



CESA #1 Parent–Educator Link Newsletter: 10/05/2011



Welcome to the CESA #1 Parent-Educator Link Newsletter. This newsletter contains information on coming events and general information on topics related to educating and parenting children with disabilities. This newsletter will be updated monthly. Please feel free to forward this newsletter to other parents, educators, and professionals who live and work with children and young adults with disabilities. If you learn of events or information that you would like to share with others, please contact Cheri Sylla, WSPEI Parent Coordinator, at csylla@cesa1.k12.wi.us or 262-787-9500 ext. 9565.

NEW RESOURCE

Communication Options for Families

Options Available if You Have Questions or Disagree with a Decision of the School

Families and schools have a "built-in" partnership with the child as the focus. This partnership will grow when parents and school staff work together. Disagreements may happen, but working together improves your child's education. The **Communication Options for Families** document will help parents determine who they can talk to when questions and disagreements arise. Document is found on the CESA #1 SPED Parent Education Network webpage at: http://www.cesa1.k12.wi.us/programs/parent_Education_network.cfm

EVENTS: WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES, & MEETINGS

CESA #1 or WSPEI Sponsored Workshops and Training

Navigating the Special Education Maze

IEP

What: All parents want to do what's best for their child and being able to advocate for your child is what parents have to do whether their child is gifted, average, or has special needs. When a child has a disability, the world becomes a lot more complicated and confusing. This workshop will shed light on the world of Special Education. Participants will learn about agencies and organizations that can help them navigate the special education maze. They will also receive information and resources from many sources that relate to Birth to 3, Early Childhood, Communication between Home and School, Evaluations, Individualized Education Programs, and Transition. Participants will leave knowing that they are not alone and that gathering information and keeping organized are two important steps to being able to more effectively advocate for your child. Workshop is sponsored by CESA #1 WSPEI Project.

When: Choose one of two sessions:
Wednesday, November 2nd, 2011; 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. **OR**
Thursday, November 3rd, 2011; 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Where: CESA #1; N25 W23131 Paul Road, Suite #100; Pewaukee, Wisconsin

Cost: Free. Pre-registration is required.

Contact: To REGISTER: [EMAIL—workshops@cesa1.k12.wi.us](mailto:workshops@cesa1.k12.wi.us) OR CALL—262-787-9500, ext. 9532
For workshop content information please contact Cheri Sylla at csylla@cesa1.k12.wi.us or 262-787-9500; ext. 9565.

The IEP Process & Product

IEP

What: The IEP process can be intimidating and confusing. There are so many pages, questions, and things to know. This workshop will take participants through the process to the end product. Learn about and understand the IEP Process, learn what your role is on the IEP team, get your questions answered about Individualized Education Plans (IEPs), and all in easy to understand terms. Parents/family members of

children with disabilities are encouraged to attend. Staff and educators are encouraged to attend this free training as well. This workshop addresses the State Performance Plan Indicator #8 – Parent Involvement. Workshop is sponsored by CESA #1 WSPEI Project.

When: Choose one of two sessions:

Tuesday, January 10th, 2012; 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. **OR**

Wednesday, January 11th, 2012; 10:00 – 2:00 p.m.

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The Journey Begins Here... Transition Planning

Transition

What: Transition is one of the most important times of a student's school career. Planning for transition from high school to the adult world of work, post-secondary education and training, and independent living takes a team of people helping the student along the way. This training will provide participants with information on IDEA and the Rehab Act, the two laws that overlap the transition process. Participants will learn about the elements of transition and will walk away with resources and knowledge on how to develop a solid transition plan. Parents and family members of children with disabilities are encouraged to attend as well as school staff. This workshop addresses the State Performance Plan Indicator #8 – Parent Involvement and Indicator #13 – Transition Planning. This workshop is sponsored by CESA #1 WSPEI Project.

When: Choose one of two sessions:

Tuesday, March 13th, 2012; 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 14th, 2012; 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Where: CESA #1, N25 W23131 Paul Road, Suite #100; Pewaukee, Wisconsin

Cost: Free, but registration is required due to limited space.

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Communication Workshop: Do You Hear What I Hear?

Communication

What: Effective communication is the key for improving our relationships with others. Everyone knows that good communication is essential to parents and school staff to be able to work well together for the benefit of students in school. This communication workshop will cover the basic elements of communication. Participants will learn about resources available to families and school staff in communication, conflict resolution, and in partnership building. This workshop addresses the State Performance Plan Indicator #8 – Parent Involvement.

When: **(Please choose one session)**

Tuesday, April 3rd, 2012; 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. **OR**

Wednesday, April 4th, 2012; 10:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Where: CESA #1; N25 W23131 Paul Road, Suite #100; Pewaukee, Wisconsin

Cost: Free. Pre-registration is required.

