

Parent Leadership Hub Weekly E-mail for November 12, 2009

Parent/Personnel Development Opportunities

1. Self-Directed Supports Network Event in Wisconsin Dells

December 3, 2009 from 9:30 am - 3:15 pm at Wilderness Resort, Wisconsin Dells
Self-Directed Supports (SDS) within Family Care, IRIS and CIP are now supporting more than 5000 Wisconsin elders and citizens with disabilities and growing every day! Join Fredi-Ellen Bove, Division of Long-Term Care Deputy Administrator; Beth Wroblewski, Bureau of Long-Term Care Administrator and Monica Deignan, Managed Care Section Chief as they discuss the future of SDS in Wisconsin. John Agosta, Assistant Director of the Human Services Research Institute will share with us what is happening with SDS across North America.

Participate in breakout sessions and apply SDS in your work and personal life. Plus, help create an exciting new SDS Network of citizens who rely upon long-term care, their families and those who work to support them to be in control of their lives. Register by clicking on or cutting and pasting this link into your web browser: <http://tiny.cc/SDSNetwork>

2. AT Through the Lifespan Conference in Wisconsin Dells

December 3-4, 2009 at the Glacier Canyon Lodge at the Wilderness in Wisconsin Dells, WI. Contact Cindy Nankee or Ralphe Pelkey at info@atacrosslifespan.org or go to <http://attendee.atacrosslifespan.org/> for more information.

3. WI FACETS December Trainings in Milwaukee

December 19, 2009

Community Resource & Holiday Celebration, Omatayo Group – WI FACETS
Milwaukee, 10 am – 12 pm. For information call 414-374-4645, Sandra McFarland, smcfarland@wifacets.org

Latino Autism Support Group & Holiday Celebration

Support group for Spanish-speaking families who have children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Co-Sponsors: WI FACETS & Autism Society of SE WI

Presenter: TBA Time: 10-12 p.m.

Location: El Core Centro, 611 W. National Ave, Room 320, Milwaukee

Information: 414-374-4645 ext 124 Nelsinia Ramos or ext 131 Martha Lechuga; nramos@wifacets.org or mlechuga@wifacets.org.

Holiday Celebration. Activities for children available

4. Registration for the 7th Annual Wisconsin Transition Conference Now Open

The 7th Annual Wisconsin Transition Conference will be held on Thursday, February 18, and Friday, February 19, 2010, at the Kalahari Resort and Convention Center in Wisconsin Dells, WI. Pre-conference sectionals are being held on Wednesday, February

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Register by December 23, 2009 to receive the conference Early Bird Rate of \$250 and pre-conference Early Bird Rate of \$75. The registration rate after that date is \$300 for the general conference and \$100 for the pre-conference. One graduate credit is available through Viterbo University for full-time attendance at the conference at a cost of \$250. If you are interested in earning one graduate credit, you can register at the conference.

Please call the Kalahari Resort at 1-877-525-2427 to make your lodging reservation. Be sure to mention that you are with the Wisconsin Transition Conference to receive the state rate. Register online today at: <http://www.wsti.org/registration.general.php>
The conference brochure will be available soon at: <http://www.wsti.org>

5. **Save The Date: ASW 2010 Annual Conference in Green Bay**

Dates: March 18th – 20th Early Bird Deadline is November 25, 2009

Keynotes: Paula Kluth, Ph.D., Temple Grandin, Ph.D. and Eric Courchesne, Ph.D.

Early Bird registration materials and more information are on the ASW website, www.asw4autism.org.

6. **Parent Training in Milwaukee Public Schools**

A professional development session for parents and/or guardians will be offered on Wednesday, November 18, 2009, in the auditorium at Central Services, 5225 West Vliet Street, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Presenters from the Department of Parent and Student Services and the Division of Special Services will provide information and strategies available for families. The topics for this month's presentation are as follows:

- Three-choice Enrollment
- Preparing for Testing
- Literacy Strategies to Help Parents Support their Children with Special Needs at Home

For more information contact the Department of Parent and Student Services, MPS, (414) 475-8467.

7. **Family Fun Nights in Milwaukee**

Alianza Latina Aplicando Soluciones (Latino Alliance Applying Solutions) offers Family Fun Nights at South Division High School from 4:30-6:30pm on the following Thursdays: November 12, January 21, February 25, March 25, April 29, and May 27. For more information or to subscribe to the e-newsletter, contact A.L.A.S. at (414) 643-0022 or alianza.latina07@yahoo.com.

