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Welcome one, welcome all to our 21st Annual Training Conference. We are holding the conference at the DoubleTree Hotel Sonoma Wine Country located in Rohnert Park, CA starting on January 27th and closing on January 29th. As in previous conferences, we will have informative workshops, loads of opportunities to network with old friends and make new ones, and learn and share new information. There will be dynamic speakers at opening, closing, and the networking luncheon. There will be new and old sponsors bringing new ideas and technology for you to experience and bring back to your co-workers and managers. Look at our website, www.calnew.com, to see the latest updates to the conference and to enroll online. We look forward to seeing you in Sonoma Valley!

By Debbie Spears



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Mission Statement

The mission of the California State Chapter of NEW: PATHS is to foster and promote integrity and professionalism in the field of human services.

President's Message:

By Debbie Spears



Winter has definitely arrived! Some of us enjoyed a snow surprise followed by icy cars and roads. For some of us this is not a surprise but a very normal occurrence. I want to wish everyone safe and happy holidays as we travel to friends and relatives at this time of year.

Getting back to the subject though, I want to welcome everyone to join us at our Twenty-First Annual Training Conference. This year we are convening at the DoubleTree Hotel Sonoma Wine Country located in Rohnert Park. Rohnert Park is in the Sonoma Valley. We will start the festivities with 1st Timer's Orientation and Moderator's Orientation on Tuesday. Wednesday will be opening ceremonies and our annual business meeting. Thursday and Friday will be filled with workshops with a networking luncheon scheduled for Wednesday. We will have our usual President's Reception on Wednesday evening but Thursday Night Out with the Board will prove to be a deadly combination of good friends, good food, and a great time. In mid-October I was able to meet with some of your directors at the California Symposium on Poverty hosted by the CWDA and received some positive responses. I shared this with the Board at our October meeting and they are thrilled to know your directors feel this organization is considered a worthwhile endeavor. Right now we are busy finalizing all of the little details that make the conference a success but more importantly, a fun and worthwhile experience for you.

Look forward to welcoming you on Wednesday, January 27th.



You're invited to a murder... We'd like to invite you to the last wine auction the Tortellini Brother's Winery will ever hold. You must have heard the news by now. The historical winery, known for its rare but excellent cabernets, is being sold due to the death of its owner Georgio Tortellini.

And it's such a **crime!** Literally.

Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to solve a murder (or two).

Are you up to the challenge?

We want you to be fully involved in this murder mystery game so please come in costume and in character! We encourage you to take on a role as an interested buyer, a realtor or a reporter, for example. It's optional, of course, but it will enhance your whole experience. Use your imagination and get ready to play!

Who among you will become a cold-blooded killer? A victim?

Be warned and beware, it could be the person standing right next to you!

THE WHODUNIT PARTY DETAILS:

Date: Thursday, January 28, 2010

Time: 6:00—11:00 p.m.

Includes dinner, prizes, and dancing.

Location: DoubleTree Hotel, Rohnert Park

A HUGE Thank You to Our Sponsors

By Debbie Spears

Being a non-profit organization the California State Chapter of NEW: PATHS relies on the generous support of other organizations, businesses, and individuals associated with human services as we continue to work on providing value to our training conferences.

This support comes in various forms such as newsletters advertisements, vendor tables at our training conferences, training scholarships, and sponsorship of workshops, and functions at our conference. I would like to note the following sponsors who have already committed to support our conference in Rohnert Park: Social Service Coordinators, NorthWoods, Accenture, HealthNet, UC Davis, and CHIIPS. This support is greatly appreciated.

If you are interested or know of an agency interested in lending support to our organization, please call me at (661) 204-9684 or email me at spears.d@sbcglobal.net.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

This year the fundraising committee is raring to go.

At our Annual Training Conference in Sonoma Valley in January, we will have state pins, funny highlighters, pencils, and many other things so you can take home memories of a wonderful conference. Check out the chocolate basket! See you in Sonoma Valley.

Murder mystery and now... ***Mysteries of the Wineries***

Be warned! Our networking game is "Mysteries of the Wineries". The knowledge needed: little known facts about wineries. This year, your knowledge of wineries and the process of wine making will be tested. Take a moment; brush up on the mysteries of producing wine. For instance, you might want to know how much wine is in a bottle. Or, where was the first wine bottle-making machine? You might also want to know what the air space above the wine and under the cork or screw cap is called. When, it is all said and done, we can clink our wine glasses, to another successful conference. (Now, why is it that people clink their glasses?)