Contact: : To REGISTER: EMAIL—workshops@cesa1.k12.wi.us OR CALL—262-787-9500, ext. 9532.

For workshop content information please contact Cheri Sylla at csylla@cesa1.k12.wi.us or 262-787-9500; ext. 9565.

LAST CALL

PIP and YIPPE now taking reservations for their Leadership Development Opportunity for Parents of Children With Disabilities

Parents as Leaders, Parents in Partnership and Youth in Partnership with Parents for Empowerment programs are now taking registrations for next school year's programs. Parents (and youth for YIPPE) must commit to attend all sessions, which begin in fall and end in spring. Descriptions of the programs can be found at http://www.dpi.wi.gov/sped/par_partn.html. For further information on each program, please

contact Diane Chaput at 877-844-4925 or diane@banbury.com, for questions please contact Martha DeYoung at 608-742-8814 x 255 or deyoungm@cesa5.k12.wi.us.

Holcombe Ages 6-14	October 14-15, 2011; December 2-3, 2011; January 20-21, 2012 ; February 17-18, 2012; March 30-31, 2012	Paradise Shores Conference Center, Holcombe
Stevens Point Ages 6-14	October 21-22, 2011; December 2-3, 2011; January 13-14, 2012 ; February 10-11, 2012 March 23-24, 2012	Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center, Stevens Point
Green Bay Statewide YIPPE Ages 15-20 (Parallel training for Youth leadership)	October 7-8, 2011; November 4-5, 2011 January 13 & 14, 2012; February 24 & 25, 2012 April 20 & 21, 2012; (some restrictions apply)	Tundra Lodge, Green Bay
Green Lake PALs Ages 0-6	November 11-12, 2011; January 20-21, 2012; March 9-10, 2012; May 11-12, 2012	Facilities on Green Lake
Waukesha Ages: 14-21	October 21 & 22, 201; Dec. 2 & 3, 2011 January 20 & 21, 2012; February 24 & 25, 2012 March 23 & 24, 2012	Country Springs Hotel and Conference Center In Waukesha

Other Local and Regional Workshops and Trainings

Special Education Transition Resource Fair

What: It is important that students and their families ask questions earlier and often when it comes to transitioning from high school to the adult world. Making contacts and getting information about the resources in postsecondary education and in the community for individuals with disabilities is critical to a student having a more successful transition. There are waiting lists for some services, so it is important to make these connections as soon as possible. Many agencies will be there. There will also be two breakout sessions – one on DVR, WCTC, and UW-Milwaukee to discuss accommodation policy differences between high school and college; and the second session will feature the ADRC, Community Care, IRIS, and Care Wisconsin discussing long-term supports.

When: Wednesday, October 19th, 2011; 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Where: Brookfield East High School's Fieldhouse; 3305 Lilly Road, Brookfield, Wisconsin

Cost: Free.

Contact: Megan Rindal, Transition Coordinator, (414) 587-5982 or rindalm@elmbrookschoools.org

Transition for Raising Autism Independence and Living Skills (T.R.A.I.L.S.)

What: Parents or caregivers attend five weekend sessions. T.R.A.I.L.S. will assist you in blazing a trail tailored for your child's adulthood. Each Saturday we will travel along the transition trail together. Your trail guides (facilitators) will help you navigate the twists and turns. You will be greeted by guest speakers on your journey who bring with them a wealth of information. In order not to get sidetracked on the trail, we recommend you commit to and attend all five sessions. For parents/caregivers of children age 14-21 diagnosed with Autism and other developmental disabilities.

When: January 28, 2012; February 11; March 3; April 28; May 12; 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Where: Racine/Kenosha Area location TBD

Cost: \$75 for one parent/\$125 for two parents/caregivers

Contact: info@assew.org or phone: 414.427.9345

Parents United

What: Parents United is a non-profit consortium of 16 Waukesha County special education departments that have united to provide an educational community opportunity. Timely and informative information is provided in a neutral forum for parents and professionals who work with children. The lectures and presentations offered each school year provide essential links, knowledge, and networking to the

entire community for the ultimate benefit of our students.

