



CESA #1 Parent–Educator Link Newsletter: 01/09/2012



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.

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

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.

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 Journey Begins Here... Transition Planning in the IEP

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.

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.

Beyond Diversity Training - SAVE THE DATE

What: The CREATE and CESA #1 will be hosting Beyond Diversity I Training. Beyond Diversity training is an intense focus on race, anti-racism, and equity. Participants will be engaged and challenged for two days of personal reflection and understanding. The target audience groups are: District Administrators, Principals, Teachers, All Staff, Parents, and Community Members. The training is open to educators, community, parents and business people. This is full 2-day training and attendees are expected to attend both days.

When: March 29th & 30th; 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Where: Excellence Center, Waukesha, Wisconsin

Cost: Cost to be determined.

Contact: Additional details to follow. Please contact Holly Lauer at 262-787-9500 x9532 with questions.

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.

Other Local and Regional Workshops and Trainings

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: February 11; March 3; April 28; May 12, 2012; 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:

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

January 2012 - Phone Trainings

Jan. 11, 2012; 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

PBIS: What Parents Need to Know

Jan. 17, 2012; 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Introduction to Special Education

Jan. 19, 2012; 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Introduccion a la Educacion Especial

Jan. 20, 2012; 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Introduction to Special Education, Bowler Schools

Jan. 21, 2012; 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Milwaukee Center Support Group, WI FACETS Office

Jan. 21, 2012; 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Urban Autism Support Group, WI FACETS Office

Jan. 23, 2012; 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Challenging Behaviors in Young Children Webinar: Social & Communication Development, Module 18

Jan. 24, 2012; 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

IEP Part II

Jan. 25, 2012; 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Serving on Groups that Make Decisions: A Guide for Families Guidebook

Jan. 26, 2012; 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Response to Intervention (RtI)

Jan. 28, 2012; 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Grupo de Autismo: Educacion Especial en Palabras Sencillas, WI FACETS Office

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 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: 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 – Ongoing Support Group

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.

Wednesday Workshops presented by Parents Place

Variety of topics

What: **January 18th, 2012 – Getting Physical and Fighting Depression**

February 15th, 2012 – The Wonders of Healthy Nutrition

March 21st, 2012 – Cultivating Happiness through Lifestyle Changes

April 18th, 2012 – Making a Change/Goal Setting

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.

Success for Students with Special Challenges

What: Help your child with special challenges in regular or special education. Learn to explore ways you can assist and advocate for your child's academic success. Sponsored by Parents Place.

When: Mondays, January 2nd, 9th, and 16th, 2012; 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.

The Uncontrolled Child

What: Many young children have not learned to control their angry emotions and resort to hitting, biting and throwing things. This course looks at possible motivations for such behaviors and how parents can take steps to stop them. Sponsored by Parents Place.

When: Tuesdays, January 3rd, 10th, and 17th, 2012; 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.

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: Mondays, February 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th, 2012; 6:00 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.

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: Tuesdays, February 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th, 2012; 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)

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

When: Wednesday, February 22nd, 2012; 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.

Two-Day Respite Care Provider Training

What: Easter Seals Wisconsin and Respite Care Association of Wisconsin is providing a two-day training for in-home respite providers. The training fee includes facilitator, meals and materials. It is a comprehensive workshop, facilitated by a professional trainer that covers information needed to gain baseline knowledge of in-home respite care. Topics include: Disability Basics, including caring for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and Dementia; Personal Care Skills; Positioning; Mandated Reporter Training; Medication Administration; Free Time Activities; Communication Techniques; and Caring for Persons with Challenging Moments.

When: January 26th & 27th, 2012.

Where: United Way of Greater Milwaukee; West 225 Vine Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Cost: \$20/person

Contact: The low-cost training opportunity is available due to a three-year federal grant awarded to Wisconsin through the Lifespan Respite Care Project. For more information on the training and to register online please visit: www.respitecarewi.org or contact Deenah Givens at RCAW, toll free 877-260-9207.

Parent ADHD Support Group Meeting

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,

Autism Society of Southeastern Wisconsin Events

Autism

Free Workshops sponsored by the Autism Society of Southeastern Wisconsin

What: The Parenting Series 2011-2012 season supported by the generosity of the Stackner Family Foundation and the Briggs & Stratton Corporate Foundation.

