Stop Access for Persons with Disabilities

Mr. Pierson will be expanding on the Substance Dependence and the Psychiatric portions of the training.

This will be a training you won't want to miss.

Wednesday, January 11, 2006

Time: 9:00 – 5:00pm

Yuba County One Stop

1114 Yuba Street

Marysville CA 95901

~Lunch Provided~

RSVP

Limited Space Available

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"The Vision"

Success isn't given to the talented.

It is taken by those who struggle, sacrifice, and reach for it."

~unknown



Do you have a cartoon, a motivational thought or saying? Please share your encouragement and we will try to put it in the next issue. Send to the contact below.

YANA?

During this time of year there are many opportunities in our community for "feel good" deeds. Individuals take their own time and resources to help those who are less fortunate than themselves. Some examples are: Adopt a Family – food, clothing, gifts, etc. are provided for a needy family; the Angel Tree program, – a paper angel is chosen from a Christmas tree (usually in the Mall) and gifts or clothing listed on the angel are purchased for the recipient, usually a child or elderly person. There are many other such programs as this during the holiday season but let's stop and ask ourselves... "Is there something we can do on a year-round basis to help those in need in our community?"



May I suggest the YANA Program? YANA stands for "**Your Are Not Alone.**" The purpose of this program is to ensure that those who are alone at home have contact with someone. Volunteers call daily to check in on someone enrolled in the program. This daily contact with someone is very important for those who are elderly, disabled or homebound. If there is no answer when the volunteer calls a procedure is followed to make sure that the person is okay, however the volunteer never needs to leave the phone. *Imagine the difference you could make in someone's life by just making a simple daily phone call.* This program is being used in many counties but unfortunately it is not in the Yuba Sutter area yet.

To volunteer in starting a YANA program or expanding on another such program in our area, please call or email the contact below.

~Not in Yuba Sutter area, YET! ~



QUESTION

"What is the Disability Program Navigator?"

Answer:

1. Guide One-Stop staff in helping people with disabilities access and navigate the complex provisions of various programs that impact their ability to gain/retain employment.
2. Develop linkages and collaborate on an ongoing basis with employers to facilitate job placements for persons with disabilities.
3. Develop partnerships to achieve integrated services, systemic change, and expand the capacity to serve customers with disabilities.
4. Facilitate the transition of in- or out-of-school youth with disabilities to obtain employment and economic self-sufficiency.
5. Conduct outreach to agencies/organizations that serve people with disabilities.
6. Serve as resources on SSA's work incentives and employment support programs and the provision of services through Benefits Planning, Assistance and Outreach organizations (BPAO's); Protection and Advocacy systems (P & A's); and employment-related demonstration projects.
7. Serve as resources on the Federal, State, local and private programs that impact the ability of persons with disabilities to enter and remain in the workforce.

