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SUBJECT: Forums Regarding Employment of Women with
Disabilities

CONTENT: This Information Memorandum is to inform you of several
exciting opportunities to assist women with disabilities to connect
with employment specialists and mentors who have experience in
the labor market.

The Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services is
participating in a two year project (1999-2000) which will provide
regional forums for disabled women who are not yet employed to
network with education, training, and employment specialists as
well as women entrepreneurs and representatives of women's
organizations.

The two forums in 1999 are:

- ? Oakland, California, May 2-5
- ? San Antonio, Texas, August 5-8

The registration fee for the three and a half day events will be \$250.00, including a training manual, resource kit, a reception and a few meals.

We encourage you to contribute to this project in three ways:

1. Provide scholarships to disabled women who could benefit from participating in this event. We are especially trying to reach representatives of minority groups and representatives of organizations such as centers for independent living who can share the information with others.
2. Send counselors and other staff who should learn about new resources and opportunities featured at these conferences.
3. Suggest disabled women who could speak about their entrepreneurial or labor market successes and participate in mentoring other women with disabilities in their efforts to become self-sufficient.

For more information on these forums, please contact:

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Thank you in advance for disseminating information on these two forums and for advancing the employment of women with disabilities.

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