

Parent Leadership Hub Weekly E-mail for September 24, 2009

Parent/Personnel Development Opportunities

1. September 29-30, 2009 Wisconsin Statewide Autism Training

Advanced Level: Assessment

Designed for educational personnel working in K-12 settings with students with autism. Advanced training requires participants to have either completed the DPI basic training or the equivalent. The advanced trainings will not cover basic concepts and information. Registration online only at <http://dpi.wi.gov/sped/autism.html>.

Contact: Jeanne Hook at (608) 266-3928, Email: jeanne.hook@dpi.wi.gov

Contact 2: Brian Johnson at (608) 266-3648 Email: brian.johnson@dpi.wi.gov

Address: Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel, Madison WI

2. WI FACETS Trainings for October

October 17:

Section 504 & IDEA, Omatayo Support Group, WI FACETS Milwaukee Office, 10 am –12 pm

October 24:

Latino Autism Support Group and Workshop (topic TBA), Milwaukee, 10:30 am-12 pm

October 27:

What Can Parents & Educators Do to More Effectively Manage Conflict at Earlier Stages?

Go to <http://www.wifacets.org/events.htm> for more information on these trainings.

3. September 30, 2009 Wisconsin ASCD Annual Preconference Institute October 1-2, 2009 Wisconsin ASCD Annual Fall Conference

Preconference program features Education Futurist Ian Jukes.

The conference features keynote speaker Ken Kay, President, Partnership for 21st Century Skills.

Contact: WASCD at (262) 242-3771

Email: office@wascd.org

Website: <http://www.wascd.org>

Address: Radisson Paper Valley Hotel and Conference Center, Appleton WI

4. Fall School Crisis Preparedness Conference

The fifth annual School Crisis Preparedness Conference features more breakout sessions, new issues and expert presenters in prevention, preparedness, response and recovery to school crisis situations.

Contact: Mary Jean Erschen at (608) 592-5200

Email: mjerschen@citizenpreparedness.org

Website: <http://www.citizenpreparedness.org/>

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October 1: Turtleback Conference Center, Rice Lake WI

October 7: Howard Johnson, Madison, WI

October 22: Country Spring Hotel, Waukesha, WI

October 27: Liberty Hall, Kimberly, WI

November 4: The Plaza, Eau Claire, WI

5. Family Respite Care Services, Inc 4th Annual Respite Conference

When: Wednesday, October 7th 9:00 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Where: Holiday Inn Express Convention Center, 3100 Wellington Place, Janesville WI

Registration: Parents \$25, Professionals \$40, Students \$15

Scholarships Available

Family Respite Care Services' statewide annual respite conference is for professionals and caregivers of all types: Parents, Grandparents, Teachers, CNA's, Personal Care Workers, Respite Organizations, County Professionals, Foster Parents, and anyone interested in respite resources, ongoing training and support on issues related to caring for an individual with a disability or special need of any kind.

To register please call 608-758-0956 or visit <<http://www.rockcountyrespite.org/conference.html>>

Scholarships available for parents upon request

FREE childcare - first come, first served with completed registration form. Space is limited!

6. Chicken Soup For The Soul Parent Workshops

If you would like some extra ideas that will help with daily challenges then you are welcome to come to the "Chicken Soup for the Soul" parent workshops this 2009-2010 school year.

Central-Denison Elementary School library, 900 Wisconsin Avenue in Lake Geneva.

6:00 - 7:30p.m Childcare will be offered if you call ahead. Refreshments and home-made chicken soup.

2009-2010 Workshop Dates:

Thursday, Oct. 8 "Coping Skills: Teaching Kids Nine Essential Skills" "Teaching Kids Cooperation and Responsibility"

Thursday, Nov. 12 "Seven Steps to Homework Success— A guide for Solving Common Homework Problems"

Thursday, Feb. 25 "Helping Kids With Autism Spectrum Disorder and Sensory Challenges"

Thursday, April 15 "Helping Kids with Learning and Attention Difficulties"

For more information contact Mrs. Chris Slawson at: (262) 348-4000, ext. 4214 or christine.slawson@badger.k12.wi.us

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7. **October 14-15, 2009 Wisconsin Statewide Autism Training**

Advanced Level: Addressing Challenging Behavior

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8. **October 20, 2009 Wisconsin Promise - Schools of Recognition Awards**

State Award Program

Schools throughout the state are honored for their academic achievements. For the 2009-10 school year, 138 schools will be honored.

Contact: Berland Meyer at (608) 266-5197, berland.meyer@dpi.wi.gov

Contact 2: Mary Kleusch at (608) 267-3163, mary.kleusch@dpi.wi.gov

Address: Monona Terrace and Capitol, Madison WI

9. **October 23-24, 2009 Multi-Sensory Science Education Conference**

This year's conference will have a theme of teaching students with visual impairments, but also include talks and workshops on science demonstrations, science theater, using haptics for students with disabilities, and kinesthetic teaching techniques. Through a series of talks and hands-on workshops, learn how to integrate these exciting teaching techniques into your classroom and hear about new research findings on multi-sensory teaching and learning. Preregistration required at https://mywebspace.wisc.edu/greenberg2/web/Science%20Education/Multi-Sensory_Science_Education/Home.html

Contact: Andrew Greenberg at (608) 890-1534, Email: greenberg@chem.wisc.edu

Contact 2: Cary Supalo, Email 2: cas380@psu.edu

Address: University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of Chemistry, Madison WI

10. **Fundamentals of Family Involvement Workshop**

You and your team members will learn to identify and use the 6 Types of Partnerships, create an action team for partnerships, and connect partnership activities and practices to your school improvement goals.

