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Ready to Succeed:
Improving Education for Children and Youth in Foster Care



Getting Beyond the System[®] Socratic Approaches Workshop

January 20–21, 2010

Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport | Burlingame

Youth Advocacy Center (YAC) will offer a two-day Socratic Approaches Workshop on January 20–21, 2010. This workshop will provide an introduction to YAC's approaches and tools and allow participants to gain some experience using the Socratic Approaches. The tentative format is as follows:

- **Orientation:** This first half-day will provide an orientation to the Socratic Approaches and YAC's *Getting Beyond the System*[®] tools for broader CC25I/BSC on ILP and Ready to Succeed communities, including leadership, stakeholders, and supporters from the initiatives, as well as government leaders, policy-makers, leadership from child welfare/social services agencies, community leaders, youth leaders, educators, and private sector employers from each of the participating counties.

About the Presenters

Youth Advocacy Center (YAC), recognized as a leading social entrepreneur, was founded in 1992 based on the belief that youths in foster care have the desire, talents, and potential to be participating citizens. YAC capitalizes on these desires to empower youths to take responsibility for their futures and the transition to successful adulthood and independence.

Youth Advocacy Center provides workshops for organizations and social service professionals around the country on the *Getting Beyond the System*[®] (GBS) philosophy, approaches, and practical tools that are effective in engaging youth, motivating them to actively plan and prepare for independence, and helping them develop essential critical-thinking and decision-making skills. YAC's founders, Betsy Krebs and Paul Pitcoff, are experienced lawyers and educators and authors of *Beyond the Foster Care System* (Rutgers, 2006).

Mark Your Calendars

When: January 20 | 10:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
&
January 21 | 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Where: Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport
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More details about the workshop, logistics, and registration will be sent as they are available.



- **Workshop, 1½ days,** for smaller working groups made up of community, child welfare, and youth leaders from the CC25I and BSC on ILP and Ready to Succeed counties: These interactive sessions will offer participants an initial opportunity to try out and become familiar with YAC's approaches. The workshop will cover:
 - The core components of YAC's approach, including:
 - The Socratic Approach
 - Case analysis
 - Strategies to elevate expectations
 - Self-advocacy
 - Informational interviews
 - A brief overview of the *Getting Beyond the System*[®] *Self-Advocacy Seminar* for youth, including the purpose and application of self-advocacy and informational interviews;
 - An introduction to the series of *GBS Critical Thinking Units*, which include discrete, two-hour workshops for youth that use the GBS Seminar methods and approaches to examine individual topics critical to youth transitioning to adulthood and independence.