

Parent Leadership Hub Weekly E-mail for June 4, 2009

The attached "Parent Leadership Hub" Weekly Email Update is sent to you from WSPEI and WI FACETS. The Parent Leadership Hub supports parents/family members, educators and other community partners to build capacity regarding meaningful family involvement. The Hub serves three primary purposes:

- (1) To support parents of children with disabilities between birth and 26 years of age to participate as partners in the professional development activities of each of the other Statewide Initiatives as they design, deliver and support professional development experiences; and
- (2) To facilitate opportunities for parents/family members to build leadership skills; and
- (3) To provide Content Focused technical assistance concerning family involvement.

/Personnel Development Opportunities

1. Midwest Autism Conference – October 18-20, 2009

Putting the Pieces Together <http://www.uwlax.edu/conted/mac/>

Hosted by: The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Continuing Education, Chileda and Coulee Coalition for Children with Differing Abilities

Join us for this comprehensive conference! Learn strategies that unlock the potential of individuals with autism spectrum disorders. Participants will explore the best educational and treatment practices for school, home, and community environments. Session speakers emphasize how these practices are applied within their organizations, schools, families, and community. Parents and guardians are welcome to attend.

Special Parent Evening: Oct. 18, 2009

Conference Location: Radisson Hotel, 200 Harborview Plaza, La Crosse, Wis.

For more information or to register: Karen Langaard, 608.785.6508; toll-free 1.866.895.9233 or langaard.kare@uwlax.edu

2. Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports in Green Bay

Christine Kleiman will present the Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) framework for behavioral expectations of a school building. The framework builds capacity of schools, families and communities to promote social and academic success of all students, including those with emotional/behavioral and other disabilities. This event will be September 18, 2009 from 1-3:00 pm at CESA 7. For more information, contact amittag@cesa7.k12.wi.us

3. Special Needs Trusts Seminar

June 6, 2009 8:30 am -12:00 pm at 212 River Dr, Rm 5, Wausau (north of Burns VFW Post) Presenter will be Attorney Andrew Schmidt who has set up Supplemental Needs Trusts for years helping citizens of Central Wisconsin protect their assets for themselves and their heirs. This seminar is intended for families of children or adults who are disabled and are likely to need professional management of an inheritance, gift, or settlement. If you are the parent or grandparent of a person who has a disability and you desire to protect that person from losing their inheritance, settlement, gifts, or distributions because they receive federal disability benefits then attendance at this seminar is critical.

No Fee to attend; please register by calling or send your name, address, and phone to:

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UW-Extension Marathon County, 212 River Dr, Ste 3, Wausau, WI 54403, 715-261-1231 or website: <http://marathon.uwex.edu>
Questions: call Jackie Carattini, Family Living Agent, UW-Extension 715-261-1242

Trainings on the Web

1. RTI in Preschool Settings Webinar Materials Now Available

The National Center for Learning Disabilities (NCLD) is pleased to offer the accompanying materials from the May 20th webinar, "Roadmap to Pre-K RTI: Applying Response to Intervention in Preschool Settings." In this webinar, Drs. Mary Ruth Coleman and Froma Roth, two of the authors of NCLD's new publication, explore the [*Roadmap to Pre-K RTI: Applying Response to Intervention in Preschool Settings*](#), as a way of helping early childhood experts, policy makers, advocates and others gain a basic understanding of the essential components of RTI and begin to develop and plan their own RTI implementation plan.

[View the free webinar recording: "Roadmap to Pre-K RTI: Applying RTI to Preschool Settings"](#) (registration required) [Download the PowerPoint Handout](#)

Be sure to download [*Roadmap to Pre-K RTI: Applying Response to Intervention in Preschool Settings*](#) and access additional resources on Pre-K RTI on the [RTI in Pre-Kindergarten section of the RTI Action Network website](#).

2. SPP and APR Webinar June 11, 2009

The State Performance Plan (SPP) and Annual Performance Report (APR): What Special Education Advocates Need to Know

DATE: Thursday, June 11, 2009

TIME: 3:00 to 4:30 PM ET

(2:00 to 3:30 PM CT, Noon to 1:30 MT, 1:00 to 2:20 PM PT)

PRESENTER: Diana Autin, Esq.

COST: \$50.00

Easy, secure online purchasing of this event is available at:

<http://www.advocacyinstitute.org/shop/Webinars.html>

Space is limited.