Participants will be aware of how effective partnership practices can improve student achievement and behavior and discover how to involve parents in your school improvement efforts. Send a team to an interactive and practical work session based on the research of Joyce Epstein.

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2009-10 Dates, Locations

Sept. 29, CESA 2, Milton	Oct. 19, CESA 5, Portage
Oct. 26, CESA 10, Chippewa Falls	Nov. 16, CESA 5, Portage
Nov. 18, CESA 4, West Salem	Nov. 19, CESA 3, Fennimore
Feb. 3, CESA 11, Turtle Lake	Feb. 17, CESA 1, Brookfield
March 3, CESA 2, Milton	March 16, CESA 8, Gillett

Lunch and Refreshments will be provided! No registration fee. All schools welcome. Funded by the DPI REACH Initiative. The ideal team includes at least 2 parents, 2 teachers, 2 other staff and the principal. Students and community members encouraged! For more information, contact Penny Bruskin, VISTA Leader, DPI Family-School-Community Partnerships Project Telephone: 608-261-6332; email: penny.bruskin@dpi.wi.gov

11. Midwest Alliance for STEM: Events for Students (Fall 2009)

Wednesday, November 4 (9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.)* - University of Wisconsin-Madison, Engineering Centers Building, 1550 Engineering Drive, Madison, Wisconsin 53706 -- Featuring the latest in: → Motor vehicles, → Speech recognition, Telecommunication, Innovative design, Rehab robotics, Wheelchair designs. Additional info (no registration is required!): Email Sarah Lincoln at Sarah.Lincoln@dhs.wisconsin.gov or Monica Kamal-Rossa at Monica@SCI-Madison.org.

12. ACCESS (Adults Connecting In The Community To Experience Social Success)

Program is coming to Kenosha and Racine. This program offers opportunities for adults ages 18+ with disabilities to learn independent living skills, community safety and increase their opportunities for socialization and relationships through community based activities. Program participants are able to select from a wide range of events specifically tailored to meet their personal interests, levels of independence and desire for socialization. If you are interested in this type of programming, please let your case manager know that Easter Seals can provide this. Amber Mavroff, Transition Services Director at, 414.571.5566 ext. 408 or at amberm@eastersealwise.com . Check out our website www.eastersealwise.com.

13. CESA 5 Workshops On Facilitating Parent Involvement

During the 2009-2010 year CESA 5 will be facilitating four workshops facilitating parent involvement. Two of the workshops focus on reading and math. Content for these two workshops will be taken from the math and reading training modules from the National Center for Special Education Accountability Monitoring (NCSEAM). These

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sessions will provide various reading and math strategies that support reading and math in the home.

The third workshop will be a follow up workshop to the math and reading modules and gives school districts the opportunity to showcase what types of parent involvement they have been facilitating in their district to encourage family-school partnerships in the reading and math areas during the year. Planning time will be scheduled in during this workshop to allow districts the opportunity for setting goals for the upcoming school.

Our fourth workshop focuses on reaching families who have children ages 0-6 and professionals. The “Dance” of Parent Professional Partnerships, will look at strategies to enhance these relationships through effective communication. For questions about workshop content, contact Martha DeYoung at (608) 742-8814, ext. 255, or email deyoungm@cesa5.k12.wi.us

These trainings address Part B Indicators #3, 6, 12 & 8, Part C Indicators #2, 4, & 8, and Teacher Standard #10.

Register at <http://www.myquickreg.com> For a registration brochure, go to http://www.myquickreg.com/site_uploads/events/343/Improving%20Relationships%20and%20Results_09_10.pdf For questions about workshop registration contact Jo Ann Senzig at (608) 742-8814, ext 272, or email senzigj@cesa5.k12.wi.us

Phone Workshops

1. WI FACETS Phone Trainings for October

October 1

Phone Workshop: Functional Behavior Assessments, 7-8 pm

October 8

Phone Workshop: Dispute Resolution Options, 12-1 pm

October 15

Phone Workshop: Self Advocacy, 7-8 pm

October 28

Phone Workshop: Positive Beginnings Supporting Young Children with Challenging Behavior, 12 – 1 pm

Telephone – Toll-free call to participate

Information: 877-374-0511; smcfarland@wifacets.org

Register 1 week in advance. Workshop materials & call-in information will be mailed

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Family Involvement Resources

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1. **Midwest Alliance for STEM: Opportunities for Students (Fall 2009)**

Midwest Alliance <<http://www.stemmidwest.org>> has upcoming events and opportunities for students and recent alumni with disabilities in Wisconsin.

For High School Students (Grades 9-12) and First Year College Students:
Become a Midwest Alliance Mentee. Apply online at <http://stemmidwest.org/default.asp?contentID=516>

Let us help you, or your student, find an internship! Apply online at <http://stemmidwest.org/default.asp?contentID=517>

For College Students (Technical and Community, 4 year, Graduate School)
Become a Midwest Alliance Mentor. Apply online at <http://stemmidwest.org/default.asp?contentID=516>

We will help you look for an internship, and provide you with a \$1,000 stipend at the completion of 80 hours of time spent. Apply online at <http://stemmidwest.org/default.asp?contentID=517>

2. **September 30, 2009 Fourth Annual Higher Education Day**

A single day dedicated to thousands of futures.

Higher education institutions and educational and financial organizations will join together to raise awareness of the accessibility of higher education and to provide information about financial assistance and saving for college.

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