When/Topic:

October 6, 2011; 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. - *Managing Threatening Confrontations - “Strategies to Support People Who Could Lose Emotional Control”*. Presented by Paul White, MA, UW-Waisman Center, University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, Madison, WI

Tuesday, October 18, 2011; 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. - *Reading Disabilities / Assistive Technologies Where Does Dyslexia Fit In?* Presented by Nick Hanford, Manager, Assistive Technologies Resources, Cedarburg

November 3, 2011; 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. - *Preventing Bullying & Harassment - “No Child Should Be Afraid to go to School”*. Presented by Jim Jelinske, M.S., Creative Education Services, Dubuque, Iowa. Co-Sponsored by Cornerstone Counseling Services and Rogers Memorial Hospital

Tuesday, November 8, 2011; 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. - *ADHD Interventions at Home & School* Presented by Patric Mattek, PhD, Performance Enhancement Counseling Services, Franklin & Waterford

Thursday, December 1, 2011; 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (registration begins at 8:00 a.m.) *Half-Day Autism Event: Be Ready to Learn Practical Solutions to Stabilize Students with Classic Autism*. Presented by Judy Endow, MSW, Autism Consultant, Author. Note: Although the info in this presentation pertains to ALL students on the Autism Spectrum, it is an absolute deal breaker for those with classic autism. Co-sponsored by: WCTC

LOCATION: Richard T. Anderson Auditorium, WCTC, Pewaukee (not the Raddison)

This program requires advanced registration by November 23, 2011. Call 262-965-2001 \$10 cash donation will be collected at the door from attendees who do not reside/work in a Parents United school district.

February 2, 2012; 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. - *Childhood & Adolescent Depression*. Presented By Stephanie Eken, M.D., FAAP, Medical Director of the Child Center at Rogers Memorial Hospital, Oconomowoc.

March 1, 2012; 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. - *Applied Behavior Analysis for Children on the Autism Spectrum*. Presented by Jennifer Nicholson; Wiebusch & Nicholson Center for Autism & Pivot Point Consulting, Pewaukee

Tuesday, March 27, 2012; 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. - *Healthy Sexuality for Children & Teens with Special Needs*. Presented by Kimberly Young, PhD, Family Options Counseling, LLC, Wauwatosa

April, 2012 – Web-Based Training. *Universal Design for Learning - Personalized Learning for ALL students*. Look for log-in information. Presented by Dave Edyburn, PhD, UW-Milwaukee.

Tuesday, April 24, 2012; 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. - *Friendly is Not the Same as Having a Friend! - Practical strategies to support individuals with Aspergers and high functioning autism in developing friendships and understanding the “unwritten rules”*. Students Welcome!

Presented by Jennifer Townsend, Autism Educational Consultant - CESA 1 and Mary Graczyk-McMullen, Autism Specialist.

May 3, 2012; 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. - *Child & Adolescent Abuse of Over-the-Counter Drugs*. Presented by Dan Bird, MS, SAC, Psychotherapist, Alliance Counseling Center, Hartland.

Where: HOLIDAY INN CONFERENCE CENTER (Formerly The Radisson Hotel), behind Thunder Bay Grille, I94 & Hwy 164, Pewaukee, Wisconsin (exit 294).

Cost: Free. Pre-registration is very much appreciated.

Contact: Edie Scott at 262-965-2001 or ediescott50@yahoo.com for more information or to RSVP to one of the sessions listed above.

WI FACETS **WI FACETS Trainings**

Fall Self Advocacy Trainings

What: The workshops begin Tuesday October 11th with an employment panel featuring experts from the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, IndependenceFirst and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. The presenters will discuss employment options for people with disabilities, how their agencies can assist consumers in finding employment, and how working can impact disability benefits. The workshops continue with a college information session on October 25th and a

peaceful conflict resolution workshop Nov. 8th. Workshops are sponsored by WI FACETS.

When: October 11th, October 25th and November 8th, 2011; 6:00pm-8:00pm

Where: WI FACETS, 600 W. Virginia St. Suite 501, Milwaukee, WI 53204

Cost: All sessions are free.

Contact: Please contact Matthew Zellmer for registration and further information at 414-374-4645X203 or mzellmer@wifacets.org

October 6, 2011; two sessions offered, 10-11 a.m. or 7-8 p.m. - Parent Leader Training (by invitation); Functional Behavioral Assessments, Webinar/Phone.

October 11, 2011; 6-8 p.m. - Self Advocacy Series I; Employment, Independence First, Milwaukee.

October 15, 2011; 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Milwaukee Center Training & Support Group; Bullying, WI FACETS, Milwaukee.

October 15, 2011; 12-1 p.m. - Urban Autism Support Group, WI FACETS, Milwaukee.

October 21, 2011; 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Racine Center Support Group & Training; Bullying & Harassment, MLK Center-Racine.

October 21, 2011; 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Diamonds in the Rough Benefit, Wisconsin Club, Milwaukee.

October 22, 2011; 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Latino Autism Support Group: (Topic TBA), CORE/El Centro, Milwaukee.

October 25, 2011; 6 – 8 p.m. - Self-Advocacy Series II: College, Independence First, Milwaukee.

October 26, 2011; 5:30 – 8 p.m. - First Nations Studies Parent Group; PBIS & Child Find, Serb Hall, Milwaukee.

