



Community Collaborative Chronicles

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The May 2006 P.O.W.E.R. Collaborative Network (PCN) was lovingly coordinated by the City of Los Angeles' Youth Opportunity Movement (YOM). We are greatly appreciative of **Maryd Miller**, Development Manager, for assembling such a fine array of informative presenters for the meeting. We also want to thank **Dr. Gregory Burks**, YOM Director, and **Scott Lee**, YOM Assistant Director for graciously opening and giving the **PCN** members a tour of the facilities.

A New Work Advantage for Our Youth

Dana Neri, with Advantage Sales and Marketing, gave an excellent presentation about the country's leading merchandising firms. Advantage Sales and Marketing prides itself on embracing diversity and developing a performance driven culture within its organization.

Advantage offers flexible hours and job opportunities with competitive hourly wages, matched with a 401k plan by Advantage after 30-days on the job, and paid holidays. The general work activity are for those who are physical, light on their feet, and willing to lift products.

Applicants will work usually at night at various large food retail outlets to set-up displays with merchandise. Transportation is a must for each applicant.

For more information and job application, you can visit Advantage's web site at www.asnnet.com, or (714) 780-3555, ext. 39000. **Dana Neri** can be reached at (714) 780-3123.

Dr. Gregory Burks is Making A Difference

Dr. Burks serves as the YOM Director and will push toward create more than 3,000 positions for our youth this summer. As a world-class city, the major wants to build summer activity with the private sector in the range of 30k jobs like that of New York City.

Should you have summer jobs for out-of-school youth between the ages of 16-24, please call YOM at (323) 971-7677, visit their web site: www.layo.org

Roberta M. Villa shared an important program for the city of Los Angeles called Youth Opportunity Intensive Transition. Ms. Villa is working with youth on probation and assisting them with making a meaningful transition as new contributors back into the workplace.

By instilling confidence, opening acceptance and demonstrating role models, her goal is to reach 92% of those youth wanting transitional help, as statistically many former offenders have yet to realize their full potential and remain unwilling to participate with work placement. Anyone wanting to have **Ms. Villa** share more information or to help her with placement activity, you can email her at Roberta.Villa@lacity.org.

Wiley Brown, President of Brown & Associates provided invaluable information on creating a winning proposal for grant funding. **Mr. Brown** discussed five areas essential for submitting winning proposal worthy of consideration for funding.

- *One—show creditability with your organization*
- *Two—create a relationship with the target resource group*
- *Three—demonstrate a strong connection with the proposed work*
- *Four—ensure that your proposed activity illustrates resourcefulness*
- *Five—show how the proposed work will improve lives.*

To contact **Mr. Brown** for consulting services, or to conduct a grant writing workshop you can email him at WIBROWN@pacbell.net, or by telephone at, (323) 299-3709.

AFLAC & Karen Robinson Offer Downtime POWER

Karen Robinson explained in brief the benefits of owning supplemental insurance is empowering should you ever find yourself down from a work related injury. She is an agent with the American Family Life Assurance Company of Columbus (AFLAC)

Everyday living expenses like mortgage, or rent payments, car notes, groceries, and utility bills are covered under this insurance policy.

Ms. Robinson is a delight to speak with and if you can contact her by phone at (323) 387-8283, or email: Karen_RobinsonUS@aflac.com.

Rounding out our perfect meeting were two very exciting representatives from Greystone Loans, Inc., who shared home buying opportunities and career potential with the real estate industry. **Willie Ann Jeffery** and **J.R. Parks** (great nephew of Ms. Rosa Parks) were very enthused with sharing some opportunities about first time home buying programs. Basically, if you have a job, then you qualify for a no down payment program with a 100% financing.

To reach **Ms. Jeffery**, you can call (310) 532-8607, or by email at, wajeffery@gsloans.com.

The next PCN meeting is on Monday, JULY 10, 2006, 10 AM—noon, hosted by the Los Angeles World Airports, Flight Path Museum.

MAY PCN meeting attendees:

Ali Bayrami, Franklin Career College
Andy Dominguez, Advantage Sales & Marketing
Armineh Sharlakyan, GAR Services
Belonda Strinfield, Crystal Stairs
Blanche Octave, LA County Sheriff's Department
Bobbie Strong, Kedren Head Start
Carolyn Christian Hines, Hines Hospitality Group
Connie Valencia, Los Angeles Job Corps
Cornelius Williams, Williams FX Counseling
Dana Neri, Advantage Sales & Marketing
Darlene Theragood, Dept. of Veteran Affairs
Dean Jones, Southland Business Partnership
Efrain Ruiz, Los Angeles Superior Court
Elizabeth Russell, Los Angeles Job Corps
Felisha Wimsatt, Human Potential Consultants (HPC)
Gary Wright, Los Angeles County Office of Education
Gina Cali, LA County Sheriff's Department
Gregory Burks, Los Angeles Youth Opportunity Movement

Irene Rodriguez, Personal Involvement Center
James Evans, American Institute of Health Sciences (AIHS)
Jennifer Frank, MENTORS International, Center for International Trade Development
Jocelyn V., Goodwill
Joseph Rouzan, City of Los Angeles, CDD & LAX
June Wilson, Social Security Administration
Karen Robinson, AFLAC
Kendra Musgrove, City of Los Angeles Youth Opportunity Movement
LaVerne Daniels, EDD
LaViva Primm, City of Glendale, Achieve Glendale
LaVonte Jackson, Goodwill Industries, LBSB
Lorie Moore, Anger Solution, Inc.
Martin Flores, Los Angeles Youth Opportunity Movement
Maryd Miller, Los Angeles Youth Opportunity Movement
Michael Bennett, LA Urban League
Michael Cummy, We Care Outreach Ministries
Michael Kane, State of CA, Employment Development Department (EDD)
Nicole Gon, PATH
Ocie Hampton, Anger Solution, Inc.
Patricia Guardado, Los Angeles Job Corps
PR Parks, Greystone Loans, Inc.
Renate Daves, COMCAST
Robert Hamm, Los Angeles Unified School District
Roberta M. Villa, City of Los Angeles, CDD-LAB
Ryan Whetstone, LA Tech Center, LAUSD Adult
Scott Lee, Los Angeles Youth Opportunity Movement
Sharon Rochelle, DPSS GROW Program
Shirley Lockridge, LA Southwest College
Tabenyang Ndipagbor, L.A. County Department of Public Social Services, GAIN
Tiffany Hooker, LA Southwest College
Tynesha Ingram, Century Community Training Program

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