When: January 21st, 2012, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Saturday. **“Friendship, Part 1: Increasing Social Understanding”**.

February 18th, 2012, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Saturday, **“Friendship, Part 2: Building Social Networks.”**

Where: Nicolet High School, D-Wing Library, 6701 N. Jean Nicolet Rd, Glendale

Cost: Free. Please pre-register.

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

Wisconsin Statewide Autism Training

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

When: 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. – Next meeting January 18th.

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

Cost: Free

Contact: To register for “Grandparents and Other Relatives Parenting Again,” call the Parent Helpline at 414/671-0566. Undocumented families are welcome. If you have roadblocks to attending, please call for possible assistance. 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:

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!

Topic: Haylee Spencer (a child with Asperger's) will present her Autism presentation that she did for her class and her school. She is doing a great job being a child advocate.

Where: Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare
All Saints (St. Mary's Hospital)
3801 Spring Street, Racine, Wisconsin (Enter by All Saints Medical Center, take elevator to Lower Level – follow the signs)

When: Second Tuesday of each month. January 10th, 2012; 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Contact: Cindy Schultz at 262-639-3041 or Email: Cindy@angelautismnetwork.org.

Autism Support Group - Franklin

What: Support group for families that have a child with Autism. Topics vary from month to month. January's speaker is Katie Hanson – "Walk A Mile in my Autism".

Where: ARCH Medical Center, 9612 S. Franklin Drive, Franklin, Wisconsin

When: Last Tuesday of every month; January 31st, 2012; 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Contact: Beth Williams ~ 414-731-9579 OR Email ~ Beth@angelautismnetwork.org.

Autism Spectrum Disorder Workshops 2011-2012

"Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorder and Asperger's Syndrome"

January 11, 2012

LaSure's Banquet Hall, Oshkosh, WI

"Educational Programming and Instructional Support Strategies for Students Diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder including Asperger's Syndrome/High Functioning Autism"

February 14, 2012

LaSure's Banquet Hall, Oshkosh, WI

"Social Relation Skills and Strategies for Students with Asperger's Syndrome"

March 6, 2012

LaSure's Banquet Hall, Oshkosh, WI

Parents and college students are welcome at reduced rates, contact Paula Starr 920-236-0567 for a special registration form. Questions? Contact CESA 6 Autism Coordinators or Susan Stokes 920-236-0573. To register visit website at: www.cesa6.k12.wi.us - email pstarr@cesa6.k12.wi.us or call 920-236-0567.

Winter / Spring Thursday Night & Weekend Social Skills Program

What: The two hour sessions are designed for children with ADD, ADHD, Autism (ASD), Aspergers and other related disorders who are verbal, can read, have functional understanding of language and can demonstrate full participation for our Thursday nights, Saturday and Sunday sessions. Children will learn appropriate social skills to participate in community and social events. Our sessions are very structured and focus will be on interacting and playing together socially. Learning through a variety of games we have; how to wait for their turn, introductions / greetings / good-byes, being a good friend, pragmatics / idioms, role playing social skits, social videos, manners, money management, problem-solving, body space, non-verbal body language, conversational skills, and working on fine & gross motor skills. Children ages 8 -17 years of age. We group the children during the sessions in small groups based on their social and cognitive skill level. A maximum of 8 children per session will be accepted.

When: Thursday Night time: 5:45PM - 7:45PM - Dates: 01/19/2012, 01/26/2012, 02/02/2012, 02/09/2012, 02/16/2012, (Break), 03/01/2012, 03/08/2012, 03/15/2012, 03/22/2012, 03/29/2012, (Easter Break), 04/19/2012, 04/26/2012, 05/03/2012, 05/10/2012, 05/17/2012, (Memorial Day Weekend Break), 05/31/2012
Saturday time: 9:30AM - 11:30AM - Dates: 01/21/2012, 01/28/2012, 02/04/2012, 02/11/2012, 02/18/2012, (Break), 03/03/2012, 03/10/2012, 03/17/2012, 03/24/2012, 03/31/2012, (Easter Break), 04/21/2012, 04/28/2012, 05/05/2012, 05/12/2012, 05/19/2012, (Memorial Day Weekend Break), 06/02/2012, 06/09/2012
Sunday time: 10:00AM - 12:00PM - Dates: 01/29/2012, 02/12/2012, (Break), 03/11/2012, 03/25/2012, (Easter Break), 04/22/2012, 05/06/2012, 05/20/2012, 06/03/2012
Where: 323 Rempe Drive Waukesha, WI 53186
Cost: www.AutismFamilyConnections.com for information on registration and cost.
Contact: Lisa Machkovich; 262-547-9587; Autism Family Connections, LLC, "My Social Journey", 323 Rempe Drive, Waukesha, WI 53186

