

Parent Leadership Hub Weekly E-mail for February 11, 2010

Parent/Personnel Development Opportunities

1. WI FACETS February Trainings in Milwaukee and Racine

February 19: Basic Rights Introduction Support group and training

Presenter: Linda Rodriguez, Time: 10a.m.-12p.m.

Location: MLK Center – Racine, WI

Information: 1-877-374-0511; smcfarland@wifacets.org

February 20: Milwaukee Support Group & Training, IEP's

Federal/state rules and regulations related to creating the IEP to ensure quality education for your child. Included are: what is an IEP, who is on the IEP team, role of IEP team, evaluation, timeline, What is in the IEP (present levels of academic achievement & functional performance, annual goals, reporting progress, types & amounts of services, assessments, transition, special factors, where to write the amount and type of services, and procedural safeguards.

Presenters: Jenny Stonemeier/Veronica Nolden, Time: 10 a.m. -12 noon

Location: WI FACETS Office, 2714 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Dr., Milwaukee

Information: 414-374-4645, Sandra McFarland, smcfarland@wifacets.org

February 27: Latino Autism Group & Training, What You Need to Know about Medications

Support group for Spanish-speaking families who have children with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Co-Sponsors: WI FACETS & Autism Society of SE WI

Presenter: Martha Lechuga, Time: 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Location: Milwaukee

Information: 1-414-374-4645 ext 131 Martha Lechuga or ext.124 Nelsinia Ramos
nramos@wifacets.org or s; Activities for children available.

2. Keys to Success Conference in Osceola

Saturday, March 27, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Providing resources and information for parents, caregivers, educators and service providers of children with special needs, ages 3 - 21. Conference Topics: IEP's Basic and Beyond, Mental Health, Life after High School, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, Behavior Support. Keynote Speaker Glenis Benson, PhD

Osceola Middle School, 1029 Oak Ridge Drive, Osceola, WI

Sponsors include Wisconsin Statewide Parent Educator Initiative, CESA 11 Parent Liaisons and Area School Districts

This event is free. Watch for flyers in Late February.

For more information, contact your local school district's Director of Special Education

or: Pat Rynda • (715) 262-3065 • patr@cesa11.K12.wi.us

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To register contact: Barb Garling • CESA 11: 715-986-2020, ext. 2168 •
barbg@cesa11.k12.wi.us

3. Sibshops in Milwaukee

Easter Seals Southeast Wisconsin and the Autism Society of Southeastern Wisconsin will offer another session of Sibshops. The location will be at Easter Seals—Holler Park, 5151 S. 6th St., Milwaukee, WI 53221 from 9:00am-12:30. Dates are: Saturday, February 20, 2010, Saturday, March 20, 2010, Saturday, April 17th, 2010, Saturday, May 15, 2010

The workshops are limited to 15 children per class, and are on a first come, first serve basis, however a minimum of 8 children is needed to conduct the workshops. A \$20 fee per child is required upon returning the registration form, and is only refundable if sessions are not conducted. Any questions, please contact Rachel Konetzke at, 414-482-0133 ext. 224. Deadline for registration is Wednesday, February 10, 2010

4. Recreation and Respite Resource Fair in Waukesha County

Special Services Advisory Committee presents an informational resource fair, free of charge, for families of children with special needs.

Saturday, March 13, 2010 from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Steinhafels Community Room, Hwy. 94 and Hwy. F

For further information contact: Heidi Schwendimann: 262-548-7353

hschwendimann@waukeshacounty.gov

5. Leadership Development Series in WI Dells

Mobilizing for Employment is a leadership development initiative focused on integrated employment. Please note, this is not a job developer training. People with disabilities, parents of people with disabilities, agency staff and anyone who has demonstrated leadership skills, strong community connections and a belief that all people with disabilities can and should work in the community may apply. Attendance at meetings on these dates are a requirement:

- Friday, March 19, 4:00 to 8:00 pm and Saturday, March 20, 9:00 to 3:30 pm
- May 14, 9:00 to 3:30 pm, location TBD
- August 27, 9:00 to 3:30 pm, location TBD
- October 22, 9:00 to 3:30 pm, location TBD

To apply, e-mail a completed application by 4:30 pm on February 22, 2010. For an application, please go to http://www.eri-wi.org/Projects/2010_Leadership/MobilizingForEmploymentFlyer_Final.pdf

Applicants must obtain at least one recommendation from someone who can specifically address your leadership and community building skills, using this form: <http://www.eri->

