



CESA #1 Parent–Educator Link Newsletter: 11/03/2011



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

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 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

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.

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

The Three Deadly Accommodations

What: The world of work does not operate under the same rules and regulations as the educational system. Students need to be prepared for the expectations of the workplace. Help prepare your child for post secondary options.

Presentation speaker: Cindi Pichler, Assistive Technology Coordinator, at IndependenceFirst. This workshop is sponsored by Empower – a consortium of school districts in Milwaukee County whose mission is to provide assistance and resources to families who have children with special needs, teachers, staff and the greater community.

When: Thursday, November 10th, 2011; 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Where: Franklin Public School District Offices; 8255 W. Forest Hill Avenue, Franklin, WI 53132

Cost: Free.

Contact: RSVP to Carrie Ann Poff at 414-852-3766 or poffstamper@yahoo.com by November 4th.

Public Forum on Special Education in Wisconsin

What: The State Superintendent's Council on Special Education is pleased to announce it will hold, as part of its November meeting, a public forum to obtain broad-based input on special education. The purpose for this forum is to gather input from families, school administrators, educators, community representatives, and others, on the unique challenges and successes of special education in Wisconsin. Information gathered will be used by the council in advising the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) on matters affecting the education of Wisconsin's children and youth with disabilities. The council is receptive to hearing about any topic upon which people may choose to comment.

When: Monday, November 14th, 2011; 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Where: Madison Marriott West, Salons A-D (1313 John Q. Hammons Drive, Middleton, WI

Contact: For more information, contact Peggy Koehler, Council Chair, at 1005 Ellis Avenue, Ashland, WI 54806; 715-682-2300; mkoehler@ashland.k12.wi.us; or Council Vice-Chair Jenny Stonemeier at 2714 North Dr. Martin Luther King Drive, Milwaukee, WI 53212; 414-374-4645; or jstonemeier@wifacets.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:

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

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 peaceful conflict resolution workshop on November 8th. Workshop is sponsored by WI FACETS.

When: November 8th, 2011; 6:00pm-8:00pm

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

Cost: Session is free.

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

WI FACETS Trainings

Nov. 8, 2011; 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Self Advocacy Series III: Independent Living, Independence First, Milwaukee

Nov. 9, 2011; 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Creating Agreement, Phone Workshop

Nov. 10, 2011; 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Creating Agreement, (Spanish) Phone Workshop

Nov. 12, 2011

WI FACETS Regional Conf. (Location TBA)

Nov. 18, 2011; 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Racine Center Support Group & Training: Dispute Resolution Options, MLK Center-Racine

Nov. 19, 2011; 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Milwaukee Center Training & Support Group: Positive Behavior Intervention, Milwaukee

Nov. 19, 2011; 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Urban Autism Support Group, WI FACETS Office, Milwaukee

Nov. 29, 2011; 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Getting & Keeping the First Job, Phone Workshop

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: 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 – 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.

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: 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.

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: **NOVEMBER 16 – Resources in our Community You Need to Know**

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)

DECEMBER 21 – Surviving the Holidays

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 future. Facts about a healthy diet, fun

ideas, and life changing tips for you and your child will be shared.

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.

Adults Managing Anger

What: Explore common causes of anger, learn how to manage your emotions and find techniques that will help you control your actions before they hurt someone or yourself. Sponsored by Parents Place.

When: Mondays, December 5th, 12th, & 19th, 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.

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

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. Learn about the guardianship process and helpful resources for transitioning from high school.

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

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.

Ozaukee County Transition Night

Transition

What: A one-stop forum that allows parents and students in grades 6-12 to become familiar with transition services available after high school. Gather information about transition options such as: education, training, employment, independent living, etc., and learn how to access these services. Agencies from the Milwaukee Metro area will be on hand to share information with participants.

When: November 29th, 2011; 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Where: Homestead High School, 5000 W. Mequon Road, Mequon, Wisconsin

Cost: Free.

Contact: Wendy Maher, (262) 238-5698 or E-mail: wmaher@mtsd.k12.wi.us

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:

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

11/3/2011

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. 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 8th, 2011; TOPIC SPECIAL SPEAKER: Brian Walsh will be discussing Special Needs Trusts and the importance of setting up Wills.

December 13th, 2011; SPEAKER: Melissa Springer will share some samples from Wildtree products. They have a lot of great gluten free products.

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.

