

Parent Leadership Hub Weekly E-mail for January 14, 2010

Parent/Personnel Development Opportunities

1. Autism: A Day with the Experts in Madison

“Optimizing Outcomes for Children and Families”

Saturday, January 30, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (complimentary coffee & bagels at 8:30 a.m.) at the Friends of the Waisman Center Auditorium. 1500 Highland Ave. Madison WI 53705

Free Admission and parking, everyone welcome, please pre-register.

Go to <http://www.autismmadison.org/workshops.htm> for more information

2. SMART Boards and Inclusion in Wisconsin Dells

April 12, 2010 from 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Wintergreen Resort & Conference Center, WI Dells

Alex Dunn, from Ottawa, Canada will be sharing the results of the 2nd year of a dynamic project that used SMART Boards in general education classrooms and included teachers trained in using software (Boardmaker plus, Clicker, IntelliTools Classroom Suite, Kurzweil, etc.). At the end of the first year, the teacher and students, including students receiving special education, all made phenomenal progress. Alex will share their results, model, examples, and video clips. For more information go to: http://web.cesa5.k12.wi.us/event_view.cfm?eventid=1158

3. Circles of Life Conference in Stevens Point

Save the date for the Circles of Life conference on April 29 and 30 at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point. The morning of the 29th is a pre-conference. The full conference starts with lunch that day and includes sessions and keynotes. Friday includes keynote speakers and sessions. The brochure and registration will be available later in the year at <http://www.wfv.org/circle/>

4. Families First Event in Milwaukee

Milwaukee Public Schools invites families to join them January 20, 2010 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. for information on the topics below:

Language! Support for Parents

Unique Support for Parents

School-Home Connections: Easy Reading and Writing Activities for Families

Milwaukee Public Schools, 5225 W. Vliet Street, Milwaukee

RSVP to (414) 475-8467

Family Involvement Resources

1. Request for Proposal – Pathways to Independence Regional Grants

The Pathways to Independence project within the Wisconsin Department of Health

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Services, Division of Long Term Care is offering grant funds up to \$480,000 statewide through Regional Grants to decrease barriers to and increase opportunities for competitive, integrated employment in order to support people with disabilities in achieving their desired employment outcomes. The Pathways to Independence Regional Grant project is funded by the Wisconsin Medicaid Infrastructure Grant (MIG).

The Request for Proposal (RFP) is attached in both PDF and Word versions and will also be posted to the DHS website at <http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/rfp/index.htm#DLTC>.

The due date for proposals is March 8th.

The estimated start date for awards is April 20th.

Questions regarding this RFP should be directed to Sarah

Lincoln at sarah.lincoln@dhs.wisconsin.gov who is serving as the RFP manager.

2. **Autism, Parents and Children: Autism Support Network**

[Video: Life with autism, my son's journey is my hardest fight.](#)

Lauri Perry, mom to two sons, one with autism tells the story of her life five years later.

Read more: <http://www.autismsupportnetwork.com/news/category/parents-and-friends#ixzz0cPd5EiHk>

3. **Guideposts for Success in Spanish**

The National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability/Youth (NCWD/Youth) has published Spanish versions of its Guideposts publications: "Guia para el Exito", "Empleador Guia--Estandard para el Exito", "Consultas sobre Discapacidades en el Systema de Desarrollo de la Fuerza" and "El Sistema de Desarrollo de la Fuerza Laboral y el Desarrollo Profesional de los Practicantes de Servicios para Jóvenes: ¿Porqué el Desarrollo Profesional?" The Guideposts can be found at <http://www.ncwd-youth.info/guideposts>

4. **Transition from College to High School Podcast**

The Disability Law Lowdown website has posted a podcast called Transitioning from High School to College for Students with Disabilities. Interviews are conducted about facts, myths, and tips for students with disabilities transitioning from high school to college. The podcast is available in two parts:

<http://dll.ada-podcasts.com/shownotes/DLLPod35.php> and

<http://dll.ada-podcasts.com/shownotes/DLLPod36.php>

5. **Identifying Students Eligible for SSI Pass Plans at IEP Meetings**

Many transition-aged students with disabilities are receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI), which is a financial benefit available to families who meet income and

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resource requirements and who have a child with a disability. SSI has several Work Incentive programs that could provide resources to eligible students to assist them in obtaining, advancing, or maintaining employment. Plans for Achieving Self Support (PASS plans) are one such work incentive program. This podcast is available at http://ruralinstitute.umt.edu/training/publications/fact_sheets/student_eligibility.asp

6. **Think-Plan-Do Encourages Self-Determination**

The State of California Department of Developmental Services has released a guide that can be helpful for anyone with disabilities looking for leadership tips. The Think-Plan-Do guide presents a simple plan for participating in the direction of your future and establishing leadership goals. It includes tips on everything from decision making to managing money. For more information go to <http://www.dds.ca.gov/ConsumerCorner/ThinkPlanDo.cfm>

7. **"The Best Journal to Adult Life"**

The "Best Journey to Adult Life" is a model that represents the dynamic and ever-changing developmental process of a young person's life course, with the transition to adulthood depicted as an important 'journey'. Best Practice Guidelines for the transition to adulthood for youth with disabilities have been written using the words of youth, parents, community members, service providers, educators and researchers in Ontario, Canada. The Guidelines are organized into six main themes: Collaboration, Capacity-building, Navigation, Education, Information, and Research. For more information go to <http://transitions.canchild.ca/en/OurResearch/resources/BestPractices.pdf>

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