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The Sacramento Region Quality of Life Report, by Valley Vision, www.valleyvision.org/qol/index.html

We Did It Ourselves: Guidelines for Successful Community Collaboration. A set of three community building guidebooks developed by Sierra Health Foundation, Center for Collaborative Planning, and SRI International. For a copy, e-mail info@sierrahealth.org. For more information, www.sierrahealth.org/library/special.html

The Nonprofit Resource Center. Find a class schedule and resources for Sacramento-area nonprofits at www.nonprofitresourcectr.org/

The Sacramento Region Community Foundation. Since 1983, SRCF has distributed over \$38 million in grants and scholarships. The foundation works with individuals, families, businesses, and others to support community grantmaking. For more information, www.sacreqcf.org

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Sierra Health Director, Father Leo McAllister, honored for 20 years of service

After 20 years of dedicated service, Father Leo McAllister is retiring from Sierra Health's board of directors -- a board he helped found in 1984. "We will miss his sense of humor and clear sightedness," says Bob Petersen, board chair. "Father McAllister especially cared about improving the lives of young people. We thank him for his contributions." Father McAllister has been the Pastor of Our Lady of Assumption in Carmichael since 1989. Sierra Health Foundation, as well as many individuals whose lives he touched and improved, thank him and wish him well in his new and continued endeavors.

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Sierra Health seeks program associate

Sierra Health Foundation is seeking an enthusiastic, personable, self-directed individual to join our staff. The program associate is responsible for providing project management and program content expertise to the foundation and also is responsible for a variety of grant program-related functions. Qualified candidates may e-mail a resume (a maximum of two pages), including most recent salary history, in Microsoft Word or PDF format to info@sierrahealth.org. Please put your last name followed by "Program Associate" in the subject line. **Deadline is March 4, 2005.** Early submissions are encouraged. [Click here for a job description and preferred qualifications.](#)

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Organizations chosen for first 2005 Youth Development Institute; March Institute set for Marysville

The Youth Services Provider Network (YSPN) begins its fourth Youth Development Institute in Sacramento (YDI) Jan. 27-April 1. YDI provides an intensive learning and training experience as a way to launch organizational change. Participating agencies receive 50 hours of training and 10 hours of on-site coaching. Agencies selected for the Sacramento program include: Antelope View & Global Youth Charter School; Big Brothers Big Sisters of El Dorado; The Effort Inc.; Family Connections; Legal Advocates for Children & Youth; Oasis Project -- DHHS, Mental Health Division; Dept. of Parks and Recreation -- Robertson Community Center; Society for the Blind; Stanford Home for Children; Work Start YES; and Oak Park -- YOUTHWORKS.

A special weeklong institute will be held March 21-25 in Yuba County. This YDI is open to Yuba County agencies first, and then non-Yuba County agencies as well as agencies funded from the state's after school funding stream. For more information and an application for this special opportunity, please contact Jim Gaston at jgaston@fcusd.k12.ca.us.

A project of LEED (Linking Education and Economic Development), YSPN supports several resources to promote positive youth development. These include one-day skills-based training, customized training and technical assistance, policy work, network meetings three times a year, and the Youth Development Institutes.

The next networking meeting will be held Feb. 23 from 2-5 p.m. at the Coloma Community Center in Sacramento. The topic is preparing youth for the world of work; experts in the field will participate in the session. The meetings are open to organizations that serve youth.

YSPN was formed in 2000 in response to needs identified by Sierra Health and the Sacramento County Department of Health and Human Services. To receive monthly e-mail updates or to learn more about YSPN programs, contact James Cole at jcole@leed.org or visit www.leed.org and click on YSPN.

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Sierra Health kicks off 2005 youth development trainings with Michelle Gambone, Ph.D.



While Sierra Health staff refines the program elements for our upcoming youth program, we will begin training opportunities for community members working with youth. On Jan. 20, Michelle Gambone, Ph.D. shared her research findings on positive youth development. Dr. Gambone is a sociologist who has been conducting research on youth development, community mobilization, and youth policy and program effectiveness for the last 15 years. Currently she is president of Youth Development Strategies, a not-for-profit policy research and technical assistance organization. To learn more about her research and findings, visit www.ydsi.org.

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Organizational Assessment funding opportunity

Sierra Health Foundation's ultimate success in promoting the healthy development of young people depends upon the existence of strong, viable youth-serving nonprofit organizations. Through the Organizational Assessment (OA) strategy of our Capacity Building Program, Sierra Health seeks to strengthen up to 10 such organizations serving youth in the [California Capital Region](#) through two rounds of funding. Selected grantee organizations will, with the assistance of an experienced, independent consultant, conduct a full organizational assessment and develop a capacity building action plan.

Grant awards for the organizational assessment and plan development will be approximately \$10,000 per organization. Look for first-round application forms and how to register for the March proposers' conference on our website, sierrahealth.org, at the end of February. Learn more [here](#) or contact info@sierrahealth.org. Details on Sierra Health's Organizational Assessment strategy will appear in our upcoming electronic column, *GrantWise*.

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Beautiful Grizzly Creek Ranch available for fall and spring conferences

Grizzly Creek Ranch Camp and Conference Center, a project of Sierra Health Foundation, is located near Portola in the gorgeous high plains of the Sierra. The camp opened in summer of 2003 to serve children with special needs. About 130 miles northeast of Sacramento, Grizzly Creek Ranch, www.grizzlycreekranch.org, is available as a conference facility during fall and spring months. The facility has space for small to large events, and is designed to accommodate people of all abilities. Lodging is modern and comfortable. Facilities include activity lodges, a dining lodge that can serve 240, a swimming pool, sports courts, a challenge course, and an amphitheater (see photos on the website). Grizzly Creek can be used as a camp, for group meetings, for team building, for quiet reflection -- whatever activities your company or organization might need or devise. Contact Ann Perez, Grizzly Creek Ranch executive director, for availability and rental fees or to arrange a tour, 916.922.4755, ext. 3315 or aperez@grizzlycreekranch.org.

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