

## Parent Leadership Hub Weekly E-mail for October 1, 2009

### *Parent/Personnel Development Opportunities*

#### **1. Charter School Workshops**

Two charter school workshops will be hosted by the Department of Public Instruction in October. The first will be held October 15 in Stevens Point and the second will be held October 22 in Milwaukee. Registration is open to any interested educators and will focus on how various charter school models are successfully serving elementary and secondary students. For more information contact [julie.blaney@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:julie.blaney@dpi.wi.gov)

#### **2. 2009 Fall SELF-ADVOCACY Series**

Sponsored by Wisconsin FACETS & IndependenceFirst

These workshops are especially for transition-aged students with disabilities, parents, educators and service providers !

Location: INDEPENDENCEFIRST, 540 S. 1<sup>st</sup> St., Milwaukee, WI 53204

Session 1: Career Exploration - Tuesday, October 20, 2009, 6-8pm

Learn about all types of careers, participate in activities designed to explore career options, & hear from a panel of experts on career exploration.

Session 2: What to Expect In College - Tuesday, November 3, 2009 6-8pm

Participants will learn differences between colleges, universities & technical schools & discuss which type might be right for them. Local college representatives will discuss how to get accommodations in college & how to apply for financial aid. Youth with disabilities will share their college experiences.

Session 3: Independent Living Skills - Tuesday, November 17, 2009 6-8pm

Staff from IndependenceFirst will talk about peer support, self-advocacy and a new project for youth with disabilities called Peer Power.

All sessions are FREE

Registrations: Contact Matthew Zellmer @ 414-374-4645 or [mzellmer@wifacets.org](mailto:mzellmer@wifacets.org)

#### **3. Managing Challenging Behavior: Empowering Parents to Advocate for Positive Approaches to Managing Behavior- Thursday, October 22**

If your child is receiving special education services and his/her behavior is interfering with learning...this program is for you! Learn about the parent's role in the IEP process, school discipline, the use of positive behavior intervention, and how to reduce the use of seclusion and restraint.

Speaker: Jeff Spitzer-Resnick, Managing Attorney, Schools & Civil Rights, Disability Rights Wisconsin

Date: Thursday, October 22, 2009 from 5:30 -7:30 p.m. *A light supper will be provided.*

Place: Gateway Technical College –Racine, Conference Center – Michigan Room

Enter in back off of Pershing Drive, Parking Lot D.

To Register: Call The Arc at 634-6303 to register or for more information. You can also register by e-mailing us at: [info@thearcofracine.org](mailto:info@thearcofracine.org). *Space is limited; please register early.*

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### 4. **Understanding Sexual Relationships: A Series for People with Developmental Disabilities Sponsored by ARC of Greater Milwaukee**

Session 1 November 3rd 1-3 PM                      Session 2 November 10th 1-3 PM

Session 3 November 17th 1-3 PM      Session 4 November 24th 1-3 PM

This series is designed for transition-aged youth and/or adults with developmental disabilities who are dating or are interested in learning more about the rights and responsibilities of being in a sexual relationship. Concrete teaching methods (videos, pictures, games, and activities) will be used to improve understanding and help you make responsible decisions about your sexuality. All 4 programs will be held at ARC of Greater Milwaukee, Conference room, 7203 W. Center Street, Wauwatosa, WI 53210  
Payment & Fee 4- part series \$ 50.00

The cost of this workshop includes hand-outs and light refreshments. Questions or concerns? Call 262-284-5043 or e-mail [tcouwen@execpc.com](mailto:tcouwen@execpc.com)

For more information you can also call 414-774-6255 or visit their web site at <http://www.arcmilwaukee.org/>

### 5. **Children Come First 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**

November 16 - 17, 2009 at the Kalahari Resort & Convention Center

Theme: Ready, Set, Relationship!

KEYNOTES: Dr. Barry Duncan & Lucille Eber

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30+ Break-Out Sessions

Youth Track & More!

For the complete brochure, go to

<http://www.wifamilyties.org/year2009/2009%20CCF%20complete%20brochure.pdf>

### 6. **25<sup>th</sup> Annual State Superintendent's Conference on Special Education & Pupil Services Leadership Issues**

November 17-18, 2009 at the Marriott Madison West, Middleton, WI

Registration is Now Open! The registration fee includes continental breakfasts, lunch (Tuesday only), instruction, materials, and refreshments. The registration fee is \$135, if registered by October 23, 2009. Registration fee after October 23, 2009, is \$175. No refunds are issued, though substitutions are welcome. For access to the registration portal and more information, visit our website at <http://dpi.wi.gov/sped/falleader.html>.

## *Leadership Opportunities*

### 1. **Do You Use Assistive Technology?**

The Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services is seeking people who use assistive technology to participate as members of the Wisconsin Assistive Technology (AT) Advisory Council. The AT Advisory Council will provide ongoing advice and direction to the Department on the WisTech program. They are seeking consumers who use assistive technology. For those consumers unable to represent themselves, this

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includes family members or guardians, are willing to and interested in providing a guiding voice for the availability and provision of AT services across the state and are willing and able to participate in four meetings a year via telephone or in-person. Consumer members receive reimbursement for lodging, meal and mileage expenses, serve two- or three-year terms, provide a voice for consumer direction of AT services to people with disabilities.

Application materials can be found online at:

<http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/disabilities/wistech/index.htm>

All applicants must submit a consumer interest form and a resume

DEADLINE: Friday October 16, 2009

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