Professional of the Year

Do you have a co-worker that you feel goes above and beyond their call of duty? Do they exhibit everything a human services professional should be? Then, maybe you should nominate them as Professional of the Year. At our January Annual Training Conference in Sonoma Valley we will recognize those who were nominated and announce the winner. Complete the enclosed form and mail it to me at the address listed on the nomination form, or download the form from our website: www.calnew.com and e-mail it to me. The deadline has been extended to January 15. Remember, the person must be a NEW: PATHS member. This is a great way to recognize those people who are striving to excel in their prospective jobs. If you have any questions please contact Sarah Ross at (661) 633-7394, e-mail rosss@co.kern.ca.us.

Hoping To See You at the Summer Institutes at UC Davis

By Sydney Crable

We hope you had a chance to read your last newsletter and saw the article about having the opportunity to network with your peers during the summer. Each year UC Davis offers two paid registrations to attend one of the Summer Institutes held there during the months of July and August. All you have to do is be a member in good standing for one full year. The package includes the registration, lodging, and meals. You will be responsible for the coordination and cost of the travel to Davis and time with your immediate supervisor/manager. The Board cannot interfere with that part of the process. We've extended the deadline. You now have until January 15, 2010, to submit your 100 word (or less) essay on "What NEW: PATHS Means to Me". The members of the Professional Development Committee are anxiously waiting to receive your e-mail. Members from UC Davis Extension will be judging the essays. If you have any questions, feel free to contact one of us through our website: www.calnew.com.

Eligibility Expert Award! - By Cesar Vera

With just a little over a month until our Annual Training Conference in Sonoma Valley, it's time to get ready for our "Eligibility Expert" Contest. The contest will be a fun yet challenging game requiring contestants to answer a variety of questions with increased difficulty as they advance through the rounds. The questions will not pertain to individual county policies and/or procedures. An award will be presented to this individual/team at our closing ceremony and will hold the title of "Eligibility Expert" until the next conference. So, brush up on your eligibility knowledge and bring this title to your county!

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Wanted: Moderators— By Laura Shultz

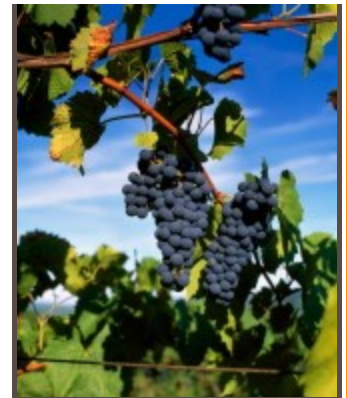
No mystery here. A key member of a successful conference is the Moderator. We are planning lots of interesting workshops at our Annual Training Conference in January that will need a NEW:PATHS member to assist the presenter. We will provide the Moderators an opportunity to sign up for the workshop of their choice. As a Moderator, you will have a chance to increase your networking opportunities, enjoy a workshop and meet workers from all over the state. We will provide you **with information on a Moderator's duties, such as introducing the presenter, distributing handouts and ensuring that workshop evaluations are completed and returned.**

If this sounds intriguing, then moderating is for you. To volunteer, please check the box on your registration form or contact Laura Shultz at: (909) 356-3230 work or (951) 360-0950. Please leave a message.

Find your way to Sonoma Valley

January's conference is at the DoubleTree Hotel Sonoma Wine Country in Rohnert Park. Conveniently located right off the 101 freeway, the hotel has many great amenities; every room has a refrigerator, Wolfgang Puck coffee/tea, sweet dreams plush beds, and wireless internet access. The hotel is also located on a golf course, so bring your clubs, if you have them. The hotel is just a hop, skip and a jump from the Charles M. Schultz museum, 40 premium wineries (my personal favorite is **Francis Ford Coppola's winery in Geyserville**) and beautiful coastal Bodega Bay. And if you're a Guy Fieri fan (Food Network) he has a wonderful yummy restaurant there, Johnny Garlic's. Nature lovers, visit Jack London State Park, this memorial to Jack London is where the former writer once lived and wrote. It's a beautiful and serene place to visit. Come early or stay late and enjoy all that the Sonoma Valley has to offer. **You wouldn't want to come and not see it all.**

By Sarah Ross



Agency Tours

One of the additional benefits to our conferences has been the agency tours where you can see the work environment of your counterparts. You also can pick up great tips on how to work more effectively and increase your case management skills. We have always had great responses to the agency tours scheduled in Bakersfield, Sacramento, and San Diego. We are currently working with Sonoma County to arrange for the tours in their nearest facility. The registration table will have a sign up sheet if we are successful so don't forget to sign up!!

