



### **News release**

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## **BAHEP welcomes Innovative Alternatives Inc.**

**BAY AREA HOUSTON, TEXAS** – Innovative Alternatives Inc. has become the newest member of the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership. The mission of IAI is, ***“Serving our community through mediation, counseling and training since 1989. We find solutions to life’s most difficult people problems!”***

“A difficult economy affects us all in many ways. It is during these serious economic times that the services of Innovative Alternatives become even more important. We are pleased to welcome them to our membership,” stated Bob Mitchell, BAHEP president.

Sharon Bayus, MA, LPC, is president and CEO of Innovative Alternatives Inc. She commented, “We have much more to offer to the business community than one might think of a nonprofit agency. Through our association with BAHEP, we look forward to the creation of rewarding, new relationships within the Bay Area Houston region.”

IAI offers an array of services to the business community, such as personnel grievance mediation to improve productivity and avoid litigation, management and leadership training, conflict resolution skills, handling emotional meetings, customer service training programs and internal mediation program implementation in corporations, churches and school districts. IAI works with numerous EAP, HR and insurance companies in our area as well. I feel the most important service we can offer the business community is the ability to deliberately ***‘Develop and Maintain a Positive Work Culture.’***”

John Barnett, MA, LPC, IAI Vice President, noted the company’s services are appropriate and needed in any and all businesses that involve people—which would include employees and the public.

“Anywhere you have people, you have conflict, which can be harnesses to either a positive or a negative end, depending on how it is handled.” IAI’s client base for corporate services has included a diverse corporate clientele, including hospitals, universities, school districts, insurance companies, aerospace, waste disposal, as well as industrial sectors.

Bayus added that Innovative Alternatives Inc. has recently received a grant from the Gulf Coast Community Services Association to provide ***‘Employability Training’*** to workers facing layoff or who have recently become unemployed.

IAI is located at 18333 Egret Bay Blvd., Suite 540, Houston, Texas 77058. For more information call 713.222.2525, email [iai@innovativealternatives.org](mailto:iai@innovativealternatives.org) or visit [www.innovativealternatives.org](http://www.innovativealternatives.org).

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