

Parent Leadership Hub Weekly E-mail for January 7, 2010

Parent/Personnel Development Opportunities

1. Autism Society of WI 2010 Conference

March 18th-20th

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.

Family Involvement Resources

1. Model Communities Mini Grant Announcement

The Model Communities project, funded by the *Wisconsin Medicaid Infrastructure Grant* through the Department of Health Services is looking for people with innovative ideas on how to make their community more welcoming and inclusive of all people, including people with disabilities. The goal of the Model Communities project is to discover promising approaches to include people with disabilities more *fully* and *naturally* in school, work, and community activities. Contact Jennifer Neugart, Outreach Specialist University of WI-Madison Waisman Center at 608-266-8778 or e-mail jennifer.neugart@wisconsin.gov.

Critical dates:

- Applications must be postmarked February 1, 2010.
- Award notifications will be released February 8, 2010.

2. Youth and Health: Public Discussions and Personal Decisions

Teens are not very active when it comes to health policy, but that doesn't mean they are not interested. The youth-written online magazine, "What Kids Can Do", reports on how teens seek out information about key topics including sexual health, mental illness and healthy eating. To access the magazine go to

http://www.whatkidscando.org/featurestories/2009/10_youth_and_health/index.html

3. CD Available on Healthy Relationships

The Riot! has released its latest audio CD from their National Conversation on Healthy Relationships teleconference series. All three 90 minute conversations are available on one audio CD. For more information go to <http://www.hsri.org/leaders/theriot/Riot%20Website/riot%20pics/hredorderform.pdf>

4. Special Quest Birth-Five

This is web site provides many on-line personnel development opportunities for parents and professionals. www.specialquest.org

5. National Early Childhood Transition Center

Transition issues are addressed using articles and links. Go to

<http://www.hdi.uky.edu/nectc/home.aspx?redirect=yes>

The Parent Leadership Hub Weekly E-mail is archived at <http://www.wispdg.org/pl/e-news.html>

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- 6. From Neurons to Neighborhoods- The Science of Early Childhood Development**
Google this book and you will be routed to the National Academic Press (Book Publisher) website. You will be able to read the entire book or specific topics within it.
http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=9824
- 7. New Guidelines for Data**
The U.S. Department of Education has established new guidelines regarding the collection of data on race and ethnicity for public school students and staff.
<http://dpi.wi.gov/lbstat/dataracfaq.html>
- 8. AT Quick Guide and Other Publications**
Guide targets children ages 0-8 and cover areas such as communication, adaptive skills and cognition, fine motor, gross motor, self-help, and sensory development.
<http://jfkpartners.org/PUBLICATIONS.asp#ATQuickGuide>
- 9. Just Being Kids (video)**
This video addresses Birth to Three environments and can be ordered at <http://media-products.com/catalog/just-being-kids-version-p-33.html> A Facilitator's Guide to Accompany the Videotape (2001) by Larry Edelman can be downloaded for free at: http://jfkpartners.org/content/PDF/Just_Being_Kids%20Facilitators%20Guide.pdf
- 10. Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services**
This website offers a collection of materials to help decide if children may need special services. Go to: <http://clas.uiuc.edu/special/childfind/index.html>
- 11. Wisconsin Chapter of NAPVI**
A Wisconsin state affiliate of the National Association for Parents of Children with Visual Impairments (NAPVI) will officially get parents connected and keep them informed. <http://www.wifvi.webs.com/>
- 12. Wisconsin First Step Help Book 2010**
Directories of Services for Children with Special Needs are now available on-line at: www.mch-hotlines.org. Five regional directories are available, each serving specific counties in Wisconsin. Directories are produced in "real-time" with the most up-to-date information provided at the time they are downloaded. For information or assistance in downloading the directories please contact Teresa Halverson or Karen Brandt at Wisconsin First Step; 1-800-642-7837 or wispubhealth@mch-hotlines.org
- 13. Disability Friendly Colleges**
"Disability-Friendly Colleges: A Guide for Students with Physical Disabilities" is an online college guide for students with physical disabilities containing interactive charts of the most disability friendly colleges and profiles of the colleges that provide services necessary for students with physical disabilities to live on campus. The Guide can be

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found at <http://www.disabilityfriendlycolleges.com/>

14. Preparing For an Emergency

A guide from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security on how to prepare for an emergency and what to consider if you or a family member has a disability includes a list of recommended emergency supplies, how to make a plan and the importance of staying informed about the types of emergencies that are likely to affect your area. This information sheet is available in English at http://www.ready.gov/america/downloads/PrinterFriendly_DisabilitesSpecialNeeds.pdf or in Spanish at http://www.ready.gov/america/downloads/PrinterFriendly_DisabilitiesSpecialNeeds_E_S.pdf