

## Parent Leadership Hub Weekly E-mail for September 10, 2009

This week's update is provided by WSPEI and WI FACETS to share statewide information regarding parent leadership and family involvement. Please visit the Parent Leadership Hub web page of the SPDG website at <http://www.wispdg.org/pl.html> for the current and archived weekly updates and to find information on these topics:

- \* WSPEI website: <http://dpi.wi.gov/sped/parent.html>
- \* WIFACETS website: <http://www.wifacets.org>
- \* Resources- Product Order Form, and Educational Materials for Parents
- \* Calendar of Events
- \* Multi-Media Resources- Workshops Online, Video Series, and Webcasts

**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.

Please, direct any questions to the PL Hub Co-Facilitators:

Mary Skadah, WSPEI Statewide Project Director at 715-829-8932 or [marys@cesa12.k12.wi.us](mailto:marys@cesa12.k12.wi.us)  
Dawn Wians, WI FACETS SPDG Coordinator at 608-827-5234 or [dwians@wifacets.org](mailto:dwians@wifacets.org)

*Deadline for submitting contributions to each week's issue is Tuesday noon. For time sensitive training advertisements, the information should be sent a minimum of two weeks prior to the event date; ideally a month ahead of time. Material appropriate for the weekly newsletter include web links to sources of family involvement/parent leadership resources and advertisements for statewide trainings for parents, youth or parent/educator audiences (we don't post research articles, reports or news opinion articles). Your submittal may not be in the final copy if it was in a previous weekly email, the event date has passed or the web link doesn't work. Please, send submittals to [phyllis@banbury.com](mailto:phyllis@banbury.com).*

### *Parent/Personnel Development Opportunities*

#### **1. Pierce County Coordinated Services Team**

##### **Children's Mental Health Training**

WHERE: River Falls Public Library Lower Level,

140 Union Street River Falls, WI

WHEN: September 24, 2009

8:45 Sign in

9:00– 4 PM training

Morning Snack, Lunch and Afternoon Snack Provided

COST: FREE

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Parents, informal supports, and service providers

To register: Contact Elaine Schultz

[Elaine.schultz@co.pierce.wi.us](mailto:Elaine.schultz@co.pierce.wi.us) or leave a message for Elaine at 715-273-6766 ext 6610

Registration Deadline September 21

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### 2. **Beyond Love & Logic – Parent Strategies to Empower Families**

Rob Ocker – Parent, Certified Love and Logic Trainer, Guidance Counselor and Family Dynamics Consultant

Thursday Nights: 6:00-8:00 p.m.

September 24, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 2009

\$20.00/couple; \$15.00/individual

Lake Geneva Middle School Room 210

(Minimum enrollment – 5)

Child Care upon request will be provided.

Any questions or to register, contact Marie Collins, Badger Community Education Director and Career/Tech Ed Coordinator, 220 South Street, Lake Geneva, WI 53147 262-348-2006, [marie.collins@badger.k12.wi.us](mailto:marie.collins@badger.k12.wi.us)

### 3. **Effective Transition Planning for Students with Moderate to Severe Disabilities** *Focusing on the Integrated and Customized Employment Option*

Oak Creek

September 30, 2009

8:30 am - 3:30 pm

MATC

6665 S. Howell Ave

Oak Creek, WI 53154

Milton

October 8, 2009

8:30 am – 3:30 pm

CESA #2

448 E. High Street

Milton, WI 53563

Wausau

October 13, 2009

8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Northcentral Tech College

1000 W. Campus Drive

Wausau, WI 54401

Hayward

October 14, 2009

8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Comfort Suites

15586 County Road B

Hayward, WI 54843

Please contact Lori Turim at 262-787-9564 or [lturim@cesal.k12.wi.us](mailto:lturim@cesal.k12.wi.us) with any questions!

### 4. **Midwest Explorers – Arboretum Tour**

Are you or someone you know a high school or college student with a disability who is interested in ecological restoration and conservation? \*\*\*\*\*Announcing a new Midwest Alliance event for students with disabilities at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Arboretum.

Are you interested in ecological restoration and conservation? Do you want to learn more about the various plant life native to Wisconsin? Then come join us at the UW-

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Arboretum on October 16th at 4:00 pm. We will be taking a guided tour through the Native Plants Garden to learn more about ecology and the science behind restoration. The tour will last for approximately 1 to 1 1/2 hours and is wheelchair accessible. Please sign up today. <http://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?hl=en&formkey=dDBFQ3BPau9ObHZ1bHBNSzIxVVA3Ymc6MA> as space is limited. We hope to see you there! Please note that any younger children (12 and under) must be accompanied by an adult.

### *Trainings on the Web*

#### **1. Not Just Any Workplace Planning for Youth Work Experiences and Jobs - September 23, 2009**

What are some of the most effective ways to help youth plan and prepare for successful work experiences and jobs? What are useful ways to gather information and learn about youth skills, interests, and need for support and accommodation?

Participants will learn...

- essential strategies to guide youth to relevant work experiences,
- how to use a positive profile of the youth to identify potential work experiences,
- how to develop an effective job search plan.

Takeaways include templates for developing a positive personal profile and job search plan. [REGISTER NOW >>>](#)

### *Family Involvement Resources*

#### **1. VR Comprehensive Statewide Needs Assessment Guide is Available**

The Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) is pleased to make the DRAFT "VR Needs Assessment Guide" (Guide) available on the InfoUse website at <http://www.infouse.com/CSNAGuide/> for use as an interim technical assistance (TA) resource for state VR agencies and State Rehabilitation Councils (SRC) in the conduct of the Comprehensive Statewide Needs Assessment (CSNA). The Guide is currently being piloted in three state VR agencies and will be finalized following the pilot phase.

The Guide is designed to assist state VR agencies and SRCs to jointly conduct a CSNA that addresses all requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and use the results of the CSNA to jointly develop the state plan goals, priorities and strategies. The Guide describes a range of methods for conducting the assessment, including the use of existing information and obtaining stakeholder input. It is intended to assist in improving the quality and scope of the CSNA and its utility in state planning. While RSA is recommending that state VR agencies and SRCs use the Guide, it is not a requirement.

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The following opportunities are being provided for you to gain additional information on the use of the Guide:

Presentation by InfoUse at the Program Evaluation Summit in Denver, Colorado on September 16 and 17, 2009; and

A TA webinar to be scheduled in early Fall (details will be announced later).

We invite questions and requests for clarification prior to finalizing the Guide. Please address any questions or comments to the contractor at:

CSNA@infouse.com<<mailto:CSNA@infouse.com>>.

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