

Parent Leadership Hub Weekly E-mail for December 17, 2009

Parent/Personnel Development Opportunities

1. January 21 Community on Transition Meeting Cancelled

The Jan. 21 Community on Transition meeting has been cancelled. The next meeting of the Community will be in June, with a focus on youth transition. Young adults with disabilities will be featured who have participated in a variety of leadership and youth development experiences available in Wisconsin.

Phone Workshops

2. IEP Training Part 2 Telephone Workshop

On Dec. 18, 12 noon-1pm, parents and educators can learn rules and regulations related to creating the Individualized Education Program (IEP) to ensure quality education. Included are: determining present levels of academic and functional performance, writing annual goals, transition considerations, behavioral plans, accommodations in assessments and parent participation. The "IEP Process and Product" workshop is divided into 2 parts. To register call Sandra at 1-877-374-0511 or email smcfarland@wifacets.org.

Family Involvement Resources

1. WorkSupport.com E-Newsletter

Information, resources and research about work and disability issues. Go to http://www.worksupport.com/news/ws_120309.html to view the newsletter.

2. Creating Welcoming Schools: A Practical Guide to Home-School Partnerships with Diverse Families (Paperback)

JoBeth Allen (Professor of Language and Literacy Education, University of Georgia) presents *Creating Welcoming Schools: A Practical Guide to Home-School Partnerships with Diverse Families*, a useful resource that explains how schools and diverse families across America have entered into constructive partnerships to improve student learning. Intended for teachers, parents, and school administrators, *Creating Welcoming Schools* covers such options as writing cultural memoirs, inviting dialogue at the conference table, engaging families in classroom projects, collaborating for more democratic schools and a more democratic society, and much more. Available for purchase on www.amazon.com.

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3. What is Career Cruising?

Career Cruising offers a suite of online career guidance and planning tools designed for people of all ages. Using our tools, you can find the right career, explore education and training options, build your own portfolio, manage your school's course selection process, or set up a career development network in your community. Learn more about all of these possibilities on our Products page. For more information, go to <http://www.careercruising.com/>.

4. Systems of Care – Family Drive

The federally funded Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services Program for Children and Their Families is supported by a number of technical assistance, evaluation, research and training centers. Leaders from these projects, representatives from the funded communities, and staff from the Child, Adolescent and Family Branch of the Center for Mental Health Services, comprise the Council for Collaboration and Coordination which is known generally as the CCC¹. At its Spring meeting in 2004, the CCC recognized the need for a clear definition of the term “family-driven” for use by systems of care and asked the Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health to take the lead in developing one. For more information, go to <http://systemsofcare.samhsa.gov/headermenu/familydriven.aspx>

5. Project Summer Tips and Resources

Project Summer, a three-year transition research project at Waisman Center focused on improving summer employment for youth with disabilities, has a new tip sheet with ideas on how transition staff can strengthen relationships and partnerships with youth, families, other school staff, and the broader community. The tips are located on the Project Summer website at: http://projectsummer.info/Project_Summer/Tips.html

The Project Summer resource page link at http://projectsummer.info/Project_Summer/Resources.html

also has useful resources, including:

- A one-hour video presentation of Project Summer findings and recommendations;
- Two presentations by Erin Riehle on Project Search
- Person-centered planning tool
- Community resource map examples
- Community Conversation report summaries
- Useful transition links, and more

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