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## VISION COALITION OF EL DORADO HILLS

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### Publish It !

Any Coalition member that is involved in an event or project that features a strong substance abuse message and would like it publicized in the Coalition Newsletter should contact a member of the Grant Leadership Team.

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## Sierra Health Foundation Approves \$75,000 Planning Grant for El Dorado Community Vision, Inc.

El Dorado Hills Community Vision, Inc. President, Hal Nelson, announced that a \$75,000 planning grant application filed with Sierra Health Foundation has been approved through their REACH program.

The grant begins August 1, 2006 and will require the development of a community action plan for the purpose of increasing and improving the quality and quantity of youth development support, opportunities, policies, practices, and activities for youth ages 10-15 in El Dorado Hills. Nelson stated that the Vision Coalition of El Dorado Hills will be charged with the responsibility



*Dorothy Meehan, Sierra Health Foundation Vice President (third from left) is surrounded by Vision Coalition Members who attended the SHF training in Sacramento.*

of developing the plan.

Participating youth will survey the community to determine locations, organizations, agencies, and businesses serving youth in El Dorado Hills, that promote the development of youth skills, strengths, talents, and safe, drug-free recreation.

DJ Peterson, Project Director, will be responsible for the plan that will include input from all sectors of the community. “Research indicates that improving youth development, or “asset building”, increases a young person’s success in school and the community and helps them make healthy and successful transitions from adolescence to adulthood”, said Peterson.

These activities will be starting right away and The Coalition is asking for participation from the entire community. If you are interested in providing input that will impact the future of our youth, please call the Coalition at **(916) 643-4393**. More information on the Vision Coalition current membership, meeting dates, events, and activities will be available at [www.edhvisioncoalition.org](http://www.edhvisioncoalition.org).

**Look For Updates On The Web...**

[www.edhvisioncoalition.org](http://www.edhvisioncoalition.org)

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## **COALITION SPONSORS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT TEAM FROM MARINA VILLAGE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

The Coalition provided the financial support that allowed Principal Coleen Johnson to lead an 8 member student team from Marina Village Middle School to participate in a training program designed to help participants learn and plan ways to promote youth development policies, practices, and activities. Why? Research shows that youth development increases developmental assets and strengths among youth, improves academic success, and helps prevent tobacco, alcohol, other drug-use, bullying and violence, and other potential youth problems. The initial training was held in early August. Other team training and planning opportunities will follow. The training is provided by the Youth Services Provider Network (YSPN) and Leadership for Education and Economic Development (LEED), which is supported in part by the Sierra Health Foundation. The team will play an important part in the overall planning for the Sierra Health Foundation’s REACH Community Action Planning grant for the El Dorado Hills Vision Coalition, and in furthering the goals of our federal SAMHSA grant. More information about the outcome of the training and next steps will follow in the next newsletter.

## **Royer Studios Provides Film Production Training for Youth**

Royer Studios through a contract with the Vision Coalition provided middle school and high school youth training in producing animation film on August 9-11. There were approximately 30 young people who registered for the training. Additionally, some students who participated in the Royer training last spring were invited to participate in an advanced live action film production training. A community screening was held at Oak Ridge High School Theater following the training. There are additional plans for providing this training again later in the school year if there is sufficient interest among the students.



*Bruce Royer, of Royer Studios, working with El Dorado Hills teenagers in the recent Youth Media Trainings*



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## YOUTH CREATE LOCAL FILM PRODUCTION COMPANY

Students who originally participated in the Royer live action film training last April have created the "Youth Media Television Productions" organization that is involved in developing film productions that will be aired over the El Dorado County Educational Cable Access channel. The team is directed by Laura Chick, a volunteer with an extensive background in stage productions. The team has been involved with auditions, production meetings and script writing in preparation for an upcoming television series F.Y.I. (For Youth Information) to be aired bi-weekly in October.

The premise is a news show within a show, put on by teens for teens (with a lot of adult assistance) vaguely reminiscent of the now forgotten series 'Murphy Brown' or 'Sports Night'.

It will feature a rotating core cast of 12 students ranging in ages from 12-18+ in a fast paced "dramedy" (a comedy punctuated with poignant dramas). Though humor based, the show will tackle tough issues including, drug and alcohol abuse, bullying, tobacco use and parent/teen conflicts. The target audience is not limited to teens, but is also aimed at community adults.

Interested students can find out more about the project through the web site at [www.edhvisioncoalition.org](http://www.edhvisioncoalition.org). or by contacting DJ Peterson at [djpeter99@sbcglobal.net](mailto:djpeter99@sbcglobal.net)



*Youth veterans of the Royer Film trainings created Youth Media Television Productions for El Dorado.*

## New Web Site

The Vision Coalition has recently launched it's new web site at [www.edhvisioncoalition.org](http://www.edhvisioncoalition.org) that is presently accessible. This site was created by Eric Waugh, a local web master, who also developed our initial site. If you have comments on the site, please send them to [info@edhvisioncoalition.org](mailto:info@edhvisioncoalition.org). Coalition members should review any information that applies to their organization to ensure the information is accurate and current.



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### “El Dorado Hills’ Got Talent” Special Event

The Vision Coalition Grant Management Team announced that the coalition will be considering staging a special event that will span four Saturday nights next summer, and be named, “El Dorado Hills’ Got Talent”. It will be to promote a series of competitive events during that time that will allow high school and middle school students to perform at the El Dorado Hills Community Services District’s multi purpose building. Students will be able to compete as members of youth bands, vocalists, and dancers. The first three nights will be devoted to the semi finals and the winners of each category for the first three events will be finalists on the fourth Saturday.

This is a part of a continuing effort by the coalition to seek healthy alternatives for students to participate in that will promote asset building, self esteem development, youth leadership skills, and team building opportunities. Winners will be declared for each category and the winners will be the recipient of special awards developed before the event.

The contests will be open for any high school or middle school student residing in El Dorado County. Groups that are interested must have over 50% of the participants residing in El Dorado County. The location and dates are still in development. Della Clavere of the Vision staff will be the coordinator of the event. Registration forms will be distributed through the schools, EDH CSD and will also be soon available at [www.edhvisioncoalition.org](http://www.edhvisioncoalition.org) when the plans are finalized. Stay tuned for updates.

### Vision Coalition Considers Non-Profit Consolidation

The Health Professional Committee of the Vision Coalition has been evaluating opportunities to share a single location in El Dorado Hills that would make prevention and intervention services more available to local residents. The concept would be that this location could accommodate interested non-profit organization space needs when that organization offers services that compliment the major objectives of the coalition. Costs would be shared by the participants depending on their space needs.

### NEW VISION COALITION STAFF

Vision Coalition Executive Director Buzz Nunn has announced that two new part time staff members have been added to the organization to address the expanding work load associated with the additional grants and the increase in activities. The two new members are Raeann Jones, Project Coordinator, and Della Clavere, Special Events and Administrative Support.

Raeann was formerly the Public Outreach Coordinator of Marshall Medical Center. Della, who is a parent in EDH, has a proven record as an organizer of special events and she also has an extensive background working as a paralegal in several law offices.

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