8. **Parent to Parent of Wisconsin in Spanish**

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Alianza Latina Aplicando Soluciones (A.L.A.S.) provides parent support to Latino parents of children with special needs through a one-to-one connection with a mentor parent who has similar experience and speaks Spanish. Training for parents who will like to become mentors will take place Thursday, December 10, 2009 at the A.L.A.S office from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00p.m. For more information call (414) 643-0022. Find Parent to Parent services in English at www.p2pwi.org.

Trainings on the Web

1. Online Transition Short Courses from the U of Kansas

The University of Kansas is offering 5 online transition short courses designed to provide novice and veteran education professionals the tools and collaboration necessary to improve transition planning and services for students with disabilities. Each course includes four weeklong sessions with research-based articles, websites, videos, and discussions. For more information go to <http://transitioncoalition.org/transition/section.php?pageId=49>

Phone Workshops

1. WI FACETS Phone Trainings for December

December 3, 2009, Transition I: Preparing for Life After High School, Phone Workshop 7-8 pm,

December 8, 2009, Transition II Age: Appropriate Assessments, Phone Workshop Series, 12 – 1 pm

Toll-free call to participate, Information: 1-877-374-0511; smcfarland@wifacets.org
Register 1 week in advance. Workshop materials & call-in information will be mailed,

December 15, 2009, IEP's Part I, Phone Workshop Series, 7-8 pm

December 18, 2009, IEP's Part II, Phone Workshop Series, 12-1 pm

Presenter is Charlotte Price, WI FACETS

Location: Telephone – Toll-free call to participate

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

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Family Involvement Resources

1. Helping Students Navigate The Path To College: What High Schools Can Do

This new practice guide from The What Works Clearinghouse (WWC) recommends five specific steps that educators, administrators and policy makers can take, beginning in 9th grade, as well as the research evidence that supports these recommendations. It targets high schools and school districts, and focuses on effective practices that prepare students academically for college, assist them in completing the steps to college entry, and improve their likelihood of enrolling in college. A project of the U.S. Department of

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Education, the WWC is a source of scientific evidence for what works in education. The practice guide can be found at http://ies.ed.gov/ncee/wwc/pdf/practiceguides/higher_ed_pg_091509.pdf

2. **In Spanish: Getting Ready For Postsecondary Education?**

The U.S. Department of Education offers Preparacion Para La Educacion Postsecundaria Para Los Estudiantes Con Discapacidades: Conozca Sus Derechos Y Responsabilidades (Students With Disabilities Preparing For Postsecondary Education: Know Your Rights and Responsibilities). <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/transition-sp.html?exp=3>

3. **Beyond Consequences Website**

This website will introduce you to Heather Forbes LCSW and her love based strategies for dealing with challenging and severe behaviors. She is the co-author with Bryan Post of the book *Beyond Consequences, Logic, and Control*. Although the model and the book grew out of attachment issues related to adoption, the strategies, philosophy, and operating principles are useful to challenging behaviors in any context. Free materials are available at <http://www.beyondconsequences.com/articles.html>

4. **Child Care Information Center**

This website is for the parent looking for assistance in finding quality child care. Included are written materials for parents that are free. A list of hot topics serves to keep parents informed on timely issues.

www.dpi.wi.gov/ccic/

5. **Parenting Counts Website**

This website is organized around developmental stages that children go through including baby, toddler, and preschool. Under each stage a variety of resources and information is provided. www.parentingcounts.org

6. **A Place of our Own Website**

Learn about brain development from Dr. Bruce Perry, a researcher and teacher on brain development and its application in learning. The site also provides links as well as downloadable material in and introductory course on brain development.

www.aplaceofourown.org

7. **Wrights Law Website**

This website addresses special education law and advocacy for disability by offering many free articles, advocacy advice, links, and a training calendar.

www.wrightslaw.com

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8. New IRIS Module: Functional Behavior Assessments <http://iris.peabody.vanderbilt.edu/fba/chalcycle.htm>

The newest training module from the IRIS Center explores the basic principles of behavior and the importance of discovering the reasons that students engage in problem behavior. The steps to conducting a functional behavioral assessment and developing a behavior plan are described.

9. Going to College Website

This new website contains information about living college life with a disability. It is designed for high school students. The site provides video clips, activities, and resources that can help them get a head start in planning for college. Video interviews with college students with disabilities offer a way to hear firsthand from students with disabilities who have been successful. Modules include activities that will help students explore more about themselves, learn what to expect from college, and equip them with important considerations and tasks to complete when planning for college. Visit this new website at <http://www.going-to-college.org/>

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