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Dear NEW: PATHS professionals,

I know that we can all think back to our own summer time memories: warm summer months, road trips with the family, trying to squeeze into our swimsuits and sunbathe on the warm beaches, Fourth of July fireworks and BBQs. And guess what? *Summer is nearly here!*

The ocean waves are relaxing and the sun is shining. We have all seen those once bare trees blossom to life, once again providing us with various shades of green, and offering us cool protection from the sun.

I hope that everyone is doing well so far. I know that a few of us still have the spring sniffles and sneezes because of allergies, but at least we're alive to see another summer.

What more can we ask for? Well, I'll tell you this, I can't wait for our next conference in Monterey, so that we can all get together to be kids again. Talking, laughing, and learning is what the conference experience is all about, and to make things even better, we will actually get quite a bit of work accomplished during that time as well.

I truly hope to see everyone there next January, so start saving and planning now to join us for the event. If you'd like to take a look at things to do in beautiful Monterey, you can go to <http://www.monterey.org/visitorinfo.html> and have a look around.

Take care, and have a great summer! (And for the allergy sufferers ... bless you).

Sincerely,

Sydney R. Crable, President
CA State Chapter NEW: PATHS



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.

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Attention all Returning Conference Attendees

If you were at the closing program at our Annual Training Conference in Riverside, you heard an amazing and inspirational closing keynote address from Derek Clark. And if you hung around a little longer for the on-time prizes, you know what a “quillow” is. *(Yes, it is a hand-made quilt that folds up into a nice pillow.)* Well, your chances to win one just improved greatly. Those who were *paid attendees* to the Riverside Conference and who also register for the upcoming Monterey Conference will receive a raffle ticket for one of the much coveted quillows. We are not able to offer the 10% discount to repeat attendees this year, because of the increased costs of putting on the conference, but the State Chapter Board members want to give you a “little incentive” to join us in Monterey *(besides the fabulous training event with great speakers, informative workshops, chance to meet new friends and re-connect with old ones!)*. We hope to see you there.



NEW: PATHS is going GREEN

This will be the last *snail-mailed* version of your newsletter. It's time to come into the 21st century. NEW: PATHS will need your assistance in accomplishing this task. If you have not provided NEW: PATHS with a current email address, this is the time to do so. Visit our website at www.calnew.com by **June 30, 2011** to update your contact information in the Membership Update section. During the current economic times we need to utilize the social networks that are available to us. You may also send us an e-mail if you have any questions or concerns about this change.



Survey Says ...



The Publicity Committee would like to enhance the quality of our future events. We are looking to our members for your ideas and suggestions. A survey will soon be posted on our website in the coming weeks asking you for information on workshops, speakers, entertainment or other ideas. We want to provide our attendees with the best we can offer. Look for an e-mail to let you know the survey is posted at www.calnew.com. Thanks in advance for your feedback.



Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under the trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time.
—*John Lubbock*, English Biologist and Politician, 1834-1913

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Legislative Corner

State Budget

The Governor's Budget May Revision was released. View it at: <http://www.ebudget.ca.gov/pdf/Revised/BudgetSummary/FullBudgetSummary.pdf>

Legislation—Bills to Watch

AB 402 (Skinner)

Will allow the School Meal application to be used to initiate a CalFresh application for low income children. Co-sponsored by the California Welfare Directors Association (CWDA) and the Western Center on Law and Poverty. *Status:* In Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 43 and AB 1296

Health Care Reform/Low Income Health Programs: AB 43 covers the county Low Income Health Programs process to pre-enroll individuals by January 2014.

AB 1296 will streamline and simplify the application process for Medi-Cal/Healthy Families and the Health Exchange programs post Health Care Reform.

Other legislative news

Former Santa Clara County SSA director, Will Lightbourne, was announced as the new director of the CA Dept. of Social Services.

<http://www.cwda.org/uploads/Statement%20on%20Will%20Lightbourne.pdf>

CWDA will be hosting a Health Care Symposium on July 14th. For more information call (916) 443-1749 or visit their website at www.cwda.org.

If you are interested in learning more about legislative issues, visit the County Welfare Directors Association (CWDA) website at http://www.cwda.org/priorities/state_legislative.php for links to the Senate, Assembly and Legislative Analyst's Office.

For information on specific bills, visit <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/bilinfo.html>.

The CA NEW: PATHS Legislative Committee is interested in your input on state legislative issues. You can contact us at www.calnew.com to voice your opinions.