To register for any of these telephone workshops or for more information call 877-374-0511 or e-mail Sandra McFarland at smcfarland@wifacets.org. All of the above workshops are a toll-free call to participate. Register 1 week in advance. Workshop materials & call-in information will be mailed.

Transition Academy: Mental Health

What: The Wisconsin Statewide Transition Initiative (WSTI) and the Healthy Transitions Initiative have collaborated to bring a no cost training to educators, parents and adult agencies. Some of the topics being presented include Trauma Informed Care, one counties approach to mental health collaborations, employment strategies for students with behavioral issues, the Transition to Independence Process, Challenges and Strategies for Educating Students with Mental Illness and Early Warning Signs, to name a few.

When: Wed. October 19th, 2011; 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where: Kalahari Resort and Convention Center; Wisconsin Dells, WI

Cost: FREE.

Contact: For further information go to: <http://www.wsti.org/event.register.list.php>

Transition Services – Tour and Orientation for Non-MPS Schools

What: Four days are set aside for touring and meeting MATC staff. Tours will be given on the Culinary Arts, Barber and Cosmetology, Graphic/Animation, and Nursing departments. There will be an overview of Transition services and Student Accommodations Services, Learning Center & Accommodations for Classroom.

When: October 26, 2011; November 22, 2011; February 29, 2012; April 25, 2012; 9:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Where: MATC; Room S120, Milwaukee Campus.

Cost: Free.

Contact: Carlos A. Aranda, M.S., Transition Specialist, Milwaukee Area Technical College at: 414-297-6701 or arandac@matc.edu

Parents Place

Life Skills for Single Parents

Parenting

What: Being a single parent can be overwhelming. You can cope with the stress of single parenthood! Millions of other single parents have done it, have raised happy, healthy, responsible children, and are enjoying happy, fulfilled lives. Join other single parents to build positive support, learn the key to

resilience, reduce stress, and develop coping skills that strengthen you and your children. Sponsored by Parents Place.

When: 1st & 3rd Monday of each month, 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Where: Parents Place, 1570 E. Moreland Blvd., Waukesha, Wisconsin

Cost: Contact Parents Place for class/group costs.. Pre-registration is preferred. Childcare available – must pre-register. Space limited.

Contact: Parents Place at 262-549-5575 for registration and details. Website: www.ppacinc.org.

Parenting with Love and Logic

Parenting

What: Parenting with Love and Logic is about raising responsible children using a win/win philosophy. Parents show love in a healthy way and establish a rewarding relationship with their children built upon love and trust. Parents will learn: 1) Simple and practical techniques to raise responsible children, 2) How to put an end to backtalk, 3) How to end power struggles, 4) Answers to the discipline dilemmas, 5) How to create an atmosphere of cooperation, And much, much more! Sponsored by Parents Place.

When: **Session 1:** Mondays, October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 23rd, and 30th, 2011; 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Session 2: Tuesdays, November 22nd, 29th, December 6th, 13th, & 20th, 2011; 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Where: Parents Place, 1570 E. Moreland Blvd., Waukesha, Wisconsin

Cost: Contact Parents Place for class/group costs.. Pre-registration is preferred. Childcare available – must pre-register. Space limited.

Contact: Parents Place at 262-549-5575 for registration and details. Website: www.ppacinc.org.

Kids Managing Anger – Parent & Child Class

Parenting

What: Parents learn to deal with their children's anger and frustrations while children learn the tools to curb their anger as well. Parents will meet with a facilitator while the children are in their own sessions. Sponsored by Parents Place.

When: Tuesdays, October 4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th, 2011; 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Where: Parents Place, 1570 E. Moreland Blvd., Waukesha, Wisconsin

Cost: Contact Parents Place for class/group costs.. Pre-registration is preferred. Childcare available – must pre-register. Space limited.

Contact: Parents Place at 262-549-5575 for registration and details. Website: www.ppacinc.org.

Bullying (For Parents AND Youth)

Parenting

What: Help your child develop skills that can prevent them from being bullied or becoming a bully. Sponsored by Parents Place.

When: Wednesday, November 2nd, 2011; 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Where: Parents Place, 1570 E. Moreland Blvd., Waukesha, Wisconsin

Cost: Contact Parents Place for class/group costs.. Pre-registration is preferred. Childcare available – must pre-register. Space limited.

Contact: Parents Place at 262-549-5575 for registration and details. Website: www.ppacinc.org.

Teens Managing Anger (For Parents and Teens)

What: Do you feel like you have lost some control because of your teen's defiant behavior? This class focuses on improving the quality of parent-teen interactions, giving parents sufficient skills to manage disruptive, defiant and noncompliant behaviors. Parents and teens will learn how to negotiate conflicts, resolve problems and develop more effective communication skills. Sponsored by Parents Place.

