

## Parent Leadership Hub Weekly E-mail for March 19, 2009

### *Parent/Personnel Development Opportunities*

#### **1. The Cutting-Edge Preview Day**

Monday, April 6, 2009 from 10:00am - 12:30pm at Edgewood College, Monroe St. Campus, Madison, 1000 Edgewood Dr.

Providing College Experience Opportunities for Individuals With Disabilities

Developing Life-long Learners An Individualized Approach to Inclusion

Check out this video clip to learn more about the Cutting-Edge

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b4p2QF-SS7c>

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#### **2. Job Coaching Training for Credit**

CESA 5 will be presenting a Job Coach Training on June 11-12, 2009, at the Wintergreen Resort & Conference Center in Wisconsin Dells, WI. The two days will provide paraprofessionals, job coaches, high school teachers, transition coordinators, and adult service agency personnel the instruction required to successfully develop, implement, assess, and support community based employment for students with disabilities. The two-day session will be instructed by Laura Owens, PhD, an associate professor at UW-Milwaukee.

This training is being offered for 1 graduate credit through UW-Milwaukee, as well as 10 hours ESP Level I or Level II (Specialized Studies-Transition) certification through WEAC. Questions about workshop content, graduate credit, or ESP certification?

Contact Karen Lietzow at (608) 742-8814, ext. 309, or email [lietzowk@cesa5.k12.wi.us](mailto:lietzowk@cesa5.k12.wi.us)

Registration questions? Contact Jo Ann Senzig at (608) 742-8814, ext. 272, or email [senzigj@cesa5.k12.wi.us](mailto:senzigj@cesa5.k12.wi.us). Please consult the brochure at this website for more

information and registration info. <http://sharedwork.org/documents/coaching.pdf>.

#### **3. Annual Parent Leadership Conference**

Building Partnerships for Student Success

April 29, 2009 at Monona Terrace, Madison, WI.

Keynote Speaker: Karen Mapp, Harvard Graduate School of Education lecturer and co-author of Beyond the Bake Sale

Conference [flyer](#) is available as a pdf. For more information about the workshops see our [draft agenda](#). For questions, contact Jane Grinde at 608/266-9356 or e-mail

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### 4. **Deadline March 27, 2009 for Circles of Life Conference Registration, SibShop and Respite**

Deadline for registration, SibShop and Respite is March 27, 2009 for the 25<sup>th</sup> annual 2009 Circles of Life Conference on April 30 & May 1, 2009 at the Marriott Madison West, Madison, Wisconsin. Conference details and registration forms can be found at <http://www.wfv.org/circle/details.html>. Completed award nominations must be submitted by April 10, 2009. Go to <http://www.wfv.org/circle/awards.html> for more information.

### 5. **Housing 101: An Introduction to Housing Options for Youth Adults with Disabilities – Rescheduled from February 21<sup>st</sup> to Saturday, May 9th**

The previous workshop was cancelled due to bad weather. This workshop will take place on Sat. May 9th at Children's Hospital of WI in Milwaukee from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. This is a free event, sponsored by the Social Workers at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin and the Southeast Regional Center for Children & Youth with Special Health Care Needs. Deadline to register is 4/24/09. For questions or to register, please call 414-266-3188 or e-mail [jturkoske@chw.org](mailto:jturkoske@chw.org).

### 6. **YMCA Easter Seals Picnic – April 26, 2009 in Kenosha**

Easter Seals is having a picnic, and you are invited Sunday, April 26, 2009 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Kenosha YMCA – Callahan Family Branch, 7101 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, Kenosha, WI. All ages welcome, \$7.00 fee per person for lunch. They will grill hot dogs with all of the fixings and serve a potluck of food. Play t-ball at Miracle Field, get a chance to hit a baseball piñata, design your own baseball cards, get a baseball tattoo, match baseball teams to leagues, watch a baseball movie & more! RSVP by April 15<sup>th</sup> to let us know how many in your party and their ages. Contact Susan Klawien at 414-550-3938 or at [susank@eastersealswise.com](mailto:susank@eastersealswise.com).

### 7. **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Racine County Resource Fair – Waterford, WI**

Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Waterford Union High School, 100 Field Drive, Waterford, WI. (Please enter at door number 1) Discover resources and information for students from birth to age 21 who receive special needs services in Racine County and their families. Free admission and childcare activities.

Refreshments and door prizes. Sponsored by the school districts and agencies in Racine County servicing children with special needs from 0-21. Please call Kathy Merlo with any questions at 262-514-8200 ext 1051.

## *Family Involvement Resources*

### 1. **Assisting Families Affected by the Economic Crisis**

Recognizing that Wisconsin and the nation are experiencing very difficult times, the Department of Public Instruction has created an [8-page packet](#) of resources and strategies to help schools assist families impacted by the economic crisis. Concerned

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neighbors and educators will find helpful links, ideas, and funding sources organized into 16 categories, from Food to Health Issues to Educational Support. The packet, "[Resources and Strategies to Assist Families Experiencing Challenges Related to the Economic Recession](#)," is available at <http://www.dpi.wi.gov/homeless/index.html>. In addition, a [new DPI video](#) illustrates one of those strategies in action at [Olga Brener Elementary School](#) in [Shawano](#). The video is online at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pYkxtumGDAs>.

### 2. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act – IDEA provisions

DPI has created a website at <http://www.dpi.wi.gov/sped/idearecovery.html> where continuously updated information on the IDEA provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will be posted. Information about the impact of the Act on all areas of education is posted at <http://dpi.wi.gov/pb/stimuluspackage.html>. The website at <http://www.ed.gov> includes a press release with basic information. The State allocations for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 are posted at <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdf>.

### 3. Guide for Other Health Impairment

A new document, *Special Education Eligibility Criteria and Evaluation for Other Health Impairment (OHI)*, is now available at <http://dpi.wi.gov/sped/doc/ohi-evaluation-guide.doc>. The guide is a working document, and DPI invites comments until May 15, 2009. A final document will be posted in summer 2009. Please send comments to Lynn Boreson, WDPI OHI Consultant, P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841, or via email to [lynn.boreson@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:lynn.boreson@dpi.wi.gov).

### 4. Resources for Response to Intervention (RtI)

Wisconsin's framework for Response to Intervention/Instruction (RtI) was initially developed with input from stakeholders through the State Superintendent's Collaborative Council. New information and resources about RtI in Wisconsin is available at <http://dpi.wi.gov/rti/>.