NEW Board Members Elected

This year we had six vacancies on the State Chapter Board of Directors and an election was held in April. We are happy to announce that five of the seats were filled. Sydney Crable, Donna Cobb and Ginah Monroy were re-elected by acclamation. Brenda Gardner-White of Alameda County and April Klump of San Bernardino County are your newly elected board members. Due to a policy that states no more than three members from the same county can serve on the board at the same time only one of the San Bernardino County nominees could be elected. We'd like to give a big thank you to Diane Krebs and Connie Villalobos whose terms ended in January—thanks for your hard work and service over the years.

Meet Your NEW Board Members ...



Brenda Gardner-White
Alameda County

I have always been motivated and inspired by participating in (and contributing to) the empowerment of others. As a civil service provider my passion to provide viable avenues toward self-sufficiency and the development of our clients has made for an enriching journey and career. From motivating staff morale during CalWIN 'go-live' in 2005; by hosting "theme day" contests; facilitating fundraisers and troubleshooting discrepant cases for staff or empowering inner city girls through the arts, I believe my zeal to motivate others will contribute to the success of NEW: PATHS, and serve as an asset to the state board and constituency.



April Klump
San Bernardino County

I have been a member since 1994 and served as my local chapter president. I would like to utilize my knowledge by contributing as a state board member. I enjoy the networking opportunities that this organization will provide. I would love to assist other counties in obtaining their own chapters and be able to see our dreams come true.



An Attitude of Gratitude

by Paul E. Clayton

I hope you had a great Memorial Day holiday weekend. Last Saturday I tripped and fell flat on my face, I had to go to the emergency center to get cleaned up and stop the bleeding. My face really got messed up and I broke my glasses. I came home whining about how horrible it was and then I watched TV about all of the problems that the people of the South were having, how they lost their loved ones and their homes were completely destroyed. I thought how they would have felt if they had only messed up their face. My face will be healed in a few weeks and I am

okay. It is all in perspective what problems we have when we compare them to others. Today, I am grateful that *this is all* that happened to me.

One time I was in a class, I had to write down a list of all the things that had happened in my life that had caused me pain. Well I started to write. My list was long: all the things that had happened in school, when I was a kid, the unfairness of this and that in my life. Then the teacher told us to go back and write down how those things had affected our lives for the positive. I was surprised how much all those negative things had helped me become the person that I am today. I would not change any of it.

I have a lady friend of mine who had cancer years ago, she is now in recovery. She told me once that she was grateful for the cancer because when she thought she was going to die, it turned her life around. Today she is a new person. She is active in the community and sees life in an entirely new way, little things don't bother her the way they did before. I know many recovering alcoholics who always put the word grateful in front of recovering. They are grateful because they see life in a different way.

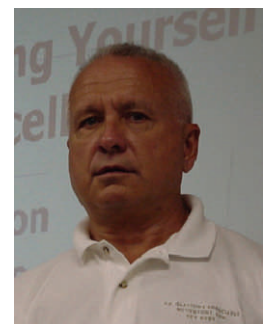
You can't have the spring flowers without the winter cold. In the faith that I was raised in, you cannot have a resurrection without a death. In every negative thing that happens to us, we have a choice, we can choose to be a victim of the issue or we can choose to look at it as a lesson and gain some growth. Remember whatever we focus on expands. Count your blessings not your disasters.

1. What are you grateful for?
2. Do you use gratitude with your clients and does it help?

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About our blogger

Paul E. Clayton is known nationally for his work in motivation training for business professionals, teachers, government workers and support staff. His comic style is both informational and fun. He has been a keynote and workshop presenter for NEW: PATHS' and CalWORKs Partnership Summit's annual conferences. Clayton developed and headed the Job Search Program at the Employment and Training Center in Camden County, NJ. He later became Executive Director of the Private Industry Council of Camden County, NJ. Clayton has been lauded for his non-traditional approach to motivation. He has trained over 150,000 professionals in the last 21 years. He has lectured in all 50 states. Clayton has published his book, Developing the Power Within and is included in a new book, Mission Possible, that includes authors Stephen Covey and Brian Tracy. He is presently working on his new book The Mind as a Computer.

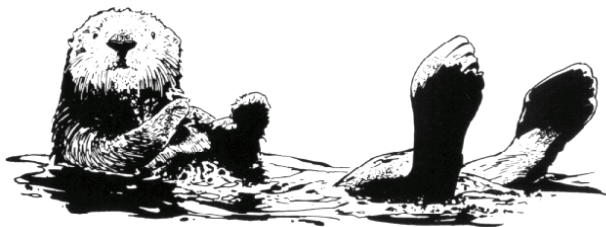


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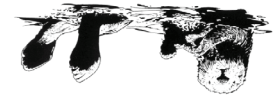
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