When: Mondays, November 7th and 14th, 2011; 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Where: Parents Place, 1570 E. Moreland Blvd., Waukesha, Wisconsin

Cost: Contact Parents Place for class/group costs.. Pre-registration is preferred. Childcare available – must pre-register. Space limited.

Contact: Parents Place at 262-549-5575 for registration and details. Website: www.ppacinc.org.

Calming the Explosive Volcano

Parenting

- What:** Why do our children's behaviors erupt in an explosive fashion when we least expect it? This course will teach you how to deal more effectively with angry, explosive and defiant children. You will learn what the "magic wand" of parenting is, and three specific skills for using it to calm the explosions and tantrums. Sponsored by Parents Place.
- When:** Tuesdays, November 1st, 8th, & 15th, 2011; 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Where:** Parents Place, 1570 E. Moreland Blvd., Waukesha, Wisconsin
- Cost:** Contact Parents Place for class/group costs.. Pre-registration is preferred. Childcare available – must pre-register. Space limited.
- Contact:** Parents Place at 262-549-5575 for registration and details. Website: www.ppacinc.org.

Wednesday Workshops presented by Parents Place

Variety of topics

What: OCTOBER 19

*Dr. Arthur Rapkin, a member of the Health and Wellness Foundation, will present: **Autism: What we know about the causes and cures***

NOVEMBER 16

Transitions Equine LLC (Experiential activities with horses help people strengthen self-esteem, confidence, social skills, etc), Cooperative Educational Services Agency (CESA advocates support and assist parents in the role they play in getting the best education for their children), UW Extension Nutrition Expert (Learn the impact diet has on behavior to help build strong happy, healthy families)

Resources in our community you need to know

DECEMBER 21

Jill Herz, Nutrition Educator from UW Extension, will present December thru April. The lifestyle we choose has a tremendous impact on our health, behavior and fu-ture. Facts about a healthy diet, fun ideas, and life changing tips for you and your child will be shared.

Surviving the Holidays

When: 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Where: Parents Place, 1570 E. Moreland Blvd., Waukesha, Wisconsin

Cost: Contact Parents Place for class/group costs.. Pre-registration is preferred. Childcare available – must pre-register. Space limited.

Contact: Parents Place at 262-549-5575 for registration and details. Website: www.ppacinc.org.

Journey to a Hate-Free Millenium

What: For Parents and Youth (13 and older). Join us at Parents Place to view an educational video on the tragic effects of bullying.Sponsored by Parents Place.

When: Wednesday, November 9th, 2011; 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Where: Parents Place, 1570 E. Moreland Blvd., Waukesha, Wisconsin

Cost: Contact Parents Place for class/group costs.. Pre-registration is preferred. Childcare available – must pre-register. Space limited.

Contact: Parents Place at 262-549-5575 for registration and details. Website: www.ppacinc.org.

Parent ADHD Support Group Meeting

ADHD: Part 1 Diagnosis

When: October 11th, 2011; 6 to 8 p.m.

Where: Community Room, New Berlin Public Library.

ADHD: Part 2 Treatment and Medication

When: October 25th, 2011; 6 to 8 p.m.

Where: Community Room, New Berlin Public Library.

Contact: For more information, please contact Michelle Rodriguez at Southwest Pediatrics, at (262) 814-7076 or email MRodriguez@chw.org.

The ARC of Greater Milwaukee

(Advocacy, Resources, Commitment)

Transition

What: The ARC of Greater Milwaukee is offering a presentation on education and transition planning for high school students with disabilities.

When: November 9th, 2011 – Education and Transition Planning for High School Students with Disabilities
Time: 5:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Where: ARC of Greater Milwaukee; 7203 W. Center Street, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

Cost: Free. Please RSVP three days prior to each session to assist with planning.

Contact: Call the ARC at 414-774-6255 or e-mail at information@arcmilwaukee.org.

Autism Society of Southeastern Wisconsin Events

Autism

Free Workshops sponsored by the Autism Society of Southeastern Wisconsin:

Contact: Emily Levine of the Autism Society of Southeastern WI at 414-427-9345 or www.asew.org

Autism Insights for Educators: Introduction to Autism

What: Autism Insights for Educators: Introduction to Autism is designed for regular education teachers, paraprofessionals, and others who help support students with autism in their buildings and would like to learn more strategies for success. The instructor, Mary Graczyk McMullen, will share from her full toolbox of helpful strategies for educators who want all students to be successful in their classrooms. She teaches classes on autism for Wisconsin Department of Instruction, Cardinal Stritch University, and co-teaches masters in education classes at the University of St. Thomas. She does consultations for school districts, drawing on over 30 years of experience in the field of Special Education.