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[wi.org/Projects/2010_Leadership/
MobilizingForEmploymentRecommendationForm_Final.pdf](http://wi.org/Projects/2010_Leadership/MobilizingForEmploymentRecommendationForm_Final.pdf)

E-mail questions to Jenny Neugart, Jennifer.neugart@wisconsin.gov, 608-266-8778 or
Deb Wisniewski, scgwis@gmail.com, 608-345-4761

Trainings on the Web

1. 2010 Webinar Conference Series: Sexuality Education for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities: Information for Teachers, Parents, and Residential Personnel

Weekly Sessions: February 24; March 3, 10, 17, and 24 (Wednesdays)

Time: 3:00 PM- 4:30 PM Eastern

This TASH adult-focused webinar series will provide information, guidance, and instructional directions for teaching people with intellectual disabilities about sexuality and related issues. The webinar will be based on relevant research literature as well as the research and experience of the presenters.

Price: TASH members \$75/ session; \$337.50/series

Non-members \$115/session; \$515/ series

Price is per site (no limit on the number of participants) and includes the use of one phone line.

To register, see <http://www.tash.org/DEV/TashStore/docs/SexualityRegistrationForm.pdf>

For questions contact Karen at Kbuford@tash.org

Phone Workshops

1. WI FACETS Phone Trainings for February

February 15: Parent Leadership Series: Finding Your Personal Style

Presenter: Dawn Wians, Time: 12-1 p.m.

February 16: Bullying & Harassment Topic

Topics include types of bullying, how to talk to children about bullying, related laws, intervention strategies including using the IEP, record keeping, and the role of school policy to respond to and prevent bullying

Presenter: Mary Sobczak, Time: 7-8 p.m.

February 22: Supporting Young Children w/ Challenging Behaviors Module 2

Presenter: Marlea Linse, Time: 12-1:30 p.m.

February 23: Individual Education Plans – Part I (Spanish)

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Presenter: Martha Lechuga, Time: 12-1p.m.

Location: Telephone – Toll-free call to participate

For more information on the listed above workshops, call 1-877-374-0511; or e-mail Sandra McFarland at smcfarland@wifacets.org

Register 1 week in advance. Workshop materials & call-in information will be mailed

Family Involvement Resources

1. Safelink Wireless

Safelink Wireless is a government-supported program that provides a free cell phone and airtime each month for income-eligible customers. The service is available in Wisconsin. See <https://www.safelinkwireless.com/EnrollmentPublic/home.aspx>

2. College Living Experience A College Program for Students with Special Needs

College Living Experience (CLE) helps students with special needs prepare for life as independent adults. Young adults with disabilities can successfully transition to independent adulthood with tailored support. CLE helps special needs students attend universities, community colleges and technical and vocational schools near one of the five CLE locations across the country by providing support in three areas: academics, social skills and independent living skills. For more information go to <http://www.experiencecle.com/home.aspx>

3. The Virtual History Museum

VHM is a web-based history-learning environment, developed to help all students, including those with mild disabilities, learn and like history. The VHM helps teachers create motivating, inquiry-based history units. It also contains a number of features that support students' learning and make it feasible for to differentiate instruction for the diverse needs of students in inclusive history classrooms. <http://vhm.msu.edu/site/default.php>

4. Summer Camps: General Camp Info and Opportunities

American Camp Association

www.campparents.org

Association of Independent Camps

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www.aiccamps.org

Camp Channel

www.campchannel.com/campers/search

The CampPage Guide to Summer Camps

www.camppage.com/

Kids' Camps

www.kidscamps.com

Summer Camp Search

<http://summercamps.com/cgi-bin/summercamps/search.cgi>

5. Camps for Children with Special Needs

Camps that are described as supporting children with specific types of disabilities. The list is alphabetized according to the disabilities mentioned.

Cancer

<http://www.acor.org/ped-onc/cfissues/camps.html>

Deaf or Hard of Hearing

<http://tinyurl.com/yzk3ngx>

Diabetes

www.childrenwithdiabetes.com/camps

Diabetes

<http://www.diabetescamps.org/>

Easter Seals Directory of Day and Residential Camps

http://www.easterseals.com/site/PageServer?pagename=ntl_directory_camprec

Special Needs Camps

http://www.mysummercamps.com/camps/Special_Needs_Camps/index.html

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<http://tinyurl.com/yzr66da>

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