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

When: Last Tuesday of every month; 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday November 29th, 2011; TOPIC/SPEAKER: IEP & Education

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

Wisconsin PTA Beyond Diversity Training

What: The CREATE Office will be hosting this Beyond Diversity I Training in Madison. 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. The facilitator for this event will be Terryin Curry Avery from Pacific Educational Group. This is full 2-day training and attendees are expected to attend both days.

When: December 6th and 7th, 2011; 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Where: Madison Concourse Hotel & Governor's Club; 1 West Dayton Street, Madison, Wisconsin

Cost: No cost to attend.

Contact: Visit http://login.myquickreg.com/event/event.cfm?eventid=2939&from_cms=1 or call 920-236-0537 or email ebonin@cesa6.org.

CONFERENCES

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

ANGEL's Conference of Hope

What: An annual conference focusing on Autism. Conference speakers and topics include: Topics being covered are: Dr. Gregory Brown - Basic Biomedical Therapies for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD); Jackie Dorshorst, SLP - Rapid Prompting Method (RPM) - what is it?; Tim Mauck - Gluten Free Casein Free Diet – A father's perspective; Dr. Jon Larson & Mark Hufen - Neurotherapy for Autism Spectrum Disorder; Chris LeRose & Stephanie Mauck - Wisconsin Independent Life College. Sponsored by A.N.G.E.L.

When: Saturday, November 12th, 2011; 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Where: St. John's Lutheran Church, Brookfield Wisconsin
Cost: \$35 (includes a salad lunch)
Contact: Stephanie Mauck for more information at TMauck@aol.com or 262-547-2543.

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.

Transforming Schools in the 21st Century through School Partnerships

What: Parent Engagement and Community Relations - is the theme for the 16th annual WEASSP sharing conference, providing a great opportunity for professional development, networking, and sharing. The Wisconsin Education Association of Student Support Programs (WEASSP) provides educational and instructional services to economically disadvantaged students, focusing on Title I and pre-college. This conference includes sessions for students, parents, K-12 educators, as well as university staff members. Keynote speakers include Sam Redding, the Executive Director of the Academic Development Institute and Director of the Center on Innovation and Improvement and Crystal A. Kuykendall, author of books including From Rage to Hope: Strategies for Reclaiming Black and Hispanic Students; Improving Black Student Achievement Through Enhancing Self-Image; and Happiness Is Having/Being a "Merchant of Hope" (2011). Concurrent sessions have been chosen to reflect the wide range of interests and affiliations of attendees.

When: December 8th and 9th, 2011
Where: Grand Geneva Resort and Spa; 7036 Grand Geneva Way (at Highway 50 East and Highway 12), Lake Geneva, WI 53147
Cost: \$150 before 11/2; \$200 thereafter.
Contact: Maria Berea (262) 359-6378 (ph). Online registration: WEASSP web site - <http://www.weassp.org/> - and click on the "Save Your Spot" icon.

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

- 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>

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>.

Family Voices of Wisconsin Newsletter

http://www.fvofwi.org/pubs_nl.html

Wisconsin Statewide Transition Initiative (WSTI) E-News

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

Wisconsin RtI Stories

We are so excited to introduce to you Wisconsin RtI Stories! DPI and the Wisconsin Educational Communications Board (ECB) partnered to create a series of videos that highlight school teams in Wisconsin as they implement Response to Intervention (RtI). The videos demonstrate high quality instruction, collaboration, balanced assessment, and culturally responsive practices within a multi-level system of supports at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. Frequently asked questions as well as conversation and facilitator guides are included as companion documents. Wisconsin RtI Stories are at <http://www.ecb.org/rti/>.

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>.

Autism: “Life After High School, So Now What?”

<http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/index.php?pageId=3483>

The above link will take you to a very interesting article on transition, “Life After High School, So Now What?”

Youth needed for Panel Presentation

The Wisconsin Community on Transition Youth Practice Group is looking for 4-5 youth who have successfully let their IEP meetings to take part in a panel presentation at the 2012 Transition Conference. The conference will be held on Thursday & Friday, Feb. 9 & 10th, 2012 at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells. Names of possible candidates can be sent to Matthew Zellmer at mzellmer@wifacets.org or call 262-374-4645 with questions.