When: SUSSEX: Wednesday, October 5th, 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Hamilton High, repeated in
KENOSHA: Thursday, October 13th, 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Indian Trail High School & Academy.

Contact: Register for free workshops here: Sussex 10/5/11: <http://tinyurl.com/3rjhh7> ;
Kenosha 10/13/11: <http://tinyurl.com/3jzthgl>

Autism Training Opportunity

What: Dr. Tony Atwood, will present "A Complete Look at Asperger's Syndrome." This is sponsored by the Autism Society of Wisconsin, the Autism Society of Southeastern Wisconsin, and the Department of Public Instruction. Dr. Atwood will be discussing issues related to managing emotions, communicating feelings, Asperger's and girls, and improving the educational experience. Tony Atwood is a practicing clinical psychologist with more than 25 years' experience. He is the best-selling author of Asperger's Syndrome: A Guide for Parents and Professionals. His PhD is from the University of London; currently, he is adjunct Associate Professor at Griffith University in Queensland.

When: Monday October 10th, 2011, from 8:15 to 4:30

Where: Country Springs Hotel, Pewaukee, WI

Wisconsin Statewide Autism Training

For the first time, we will be demonstrating IPAD apps in all Autism Trainings.

When: November 8-9, 2011 - Advanced Level, Addressing Challenging Behaviors (Olympia Resort and Conference Center, Oconomowoc).

February 7-8, 2012 - Advanced Level, Addressing Instructional Strategies (Comfort Inn & Suites, De Forest)

March 6-7, 2012 - Basic Level (Holiday Inn Campus Area, Eau Claire).

Contact: Information about the content and registration details are located on the Department of Public Instruction Special Education autism homepage at <http://dpi.wi.gov/sped/autism.html>. Please pass this information on to staff who might be interested in attending any of our autism sessions. If you have questions, contact Daniel Parker at daniel.parker@dpi.wi.gov or 608-266-5194.

Waukesha County Transition Advisory Group (TAG)

Transition

What: This is a parent support and networking group that is facilitated by Julie Turkoske of the Southeast

Regional Center for Children & Youth with Special Health Care Needs and Monica Whaley of ARCH (the Association for the Right of Citizens with handicaps). The group meets approximately once per month and offers a specific topic with speaker and then networking time.

When: To Be Announced.

Where: ARCH, 419 Frederick Street, Waukesha, Wisconsin

Cost: FREE. Please pre-register.

Contact: Please RSVP to: Julie: 414-266-3188; jturkoske@chw.org OR Monica: 262-542-9811; advocacyarch@ameritech.net

Grandparents and Other Relatives Parenting Again Support Group

What: A free, month educational and support group for grandparents and other relatives who are parenting again is being offered by three collaborating agencies in Milwaukee. The "Grandparents and Other Relatives Parenting Again" group allows participants to exchange ideas, discuss their child's growth and development, learn from one another and share their stories with others who find themselves unexpectedly in a parenting role. This program is presented by The Parenting Network, Family Caregivers Support Network of Interfaith Older Adults Programs Inc. and Jewish Family Services.

When: Third Wednesday of each month from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. beginning October 19.

Where: Villard Square Grandfamily Housing, 3427 W. Villard Avenue, Milwaukee

Cost: Free

Contact: Call the Parent Helpline at 414/671-0566. Check out: www.theparentingnetwork.org.

Support Group for Parents of Children with Asperger Syndrome & High Functioning Autism

Support – Autism

What: This is a new support group starting in Waukesha County. Come meet other parents and share ideas as the group works toward coordinating future meetings. Parents who have children with Asperger Syndrome or other high functioning disorders on the Autism Spectrum are invited to attend. Registration is appreciated. No childcare available.

When: 3rd Monday of each month; 7:00 p.m.

Additional Meetings and Events:

10/17 @ 7pm - Group meeting with guest speaker from Best Buddies

10/21 @ 6:30pm - Family Night Potluck

11/21 @7pm - Group meeting with guest speaker from Kradwell School

Where: Immanuel Baptist Church; 4520 N. 137th Street, Brookfield, Wisconsin

Cost: Free.

Contact: Cathy Muro at Cathym073@yahoo.com or (262) 781-1437. Website: www.support4as.com

AUTISM SOLUTIONS Support Group ~ Open to all families of special needs children!

Where: Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare
All Saints (St. Mary's Hospital)
3801 Spring Street, Racine, WI. (Hwy-C)
(Lower Level)

When: TBA

Contact: Cindy Schultz at 262-639-3041 or Email: angelofautism@hotmail.com.

Come Meet the Dogs...

What: ARCH is holding an informational session on assistive dogs. Come meet Marlene and others who will tell us about this free program and how your child can be part of it. This event is reserved for adults only.

