

## Parent Leadership Hub Weekly E-mail for December 3, 2009

### *Parent/Personnel Development Opportunities*

#### **1. Special Needs Resource Fair**

April 24, 2010 from 9:00-12:30 at the Burlington High School, 400 McCanna Parkway Burlington, WI 53105 (Located near the Wellness Center and Burlington Gateway Campus) For more information please contact Kathy Merlo Program Support Teacher/ Resource Fair Chairman at the Waterford Special Education Cooperative/Burlington Area School District [kmerlo@waterforduhs.k12.wi.us](mailto:kmerlo@waterforduhs.k12.wi.us) or 262-758-1734

### *Trainings on the Web*

#### **1. Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Webcast**

A new DPI webcast goes over "[The Nuts and Bolts of Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports \(PBIS\)](#)." PBIS is a systemic approach to proactive, school-wide behavior based on a [Response to Intervention](#) (RtI) model. PBIS applies evidence-based methods to boost achievement, enhance safety, decrease problem behavior, and establish a positive school culture. Schools implementing PBIS build on existing strengths, complementing and organizing current programming and strategies.

### *Family Involvement Resources*

#### **1. New Youth Leadership Guide: Tips from Youth with Disabilities**

A new leadership guide based on tips and recommendations from more than 30 Wisconsin young adults with disabilities is available on the Waisman Center's Natural Supports Project website:

<http://www.waisman.wisc.edu/naturalsupports/pdfs/YouthLeadershipTipSheet.pdf>

The website has many resources that schools, community groups and families can use to encourage and develop programs fostering relationships between youth with and without disabilities. The Natural Supports Project is funded by the Wisconsin Medicaid Infrastructure Grant through the Department of Health Services Office of Independence and Employment and implemented through the Waisman Center.

#### **2. Google YouTube Captioning System**

Google's YouTube has added an automated captioning system and an automatic translation system for 51 languages. This will allow millions of YouTube videos to become available to people who do not speak English but could use the captioning technology to read subtitles in their native language. The captioning technology also allows search of the text, enabling research. To view this feature on the video, "Introduction to Special Education," go to <http://youtube.com/WisconsinDPI> under the playlist of "Parent Info and Tips" or "Special Education." To activate the captions, move the cursor over the arrow at the far right of the control bar under the video screen, then

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up to CC and click. Move the cursor to the left of the CC over the arrow. A menu will appear that includes "Translate captions." Click there and a drop-down menu of languages will appear. Select a language and click on translate. Pictorial directions are included in Google blog site at <http://googlepublicpolicy.blogspot.com/2009/11/automatic-captions-on-youtube.html>.

YouTube video creators can add captions in English to videos by following directions at [http://www.youtube.com/t/captions\\_about](http://www.youtube.com/t/captions_about).

### 3. **Children, Youth and Women's Health Service**

This website focuses on the health, well being and development of children. Topics include how to play with children, weekly updates, support, links, resources, and ideas for creative play. [www.cyh.com](http://www.cyh.com)

### 4. **Nibbles for Health**

The parent link on this website provides nutrition information for young children. Several additional links will take you to other government sites that are related to healthy children and the role of nutrition and play in keeping children healthy, happy, and engaged in productive play activities. [www.fns.usda.gov](http://www.fns.usda.gov)

### 5. **tumblon Website**

This website provides customized developmental information, allows you to record milestones, write stories, upload photos and keep family and friends updated on your child's growth. [www.tumblon.com](http://www.tumblon.com)

### 6. **Pre-K Smarties**

Parents will find education resources, teaching tips, parenting articles, family freebies, and deals on the best educational tools. There is also a free downloadable Baby Tips eBook. [www.preksmarties.com](http://www.preksmarties.com)

### 7. **Universal Pre-School**

Provides parents with information, ideas, and resources for parents who want to give their child a preschool experience within the home [www.universalpreschool.com](http://www.universalpreschool.com)

### 8. **New Q&A on Transportation**

The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) has received requests for clarification of some of the IDEA regulations. A new question and answer document from OSERS on issues related to serving children with disabilities eligible for transportation has recently been published online at <http://idea.ed.gov/explore/home>.

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### 9. Resources on Family Involvement and Vocational Rehabilitation

Materials from "Family Involvement: Research to Practice," a session recently presented by TATRA Staff at the National Council on Rehabilitation Education's October 2009 conference, are now available online at <http://www.pacer.org/tatra/>. This session highlighted strategies promoting family involvement in the transition and vocational rehabilitation processes.

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