Social Skills **SOCIAL SKILLS GROUP FOR CHILDREN WITH AUTISM**

Sponsored by Easter Seals Southeast WI.

Where: North Shore WI Athletic Club Kids' Clubhouse, 7601 N. Port Washington Rd., Glendale, WI

When: 9:30-11:00

Feb 4 - Greetings and Introductions

Feb 11 - Starting and Joining a Conversation

Feb 18 - Maintaining a Conversation

Feb 25 - Timing, Initial Questions, Follow Up Questions

March 3 - Asking and Joining Someone to Play

March 10 - Dealing with Losing and Winning

March 17 - Handling Emotions

To register, please contact Nicole Berlowski at nicoleb@eastersealswise.com or by calling 414-604-5082

CONFERENCES

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: Register - \$300/person.

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

WESP - Deaf & Hard of Hearing Family Conference

What: Keynote Presenter: JANICE FIALKA "The Dance of Partnership: Why Do My Feet Hurt?" Keynote Presenter: HAROLD JOHNSON "Awareness & Advocacy to Protect & Prepare Our Children for Social, Emotional & Academic Success"

The goal of the conference is to bring families of children who are deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind and deaf with additional disabilities together in a supportive, educational, and enjoyable atmosphere. The conference offers parents and extended family members the opportunity for valuable personal contact with one another, as well as providing professionals and students in the field hands-on experiences through workshops and informal interactions. Professional Conference begins on March 8th, 2012 and includes Advanced ASL Workshops by KEVIN WILLIAMS on "Lexical Development and Content Clarity. Working on the WHAT of our Interpretations in Educational Settings."

When: March 9th - 11th, 2012

Where: Radisson Paper Valley Hotel, Appleton, Wisconsin

Cost: Family Conference Registration Fee: \$150 per family; Extended Family / Childcare Provider: \$ 50 each additional individual. Registration Deadline: February 24th, 2012.

Contact: If you have any questions about the Statewide Family Conference, please contact Laurie Nelson at 608-822-3756, leave a message at 1-888-656-8556 or email at: laurie.nelson@wesp-dhh.wi.gov. For

conference information go to: http://www.wesp-dhh.wi.gov/wesp/out_famcon.cfm.

Circles of Life Conference

What: This is an annual conference for families. Topics cover from birth through adulthood.
When: Thursday, April 26th – Friday, April 27th, 2012
Where: Marriott Hotel, Middleton, Wisconsin
Cost: To be announced.
Contact: Visit the website: www.colwisconsin.org for more information.

WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

- 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.ncl.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>

WI Youth First Website

<http://wiyouthfirst.org>

Fact sheets are available:

Autism: www.wiyouthfirst.org/Downloads/Autism.pdf
Self Advocacy: www.wiyouthfirst.org/Downloads/Self_Advocacy.pdf
Social Relationships: www.wiyouthfirst.org/Downloads/Social_Relationships.pdf
Transportation: www.wiyouthfirst.org/Downloads/Transportation.pdf

Special Education in Plain Language and Procedural Safeguards/Parents Rights

Now available online in English and Spanish. Go to: www.dpi.wi.gov/sped/hmparents.html to read online and/or download!

Call for Parents in Partnership (PIP) Training Proposals 2012-2013

WSPEI (Wisconsin Statewide Parent Education Initiative) is seeking proposals from school districts, communities, parent groups or agencies that would like to host a Parents in Partnership (PIP) training for 2012-2013.

Parents in Partnership trainings are at no cost to parents or groups. The trainings are consistent with the Wisconsin Personnel Development Model and are designed to address Indicators 8, 13 and 14 of the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) six year state performance plan for improving outcomes of children with disabilities in Wisconsin.