By Debbie Spears



Nomination Form for the *California* NEW: PATHS State Board

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Telephone: (____) _____ Agency Telephone: (____) _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Agency Name: _____

Agency Address: _____

Current Position/Title: _____

Current Job Description: _____

Date you joined NEW: PATHS: _____

NEW: PATHS Involvement (What kind of participation? Conferences attended?
Chapter Involvement?): _____

Your Vision for NEW: PATHS: _____

What can you contribute as a State Board member? _____

Form continues on the next page

Statement for inclusion on the ballot (100 word maximum; longer statement will be reduced to the first 100 words verbatim)

Please provide two references that have knowledge of your NEW: PATHS involvement
(Cannot be a current State Board member)

Name: _____ Title: _____

Home Telephone: (____) _____ Agency Telephone: (____) _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Home Telephone: (____) _____ Agency Telephone: (____) _____

Send this resume, postmarked by January 8, 2010, to:

Sydney Crable

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For more information on the responsibilities and activities of the California NEW: PATHS State Board or on completing this form, call or email any member of the Board.

If submitted at the Conference, due by January 28, 2010, at 5 pm.

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Who Will Be Next???

By Sydney Crable

Well, it is that time of year again when we ask for committed people to run for the California State Board of NEW: PATHS. We have six openings this year. You must be a member for one year prior to January 31 of the election year. You cannot have a current Board member sign your nomination as a reference. If elected by your peers, the term of office is three years.

The Board meets four times a year, which requires travel throughout California. It is our responsibility to pay for the first night of lodging for our meetings and we do share rooms with other Board members. You would also be responsible for your transportation and meals, unless your county will pick up the cost. These expenses are tax deductible.

You would need to select several committees to serve on and volunteer for assignments as the need arises. We take pride in our "TEAM" (Together Everyone Accomplishes More) work philosophy. Serving on the Board is fun but as you see it does come with responsibility. So, if you don't mind working hard and having fun at the same time, we invite you to complete the nomination form and return it to any of the Board members by 5 PM on January 28, 2010. See you in Sonoma Valley.

10% Discount

Did you have a great time in San Diego, and want to re-kindle the friendships and networking from that conference? You can get a discount on the next one.

If you were a paid attendee at our San Diego conference, you qualify for a 10% discount on the registration fee for our 2010 conference in Sonoma Valley. Mark the box on the registration form included in this newsletter. We hope to see you again!

National NEW: PATHS Membership Application

Email address: new@nationalnew.org

Website: www.nationalnew.org



Your Name _____
Your Mail Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Telephone (cell)_(_____) _____ (home)_(_____) _____
County/Agency Name _____ / _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Work Phone _(_____) _____
Job Title _____
Beneficiary Name _____
Beneficiary Address (if different) _____
Membership Type Individual Associate
Rate 1 yr - \$35 3 yrs - \$90 5 yrs - \$140

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ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE
January 27 - 29, 2010
Rohnert Park, California

**LOOK AT THE BACK OF THIS
FORM FOR ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION**

Register online at www.calnew.com or use this form if you do not have internet access.

Come early—There will be a Conference Orientation on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
To assist in registration, Please fill out all of the information on this form completely

I am coming as a: Paid Attendee Presenter Vendor

Name: _____	Agency _____
Home address: _____	Work address _____ Suite _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____	City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Home phone number () _____	County: _____
*Beneficiary Name _____	Work phone () _____
Address (if different) _____	Title/position _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____	Would you like to be a moderator? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
<i>*Membership includes a \$1000 life insurance policy</i>	Are you a member of NEW:PATHS? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
E-mail: _____	Chapter name _____
Do you want to be included on a list of conference attendees for networking purposes? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Are you a Chapter Officer? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
	Which office do you hold? _____

FULL CONFERENCE TUITION INCLUDES: Name badge (**NAME WILL BE WRITTEN AS ABOVE**), conference bag, conference program, admission to all concurrent workshops, general sessions, President's Reception on Wednesday, Murder Mystery Dinner on Thursday, admission to the annual business meeting, and the Wednesday Luncheon.

DAILY TUITION INCLUDES: Name badge (**NAME WILL BE WRITTEN AS ABOVE**), conference bag, and conference program, admission to all concurrent workshops and general sessions, and meal functions for that day

Check here if you prefer a vegetarian dish

FULL CONFERENCE TUITION (Postmarked on or before January 8, 2010) <input type="checkbox"/> Member \$150 <input type="checkbox"/> NON-Member \$185 (INCLUDES 1 YEAR MEMBERSHIP)	DAILY TUITION (Postmarked on or before January 8, 2010) <input type="checkbox"/> Member \$80 <input type="checkbox"/> NON-Member \$100
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AFTER JANUARY 8, 2010, ATTENDEES MAY REGISTER AT THE DOOR. AN ADDITIONAL FEE WILL BE CHARGED.

