



## CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT

*Fostering a better way for Connecticut's children*

Summer 2010 Newsletter

### Dear Children In Placement Friend,

As summer comes to a close and it's back to school time, we've chosen education as our newsletter theme. We want to share both the individual and agency accomplishments that you've made possible.

We are delighted to report that Lily, one of our favorite success stories, graduated from Yale. Lily was raised in foster care in California, but found us when she came to Connecticut. Lily showed us that getting into college is only half of the battle. The other half is to stay in college and finish - a feat that can be difficult to accomplish, especially if you have little or no family support. In addition, two of our Connecticut Youth Alliance members completed their first year of college - one at Southern Connecticut State University, and another at Fordham, while we hope to usher a few more off to college in September.



CIP's Connecticut Youth Alliance (CYA) project is designed to work with youth to help expose them to possibilities; help them to focus on a plan; and help them to work toward and realize their goals. If it sounds like we are approaching this issue one youth at a time, we are! **And it works!**

We congratulate our own group of 44 new volunteers who have graduated from our training program and joined us this year. These volunteers complete 40 hours of training, after having undergone a screening and background check matched only by the secret service (smile).

Our advocacy volunteers have always focused on the educational challenges of the children they represent. But we are stepping up that focus to a new level with training for our volunteer coordinators with an education expert who will, in turn, pass it on to the volunteers. I am meeting with United Way and Board of Education officials to focus on wrap around services for educating foster youth in the public school setting. In addition, I am participating with a group of foster youth, college and university administrators and faculty, and Casey Family Services staff to develop a systemic approach to support foster youth throughout their experience in higher education.

Cooking for CASA, our major annual fundraising event, was a success, thanks to your contributions of every kind. Our next event will be our Annual Meeting and Celebration in October. Keep an eye out for your invite. There is no cost to attend - it is just our opportunity to share and get to know you better.

Enjoy the last few days of summer, and until fall, I am

Sincerely yours,

Joan B. Jenkins, J.D.  
Executive Director  
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### Remaining 2010 Volunteer Trainings

- September 14, 15, 16, 21, 22 in New Haven
- November 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 in Bridgeport



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