

Parent Leadership Hub Weekly E-mail for October 29, 2009

Parent/Personnel Development Opportunities

1. Training Opportunities on Person Centered Planning

Sign up by writing to Cindy Kernan ckernan@charter.net. Provide your name, date and place you plan to attend. There are no fees and food is provided for these events.

November 2nd-Advance practice for people who have had some form of person centered planning training at Emy J's The Garage; 1009 First Street, Stevens Point WI 54481

November 6th- Micro board organizing and training at the Avalon Hotel and Conference Center, 1009 W. Park Ave; Chippewa Falls, WI 54729- 1-715-723-2281. Overnight accommodations are available at a special rate of \$62+ tax. Please register each person attending from your group at

<http://guest.cvent.com/i.aspx?1Q,M3,3638dca8-3ec1-463a-8733-50b941e2eb2c>

November 9th- Star Raft Training. Organizing circles of support and some about micro boards as well in Madison at the Bishop O Connor Center, 702 S. High Point Rd, Madison WI 53719.

November 10th-Advance practice for people who have had some form of person centered planning training in Madison at the Bishop O Connor Center.

2. RAD Support Group

Do you have a child or family member diagnosed with Reactive Attachment Disorder? Come and join for help and support. (Coffee and rolls too!)

Information meeting Saturday, November 14, 2009 at Barron County Courthouse (old building) Auditorium from 9:30 a.m. – Noon. For more information, contact Deb Carpenter at 715-357-3824 or Jo Pelishek at 715-790-1317.

Trainings on the Web

1. Seclusion and Restraint Conference

The first conference in the NASDSE Professional Development Series is “Seclusion and Restraint: The Impact of Federal and State Policy on the Classroom.” The online version of the conference is available at <http://video.pattanpgh.net/mediasite/viewer/?peid=5dc81fc6-4223-4b47-aaf7-1c0d0d08d497> . There are a number of handouts posted under the link for the conference to assist you when you are accessing the conference.

This information can be shared with others in Wisconsin. The only restriction is that the information is not to be shared with anyone outside of our state, due to subscription

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agreement. The other three conferences will be announced throughout the year as additional information becomes available.

2. **Creating Workplace Partners Keeping Employers Happy Webinar**

November 11, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. CST

Participants will learn proven strategies for meeting employer expectations and keeping them happy to have youth with disabilities in the workplace, and strategies that will also contribute to long lasting partnerships that will yield more and more work experiences and jobs for youth. Takeaways include tools to spell out expectations, and to seek and use constructive employer feedback. Cost is \$50.00. Register at

http://www.transcen.org/index.php?page=shop.product_details&flypage=flypage_images.tpl&product_id=4&category_id=0&option=com_virtuemart&Itemid=101

Family Involvement Resources

1. **New SharedWork.org Website Launched**

Shared Work is both a communication tool and a collaborative workspace. It brings organizations, agencies, groups, and individuals together to communicate what is important to them, to learn together, to do work together, and to collaborate in solving complex educational problems. National communities found on this website at www.sharedwork.org include:

[National Community of Practice on Transition](#)

[National Community of Practice on Collaborative School Behavioral Health](#)

[National Community of Practice on Autism Spectrum Disorder](#)

[National Community of Practice on Creating Agreement](#)

Training on the new SharedWork site will be available for state teams, practice groups, and other groups after October 26th, 2009. All SharedWork moderators will be contacted regarding the training. Please contact Mariola Rosser at mariola.rosser@nasdse.org with any questions or to discuss training options.

2. **Mental Health Resources**

The Center for Mental Health Services' Child, Adolescent and Family Branch <http://mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/cmhs/ChildrensCampaign/>

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The Research and Training Center for Children's Mental Health

<http://rtckids.fmhi.usf.edu/default.cfm>

The Research and Training Center on Family Support and Children's Mental Health

<http://www.rtc.pdx.edu/>

The Technical Assistance Partnership for Child and Family Mental Health

<http://www.tapartnership.org/>

3. Siblings Face Challenges

The Vanderbilt Kennedy Center at Vanderbilt University <http://kc.vanderbilt.edu/> has several tips sheets for families on siblings of people with disabilities including:

Adolescents and Young Siblings Tip Sheet http://kc.vanderbilt.edu/kennedy_pdfs/tipsheets/tipsheet_Adolescentyoungadultsiblings.pdf

Adult Siblings Tip Sheet

http://kc.vanderbilt.edu/kennedy_pdfs/tipsheets/tipsheet_AdultSiblings.pdf

Siblings Information for Parents Tip Sheet

http://kc.vanderbilt.edu/kennedy_pdfs/tipsheets/tipsheet_SiblingsInfoParents.pdf

4. Questions about the Prevalence of Autism

The American Academy of Pediatrics has released a question and answer document for parents about autism and the results of a recent national survey of parents, which suggested that the prevalence of autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is approximately 1 in every 91 American children. The document, entitled *The Prevalence of Autism Spectrum Disorders* (October 2009) is available online at <http://www.medicalhomeinfo.org/health/Autism%20downloads/AutismOct5parenthandout.pdf>

5. Building the Legacy / Construyendo el Legado

The National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities (NICHCY) has translated 8 modules from the IDEA 2004 training curriculum into Spanish. Look for the modules that are marked with two asterisks in red (**). Building the Legacy / Construyendo el Legado: A Training Curriculum on IDEA 2004 is available online at <http://www.nichcy.org/Laws/IDEA/Pages/BuildingTheLegacy.aspx>

6. ARRA Spending Report

Here is Wisconsin's website for publically reporting how the ARRA money is being spent: <http://www.recovery.wisconsin.gov/arramoney.asp?locid=164>

To look specifically at flow-through and preschool dollars, click on "view all programs" under "Where's the Money Going." Next click on "Grants to States to Educate Children

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with Disabilities” to view how the flow-through dollars are being spent or click on “ARRA-IDEA-Preschool” to view how the preschool dollars are being spent. At the bottom of the Award Information page for either the flow-through or preschool grants, you will see “sub-award” and “vendor” buttons. The “Sub-Award” page will display all LEAs in the state and the amount of ARRA funds they have received as well as the amount they have claimed. The “Vendor” page will display vendors that have received or are budgeted to receive more than \$25,000 in ARRA money.

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