Full conference at the door additional fee \$25 Daily at the door additional fee \$10

PERSONAL CHECKS NOT ACCEPTED FOR ON-SITE REGISTRATION

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FAX Reg. Forms to (530) 754-5104

Mail your payment and completed registration form to:

NEW: PATHS California Chapter

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You may also register online at

www.calnew.com

We are not set up to
accept credit cards

Hotel Information

DoubleTree Hotel Sonoma Wine County
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Rohnert Park, CA 94928
(707) 584-5466

Call hotel directly for reservations BY JANUARY 8, 2010

Room Rate = \$100, Plus applicable taxes for single/double occupancy

Free parking. Be sure to mention National Eligibility Workers Association to receive this special rate and free internet access in your room. Here is a link to their webpage. <http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/RLSC-DT-CSN-20100125/index.jhtml>

LATE OR ON-SITE REGISTRATIONS ARE NOT GUARANTEED THE WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON. AGENCY MEMBERSHIP DOES NOT ENTITLE CONFERENCE ATTENDEES TO MEMBER RATES.

CANCELLATIONS: All cancellations and changes must be in writing. There is a \$25 surcharge for refunds requested prior to Jan. 12, 2010. No refunds will be issued for cancellations and change requests postmarked after Jan. 12, 2010.

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Conference Agenda (subject to change)

TUESDAY - January 26, 2010

3:00 to 7:30 P.M. Registration
7:00 to 7:30 P.M. Moderators
7:00 to 8:00 P.M. First Timers

WEDNESDAY - January 27, 2010

7:30 A.M. Registration
7:00 to 7:30 A.M. Moderators
7:00 to 8:00 A.M. First Timers
8:00 to 9:00 A.M. Opening Ceremonies
9:00 to 9:15 A.M. Business Meeting
9:15 to 10:00 A.M. Guest Speaker
10:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Open Forum
12:00 to 1:30 P.M. Networking Luncheon
1:30 to 3:00 P.M. Workshops
3:00 to 3:30 P.M. Break
3:30 to 5:00 P.M. Workshops
6:00 to 7:30 P.M. President's Reception
Eligibility Game

THURSDAY - January 28, 2010

7:30 A.M. Registration
7:00 to 8:00 A.M. First Timers
8:00 to 10:00 A.M. Workshops
10:00 to 10:30 A.M. Break
10:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Workshops
12:00 to 1:30 P.M. Lunch on your own
1:30 to 3:00 P.M. Workshops
3:00 to 3:30 P.M. Break
3:30 to 5:00 P.M. Workshops
6:00 to 11:00 P.M. Murder Mystery Dinner

FRIDAY - January 29, 2010

8:00 to 9:30 A.M. Workshops
9:30 to 10:00 A.M. Break
10:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Closing Session

WORKSHOPS: (subject to change)

Foster Care
MEDS Alerts
Emergency Preparedness
Medi-Cal Fraud
Child Support Services
Medicare Savings
C-IV
Healthy Families
Retirement/Economics
Medicare, Part D
Senior Advocacy
Robert's Rules for Meetings
Tribal TANF
Domestic Violence
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Food Stamp (SNAP) Program
UC Davis sponsored workshops
More workshop information to come

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NAME _____
PHONE # () _____
E-MAIL _____

Did you attend the 2009 San Diego Conference?
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Professional of the Year—*Nomination Form*

Nominee's name: _____

Current position: _____

E-mail address: _____

County: _____

Professional of the Year Criteria:

- Current and participating California NEW:PATHS member
- Exceeds in customer service
- Promotes the mission statement of fostering and promoting integrity and professionalism in the field of human services
- Exemplary performance in the person's own responsibilities and well as service beyond assigned duties

If you know someone who is deserving of the Professional of the Year title and meets the criteria, please complete this nomination form and e-mail or mail it to:

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The deadline to submit a nomination is **January 15, 2010**. The winner and nominees will be recognized at the Annual Training Conference in Sonoma Valley in January 2010.

Nominee's professional participation: (100 words or less, please)

Reason the nominee deserves this award: (may be attached, no more than one full page, please)

Nominated by:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Day phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

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