Submit Proposal by Feb. 28, 2012 to: WSPEI; Attn: Martha DeYoung; PO Box 564, Portage, WI 53901

Call for Youth in Partnership with Parents for Empowerment (YiPPE) Training Proposals for 2012-2013.

WSPEI (Wisconsin Statewide Parent Educator Initiative) is seeking proposals from school districts, communities, parent groups or agencies that would like to host a Youth in Partnership with Parents for Empowerment (YiPPE) training for 2012-2013. Youth in Partnership with Parents for Empowerment (YiPPE) is the only known program in the country to simultaneously train youth with disabilities, ages 15-20, in transition along with their parents. Up to 25 youth and their parents attend 5 weekend sessions throughout a

school year to learn about effective self-advocacy, communication strategies, futures planning and available resources for students in transition.

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“Let’s Get to Work” Grant Opportunity

The WI Board for People with Developmental Disabilities is pleased to announce a Request for Proposals through the Let’s Get to Work grant. Let’s Get to Work is seeking four Wisconsin high schools interested in improving the employment outcomes of their students with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) ages 15 to 17. Successful applicants will receive a grant of up to \$20,000 in the first year (with an option of continuing on a step-down payment basis for up to three years) and will work closely with a Coaching Team that provides training and technical assistance in a variety of employment-related areas. Schools will be asked to adhere to a set of intervention strategies that will be provided to each team.

Application Deadline: January 17, 2012

A Question and Answer Call will be held on December 13, 2011 at 3:30 pm.

For more information go to: <http://www.dawninfo.org/news4/post.cfm/let-s-get-to-work-rfp>

Youth Guide to Treatment & Treatment Planning: A Better Life

This "workbook" provides strategies to engage young people in the treatment planning process and offers significant insights into strengths-based treatment planning. This new document is a follow up to the highly successful Youth Guide to Wraparound: Your Life, Your Future. <http://www.cmhnetwork.org/news/youth-guide-to-treatment-treatment-planning-a-better-life>.

The Impact of Health Care Reform on Services & Supports for Young Adults with Serious Mental Health Conditions

This new FAQ Fact Sheet from the Research and Training Center for Pathways to Positive Futures, explores what is known now and areas that will require further clarification. To access the Fact Sheet go to <http://www.pathwaysrtc.pdx.edu/pdf/proj4-healthCareFAQ.pdf>.

Evaluating the Educational Needs of Children with Mental Health Conditions

For a number of reasons, students with mental health conditions are more likely than their peers to encounter academic, social, or emotional problems at school. Mental health conditions that affect mood, thinking, interactions with peers, and physical and emotional arousal levels may also interfere with a student's ability to focus on learning. This resource from Massachusetts General Hospital describes the evaluation process and includes important points for schools, parents, and clinicians. For more information go to <http://bit.ly/kwQJvO>.

10 “Best Practices” Schools Can Use to Help Students Living with Mental Illness

Schools play a critical role in helping students diagnosed with mental illnesses reach their full academic and functional potential. The academic performance and behavioral functioning of students significantly improves when their mental health needs are effectively addressed. This resource describes 10 best practices schools can engage in to support students living with mental health needs. For more information go to <http://bit.ly/kSEKac>.

Response to Intervention Network (RTI)

This site is sponsored by the National Center for Learning Disabilities and offers a wealth of information for parents of children Pre-K to Post secondary, school districts, buildings and teachers working to implement RTI. Resources specific to age level, information for parents, checklists, and a glossary of terms are some of the most useful destinations of this site. www.rtinetwork.org

Emergency Care Plans

Having an Emergency Care Plan will keep all the important medical information in one place and having a copy on a thumb drive or other portable electronic device will ensure that you have it when you need it. The American Academy of Pediatrics has developed a fillable form available online at: <http://aap.org/advocacy/blankform.pdf>.

Wisconsin Statewide Transition Initiative (WSTI) E-News

<http://www.wsti.org/enews.php>

Webinar on A Parent's Guide to RTI

This 60-minute webinar provides an update on the implementation of RTI in schools across the U.S., the work of NCLD's RTI Action Network, and an overview of the new Parent Guide. Presented by Kathleen Whitmire, Candace Cortiella, and Esther Falcetta. Parents, educators and others interested in RTI will find this webinar and new guide invaluable tools in their RTI implementation efforts. Click to view the Webinar:

<https://cc.readytalk.com/cc/playback/Playback.do?id=voykk>.

