

GREGORY **BURKS**

New Ways To Work Senior Vice-President

LOCATION

Corona, California

EXPERTISE

- Workforce Development Systems
- Nonprofit Management & Capacity Building
- Strategic Planning
- Executive Coaching
- Program & Grant Management
- Community & Economic Development
- Leadership Development
- Budget & Financial Management

EDUCATION

Friends International Christian University
Ph.D.

Golden Pacific University
M.B.A., Business Administration

CSU Fullerton
B.A., Psychology

Harvard University
Labor-Management Training Certification

WORK EXPERIENCE

President & CEO 2015–Now
Burks Consulting Group, LLC

Chief Operating Officer 2009–2015
Vermont Slauson Economic Development Corporation

Director, Workforce Dev. Adult Operations 2003–2009
City of Los Angeles, EWDD

Executive Director, Youth Opportunity 1998–2003
City of Los Angeles, EWDD

Branch Exec Director & VP of Operations 1990–1998
YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles

ABOUT ME

Dr. Gregory Burks brings more than 30 years of executive leadership in workforce development, nonprofit management, and community economic development to his role as Senior Vice-President at New Ways to Work. His career spans the YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles, the City of Los Angeles, and community-based economic development, giving him a rare, ground-level understanding of how workforce systems are built, scaled, and sustained.

At New Ways to Work, Dr. Burks applies decades of operational leadership to the development and implementation of new programs and processes that advance the organization's national workforce development work. He is currently leading the redesign of the City of Los Angeles Workforce Development System the very system he originally architected 13 years ago.

At the City of Los Angeles, Dr. Burks served as Director of Workforce Development Adult Operations, where he led the redesign of the City's entire workforce development system, growing annual enrollment from 6,000 to 30,000. He managed 500 full-time staff across 17 WorkSource Centers, secured $80 million in grant funding, met 100% of the City's contractual goals, and helped the system earn national recognition for best practices.

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