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>

The Future of Children

On this website you will find access to policy issues in the form of an on-line journal, articles, policy briefs, webcasts and other resources. www.thefutureofchildren.com

Express Yourself – Assessing Self – Determination in Your Life

This 11-page download self-assessment is a good place for young people to begin to identify their needs as an adult. <http://www.cmhsrp.uic.edu/download/sd-self-assessment.pdf>

Compass Wisconsin Threshold

Compass Wisconsin Threshold it is a unified point of intake and application for the following children's long-term support programs: the Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) Waiver (including intensive in-home treatment services for children diagnosed with Autism), the Family Support Program, the Community Options Program (though not in Waukesha County), and the Katie Beckett Medicaid Program. Compass Wisconsin Threshold provides the opportunity for families in Kenosha, Racine, Walworth, and Waukesha Counties to now contact one office when inquiring about any/all of these programs. Go to: <http://www.compasswisconsin.org/>

Yellow Pages for Kids Website

<http://www.yellowpagesforkids.com>

Find educational consultants, psychologists, educational diagnosticians, health care providers, academic therapists, tutors, speech language therapists, occupational therapists, coaches, advocates, and attorneys for children with disabilities on the Yellow Pages for Kids for your state. Here you will also find special education schools, learning centers, treatment programs, parent groups, respite care, community centers, grassroots organizations, and government programs for children with disabilities.

The Parent Consultant Directory

This is a statewide directory of families who are interested in acting as "consultants" – experts who give advice to pre-professionals (university/college students) and professionals (e.g. therapists, medical personnel, teachers, service coordinators, child care professionals) on topics related to children with special needs. Contact Lynn Havemann, havemann@waisman.wisc.edu for more information.

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.preschooleptions.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.preschooleptions.org

Handbook on Family & Community Engagement!

Great handbook available online at <http://www.families-schools.org/>

DPI Frequently Asked Questions on Medication Law

(<http://dpi.wi.gov/sspw/pdf/sndrugadmin.pdf>) regarding the current medication law (Wis. Stat. sec. 118.29). For questions about the administration of medications to pupils, please contact Rachel Gallagher, DPI School Nurse and Health Service Consultant, at (608) 266-8857 or Rachel.Gallagher@dpi.wi.gov.

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>.

Family Members Helping Others About the Family Perspective

Families serve as Family Mentors to Waisman Trainees or UW Hospital Pediatric residents. In this role, families enhance trainees' sensitivity to the strengths, concerns, joys, and challenges of raising a child or youth with a developmental disability or special health care need by sharing time and family experiences with a Trainee or resident. Families are compensated for offering this mentoring relationship with an honorarium. Contact the Family Mentor Coordinator, Barbara Wagner, bwagner@waisman.wisc.edu to learn more about this opportunity.

Self-Advocacy and Disability History Resources

LEADERS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES IN THE SELF-ADVOCACY MOVEMENT

This project explores the life stories of thirteen leaders in the self-advocacy movement and their perspectives on key issues and leadership challenges. Despite its widespread existence nationwide and internationally, few works have explored the rich history, culture, and significance of the self-advocacy movement. To access the project go to: http://bancroft.berkeley.edu/ROHO/collections/subjectarea/ics_movements/self_advocacy.html.

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>.

DISABILITY HISTORY TIMELINE

This Timeline from the National Consortium on Leadership and Disability for Youth (NCLD/Y) serves as a national youth-led information, training, and resource center. The timeline was designed to help youth with and without disabilities to learn about the rich history of people with disabilities. Starting shortly before the United States was founded, the guide features examples of the remarkable diversity, creativity, and leadership that have shaped the disability community and American culture <http://www.nclد-youth.info/index.php?id=61>.

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>

Navigating College: Handbook for Individuals with Autism

A first of its kind resource written for autistic adults for incoming college students with autism from the Autistic Self Advocacy Network. Downloadable PDF: <http://navigatingcollege.org/download.php>

The CESA #1 Parent – Educator Link Newsletter is published approximately monthly. CESA #1 is not a legal agency and cannot provide legal advice or legal representation. We do not endorse any treatments, providers, or product information in this newsletter. As with any program for your child, parents are encouraged to thoroughly check out references when enrolling their child in any program. Any information contained in this newsletter is not intended as legal advice but only for informational purposes. Submissions from parents and professionals are welcomed. Questions regarding any information in this newsletter can be directed to:

Cheri Sylla

*CESA #1 WSPEI Parent Liaison Consultant
262-787-9500 ext. 9565
csylla@cesa1.k12.wi.us*