Accommodations Guide for Students with Disabilities

Over the past two years, in a collaborative effort, members from the Office of Educational Accountability and Special Education teams have been working to develop the Wisconsin Accommodations Guide for Students with Disabilities. This guide is intended to provide support in selecting, administering, and evaluating the effectiveness of both instructional and assessment accommodations used by students with disabilities. The Wisconsin Accommodations Guide for Students with Disabilities was developed to inform general and special education teachers, administrators, parents, students, members of Individualized Educational Program (IEP) teams, Section 504 plan teams, and district level assessment staff. We are excited to share a draft version of The Wisconsin Accommodations Guide for Students with Disabilities with educators in the field and welcome any feedback on the guide. The guide can be accessed at <http://dpi.wi.gov/sped/hmnew.html>.

Healthy Home

Some of the most serious health problems for children begin in the home. The Healthy Home Tool Kit Connection will provide steps to take to protect your child's health.

<http://www.uwex.edu/healthyhome/tool/main.cfm>

Road Maps II for Enhancing Employment of Persons with Disabilities Through Assistive Technology

Roadmaps II is a report that looks at the issue of AT and employment from the perspective of AT service providers and disability stakeholders who work directly to assist individuals with disabilities. For more information go to: <http://www.dol.gov/odep/documents/RoadmapsII.pdf>.

Disability Rights Course

A free, self-paced webcourse that provides an overview of disability rights laws. The course takes approximately 2 hours and includes real life scenarios, quizzes and a final exam. For more information go to <http://www.DisabilityRightsCourse.org>.

Self Determination Assessment Tools

From the Zarrow Center for Learning Enrichment, these tools can be used for determining measurable post-secondary goals for students who are in the process of or are preparing for transition. Some tools are for parents and teachers besides the student. <http://www.ou.edu/content/education/centers-and-partnerships/zarrow/self-determination-assessment-tools.html>

Disability Scoop

Current issues related to all areas of special education can be found on this site. Hot topics, e-newsletter, and current events categorized by specific disability make this an easy site to navigate.

<http://www.disabilityscoop.com>

Family Involvement Network of Educators (FINE)

FINE strives to strengthen family involvement practices, promote their evaluation, and advance professional development in family involvement. Become part of a community of educators committed to family involvement in education. <http://www.hfrp.org/family-involvement/fine-family-involvement-network-of-educators>

Preguntas Comunes de los Padres sobre los Servicios de Education Especial

The Spanish version of the popular Questions Often Asked by Parents about Special Education Services to reflect the requirements of IDEA 2004. This is especially helpful to Spanish Speaking parents new to special education. <http://nichy.org/espanol/publications/lq1sp>

Classroom Accommodations

That's the subject of the special focus section of the April 2010 enews You Can Use. It'll take you to excellent guidance on how to address the needs of students with disabilities through accommodations in the classroom. It also identifies resources on specific disabilities such as autism, AD/HD, learning disabilities, and more. <http://nichy.org/newsletters/april2010#special>

Input Requested on the Guideposts

The National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability for Youth (NCWD/Youth) is conducting an online survey to learn whether and how individuals and organizations use the **Guideposts for Success**, a national transition framework that identifies what all youth need for successful transition to adulthood. They would like to hear from youth, families, direct service providers, policy makers, policy implementers, technical assistance providers, researchers, and others who support youth in transition. The survey can be found at <http://ow.ly/7QLLz>.

Disability.gov Website Provides Thousands of Federal, State, Local, and Community Resources

www.disability.gov is the federal government website for comprehensive information on disability programs and services in communities nationwide. The site links to more than 14,000 resources from federal, state and local government agencies; academic institutions; and nonprofit organizations. Disability.gov is managed by the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy in collaboration with 21 federal agency partners, including the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The site is organized into 10 main subject areas - Benefits, Civil Rights, Community Life, Education, Emergency Preparedness, Employment, Health, Housing, Technology and Transportation.

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