When: Thursday, October 13th, 2011; 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Where: ARCH Medical Center, 9612 S Franklin Drive, Franklin, WI

Cost: Free.

Contact: RSVP to reserve your spot: 414-855-0240 or email: info@ArchMedicalCenter.com

CONFERENCES

10TH ANNUAL SPECIAL KIDS RESOURCE FAIR

Must Attend Event

What: This is an annual resource fair for families in the Kenosha County area. Over 35 agencies will be on hand to hand out information on services and products. Discover resources and information for students ages 0-21 & beyond who receive special education services in Kenosha, Racine, and Walworth Counties; Focusing on health, development, and well-being. There will be two guest speaker sessions: Dr. Glenis Benson, Ph.D. will present on *My Behavior Might Just Reflect My Communication Deficits* and Jan Serak and Nissan Bar-Lev will present on *Wisconsin Special Education Mediation System of Dispute Resolution Options*.

When: Saturday, Oct. 22nd, 2011; 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Where: Kenosha County Center, 19600 75th Street, NE Corner of highways 50 & 45, Bristol, Wisconsin

Contact: For information, please contact: Dannette Cates at 262-843-2343 or DCates1@wi.rr.com

Wisconsin Early Childhood Association Conference (WECA)

When: October 20-22, 2011

Where: Radisson Paper Valley Hotel Appleton

There are some great sessions being offered at the WECA conference in Appleton October 20-22. Sessions include full day, half day and shorter opportunities. You can get university credit for attending if you need it. The theme of the Conference is: Teaching and Practicing Health and Wellness. You can register for one, two or all three days. Great Session offerings include: Screening Best Practice in Wisconsin; Will Boys Be Boys? Re-examining Boy Behavior; Successful Outdoor Classrooms Wherever You Are; The Purposeful Planning Process: Keys to Effective Observation and Assessment; Play-Based Curriculum; Working with Dual Language Learners and Their Families; 4K in Wisconsin: Communities Working Together and many more. For more information or to register go to:

http://www.wisconsinearlychildhood.org/conference/index.php?category_id=3288&subcategory_id=7595

4th Annual Statewide Self-Determination Conference: People Power: Learning, Connecting and Making Change

When: November 7, 8, 9, 2011

Where: Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells

What: The conference will kick-off on the evening of Nov. 7 with interactive learning, activities that focus on self-determination. Then, day one and day two of the conference will feature keynote speakers and breakout sessions that cover a broad range of topics.

Cost: \$75 for individual with disability, family member, or personal care provider. (Family members and personal care providers must be attending with the individual with the Disability); \$175 for professionals/other

A limited number of scholarships are available to individuals with disabilities who qualify.

Contact: Please register online at <http://www.wi-bpid.org/sdc/>

Questions? Contact Fil Clissa at (608)266-5395 or fil.clissa@wisconsin.gov

2011 Children Come First Conference: Upper Midwest Behavioral Conference Is Anyone Listening?

What: Wisconsin Family Ties proudly presents the 22nd Annual Children Come First Conference. This conference is a wonderful collaborative effort to provide a unique educational opportunity for families and professionals in a side-by-side team setting. This year's theme is "Is Anyone Listening?" with keynotes by: Suzy Favor Hamilton, Mark Sweet, and John Franz. There is a Kids' Track for 6 -12 year olds and new this year, a Teen Track for 13-18 year olds. 35 sessions.

When: Nov. 17 & 18, 2011

Where: Kalahari Resort & Conference Center, Wisconsin Dells, WI

Cost: Fee after October 14th is \$195. Reduced rates for children.

Contact: Visit www.wifamilyties.org or call (800)422-7145 to register.

Wisconsin Transition Conference

What: This is Wisconsin's annual conference focused on transition from high school to post-secondary education, work, and adult services. Invited speakers this year include: Dr. Cinda Johnson, Dr. Catherine Fowler, John E. Robison, Linea Johnson, and Stacie Dojonovic.

When: February 9th & 10th, 2012

Where: Kalahari Resort & Convention Center, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

Cost: Soon to be announced.

Contact: Check out www.wsti.org for more conference information.

Note: Parent scholarship applications are now being accepted through September 30 to attend the 9th annual Wisconsin Transition Conference on February 9-10, 2012 at the Kalahari in Wisconsin Dells. To be eligible for the scholarship you must be the parent of a youth with a disability between the ages of 14-21. For more information and the application go to <http://www.wsti.org/conf.scholarship.php>.

WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

Links to numerous sites are located at:

- Special Education in Plain Language – <http://www.specialed.us/pl-07/pl07-index.html>.
- What's New at DPI? – <http://dpi.wi.gov/sped/hmnew.html>
- Procedural Safeguards (Parent's Rights Document): <http://www.dpi.wi.gov/sped/pcrights.html>
- Parent's Guide to Response to Intervention (RtI)
http://www.ncld.org/images/stories/downloads/parent_center/rti_final.pdf
- ADDitude Website and E-Newsletter: www.additudemag.com
- Information on Special Education Law, Education Law, and Advocacy for students with disabilities: www.wrightslaw.com
- Proposed Criteria for the Identification of Children with **Specific Learning Disabilities** and **Significant Developmental Delays** – the new rule and a Question & Answer document are available for review: <http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/sped/ld.html>
- Creating Agreement DPI Webpage - <http://www.dpi.wi.gov/sped/agreement.html>

IDEA Part C (Birth-3) Regulations have been released!

An unofficial version of the Part C Final Regulations was released on September 6th. Please note, this document has been delivered to the Office of the Federal Register, but has not yet been scheduled for publication. The revised Part C Regulations are to be implemented 30 days after publication in the Federal Register. The pre-publication version is at <http://www2.ed.gov/policy/speced/reg/idea/part-c/index.html>

Physical Education and Extracurricular Athletics for Students with Disabilities

The Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) in the U.S. Department of Education has released a policy clarification document designed to have positive impacts on physical education programming for students with disabilities. The 20-page report contains suggestions to increase physical education and extracurricular athletic opportunities, including accessibility, equipment, personnel preparation, assessment strategies and curriculum, which may be helpful for your PE teachers. Goto:

http://www.tahperd.org/LINKS/links_pdfs/NCPERID_GAO_PressRelease_Sept2011.pdf

Preschool Options

This link will take you to a pre-IEP worksheet that offers some questions to help parents prepare for their IEP meeting at school. You may find this worksheet helpful as you think about goals you would like to see your child accomplish! <http://www.preschooloptions.org/tools/Pre-IEP%20worksheet%20forfamilies.pdf>

The preschool options website contains a wealth of information and resources for families as well as practitioners. The newest addition to the site is the first in a series of online modules which follow the LINK training. The first module is The IEP Team. The site can be accessed at www.preschooloptions.org

Family Brochure on Introduction to Child Outcomes

An Introduction to Child Outcomes is a downloadable brochure that can be shared with parents and family members to explain what the child outcomes indicator is, how the information is used, and how families are involved in the process. <http://www.collaboratingpartners.org/documents/IntrotoChildOutcomesnewlogo.pdf>.

Bright Future

Easy to read tip sheets divided into four developmental stages of childhood designed to help families promote health and well being at all ages. www.brightfutureatgeorgetownuniversity.com

The Children's Trust Fund

This site offers information on advocacy, training and programs to strengthen families. <http://wctf.state.wi.us>

North Carolina School Psychology Presentation on the use of retention

"Over 100 years of research have shown retention to be an ineffective strategy for improving achievement, a discriminatory practice, and a powerful predictor of which students will drop out of school... There are many alternatives available that cost much less and have proven to be fair and effective in improving student outcomes." Excerpt from a North Carolina School Psychology Association Presentation. Download the presentation: <http://www.ncschoolpsy.org/retentionslides2.ppt>

The Guardianship Assistance Project (GAP)

The Guardianship Assistance Project's purpose is to assist caregivers of persons between 17 years 9 months and 22 years of age with severe intellectual or emotional disabilities to become their legal guardians. GAP assists by providing free or reduced cost case management and legal representation in Milwaukee County Probate Court. Contact: Julie Turkoske, GAP Coordinator Southeast Regional Center for Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs, 9000 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. Phone: 414-266-3188 E-mail: jturkoske@chw.org.

What's New from the NCWD/YOUTH?

New resources from NCWD include a podcast series on helping youth develop soft skills for job success; there is also an Info Brief for Families on soft skills for job success, which is available in English and Spanish. There are also blog posting focused on advice for youth on managing their money, community partnerships, college resources, disability disclosure, and family involvement. For more information on any of these resources go to <http://www.ncwd-youth.info/>.

The Influence of Families on the Employment Process

From ICI at the U of MA-Boston, this Tools for Inclusion resource seeks to share people's thoughts and feelings about how their families help them make decisions throughout their lives. Family is important for many reasons: family members can motivate people to work, and can help them understand why work is important. Families can also have a big influence on self-determination and empowerment, helping people develop a real understanding of themselves and their place in the workplace. Their involvement is important throughout a person's life. This resource also includes tips so that families can be more involved in helping people find and keep jobs. Findings and ideas for families are offered for each of the four phases of the employment process, including: The Early Years, Planning for Work, the Job Search, and Making Decisions to Accept a Job. The resource can be found at http://www.communityinclusion.org/article.php?article_id=326.

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