3. Dropout Prevention Webinar: June 15, 2009 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. EDT

Beyond the Indicators: An Integrated School-Level Approach to Dropout Prevention

Presented by Douglas Mac Iver and Martha Mac Iver, Center for Social Organization of Schools at Johns Hopkins University

About the Webinar: *Beyond the Indicators* provides an integrated framework that schools and districts can use to build a foundation to prevent students from dropping out. Based on a tiered public health model, this framework provides universal and schoolwide practices designed to produce high attendance, positive behavior, and successful academic achievement for the majority of students.

The webinar is interactive and encourages questions and comments from the participants. A paper will be available for participants. Go to

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http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=yu_2f_2f_2bYRirehFaJXKxL2ofg_3d_3d to register. Contact Alex Payne - maec@ceee.gwu.edu 703.528.3588

4. Inclusive Service Learning Opportunities: Connections with LRE Webinar June 18

You are invited to participate in a Webinar on "Inclusive Service Learning Opportunities" for students with disabilities. The Webinar is sponsored by the LRE-Part B Community of Practice. There is no cost for the Webinar. The one-hour Webinar will be held on Thursday, June 18, at 3:00 PM ET (2:00 PM CT, 1:00 PM MT, 12:00 Noon PT and AZ).

Presenters:

* Paula Sotnik, Director

* Lucy Bayard, Senior Training Specialist National Service Inclusion Project

<http://www.serviceandinclusion.org>

To register for the Webinar, click on the link below:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=v9xos_2fy8AownK1nUGvJ2HA_3d_3d

For background reading, please visit the LRE Part B Community at

<http://www.tacomunities.org/community/view/id/1027>

Family Involvement Resources

1. Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) Resources

- Starter Set of Resources on LRE

<http://www.nichcy.org/laws/IDEA/Pages/LREresources.aspx>

- LRE Mandate: How has it been defined by the courts (ERIC Digest)

http://eric.ed.gov/ERICDocs/data/ericdocs2sql/content_storage_01/0000019b/80/1a/76/88.pdf

- Considering LRE in Placement Decisions

<http://www.nichcy.org/EducateChildren/placement/pages/placement-LRE.aspx>

- Inclusion, LRE, and mainstreaming

www.wrightslaw.com/info/lre.index.htm

- Building the Legacy Training Module 15: LRE Decision Making, Posted April 6, 2008

Module 15 includes the following components provided in separate files. If you need or want the entire module, be sure to download each of the components in either Word or PDF format.

www.nichcy.org/Laws/IDEA/Documents/Training_Curriculum/15-discussionSlides.pdf

Accessible Word file of complete Discussion

 www.nichcy.org/Laws/IDEA/Documents/Training_Curriculum/15-discussion.doc

PDF version of the Handouts for only Module 15

www.nichcy.org/Laws/IDEA/Documents/Training_Curriculum/15-handouts.pdf

Accessible Word version of the Handout for only Module 15

 www.nichcy.org/Laws/IDEA/Documents/Training_Curriculum/15-handouts.doc

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2. RTI Resources

Center for RTI in Early Childhood

www.crtiec.org

RTI Action Network

www.rtinetwork.org

3. Parent and Family Support Resources

Resources for families on student progress monitoring—

<http://www.studentprogress.org/family/default.asp>

Resources for families on special education, IEPs, communication aides, accommodations, and much more, with many available in Spanish, Hmong, and Somali

<http://www.taalliance.org/publications/index.asp>

Inclusive Schools Initiative (ISI)—Information for families to introduce inclusive schooling and the benefits of inclusion to students and communities; includes parent training module on inclusion, inclusive schools checklist for parents, information for parents on universal design for learning, and other resources

www.picofdel.org/programs-resources/tool-kits/inclusive%20schools.htm

Questions parents can ask about spelling, writing, & testing: Literacy & reading improvement for students with disabilities—

www.ecac-parentcenter.org/readingandliteracy/readingquestions.pdf

NCLB and IDEA: What parents of students with disabilities need to know and do

<http://education.umn.edu/nceo/OnlinePubs/Parents.pdf>

4. Creating Buy-In Among Students of Service Learning

Research shows that students who participate in high quality service-learning experiences typically become more engaged in learning as shown by increased attendance and motivation to learn. But how do educators "sell" the idea in the first place? This effective practice offers suggestions shared on the K12-SL (service-learning) e-mail discussion list in August 2005.

<http://nationalserviceresources.org/node/17719>

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