



**SLYPN Peer Mentor**  
**Mark Batenburg**

***Current Position and Organization***

Executive Director, Youth Service California

***City, State***

Oakland, CA

***Biography***

Mark has spent most of his professional life supporting young people as they grow and develop into adults. He taught high school in Chicago for seven years; started the Youth Service Program at the Volunteer Center of San Mateo County, where he served as liaison among schools, young people, and community-based organizations; and worked for seven years at Stanford's Service Learning 2000 Center, developing publications and facilitating workshops. He co-authored *The Evaluation Handbook: Practical Tools for Evaluating Service Learning Programs*, which was awarded the Seal of Excellence from the Council on Service-Learning Excellence. He is currently writing a book on the role of service in various spiritual traditions. He has been at YSCal since 2005. His hobby is home renovation, and his volunteer work includes providing handyman services for other nonprofits.

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