

## Parent Leadership Hub Weekly E-mail for February 18, 2010

### *Parent/Personnel Development Opportunities*

#### **1. Call for Parents in Partnership and YiPPE Proposals 2010-2011**

The Call for *Parents in Partnership* (PIP) proposals and the Call for *Youth in Partnership with Parents for Empowerment* (YiPPE) proposals for the 2010-2011 year are on the WSPEI website at [http://www.dpi.wi.gov/sped/par\\_partn.html](http://www.dpi.wi.gov/sped/par_partn.html) . Proposals must be submitted by March 17, 2010 to: WSPEI, Attn: Martha DeYoung, P.O. Box 564, Portage, WI 53901. For more information call 608/742-8814 ext. 25 or e-mail [deyoungm@cesa5.k12.wi.us](mailto:deyoungm@cesa5.k12.wi.us)

*PIP* is a four or five part leadership opportunity for parents, foster parents, or other care givers who have children with special needs, 6-14 years old. These proposals can be submitted from communities or parent groups that would like to host a Parents in Partnership training. WSPEI will fund a limited number of PIP trainings.

*YiPPE* is the only known program in the country to simultaneously train youth with disabilities in transition ages 15-20 along with their parents. For the 2010-2011 school year YiPPE is seeking proposals from school districts, communities, parent groups or agencies that would like to host a YiPPE program. The group must provide a commitment of funding to cover the cost for the youth part of the program. Please see the website for details.

#### **2. Family Led Employment Workshop**

March 1, 2010 Eau Claire

March 2, 2010 Ashland

March 3, 2010 Marshfield

Join Anne O'Bryan - from the United Kingdom, as she presents a process based on team Building and Community Inclusion work of Connie Lyle O'Brien and the Customized Employment planning process by Michael Callahan and other innovators as Griffin-Hammis Associates. Please attend the invitation event to see if you would be interested in being involved with a series of workshops. There is no fee. Call Shannon at (608) 318-0700 or [shannonm@pcsdane.org](mailto:shannonm@pcsdane.org) or contact the facilitator in your area:

Eau Claire: Terri Larson-Baxter at 715-874-4961 or [tlbaxter3@wwt.net](mailto:tlbaxter3@wwt.net)

Ashland: Deanna Yost at 715-682-7171 or [dyost@nhnorth.com](mailto:dyost@nhnorth.com)

Marshfield: Pam Ironside at 715-423-7182 or [ironkids@wetc.net](mailto:ironkids@wetc.net)

#### **3. Estate Planning for Special Needs Family Members in Sheboygan**

Navigate the maze of legal and financial complexities surrounding planning for the future of children with special needs. Presented by Stanislav Krakovyak, Financial Representative and Mike Russo, Financial Planner, Metdesk – a division of MetLife. Tuesday, March 9, 2010 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. at the Mead Public Library, Rocca Room, 710 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Sheboygan.

For questions, call Hearthstone of Wisconsin at 920-451-3179.

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### 4. **Save the Date: WCCF's Annual Advocacy Camp in Madison**

April 14-15, 2010

Bethel Lutheran Church, Madison

Build your advocacy skills in a fun and relaxed atmosphere

Dynamic guest speakers

Networking with other advocates

Capitol visit

Information on Advocacy Camp 2010 will be available soon at <http://www.wccf.org/>

### 5. **Ethics and Boundaries in Support Relationships**

Peter Leidy and Mark Sweet present this four hour training in several locations. Areas of exploration include how power and control become aspects of support relationships, the relationship between unwanted behavior and assertiveness, and the kinds of questions that make us think about what we are doing. Registration Fee: \$35 per person

Details can be found at: <http://ddnetworkinc.org/id4.html> Registration form and additional information can be found at: <http://ddnetworkinc.org/E&B2010.pdf>. Questions can be sent to [registrations@ddnetworkinc.org](mailto:registrations@ddnetworkinc.org).

### 6. **Circles of Life Conference Scholarships**

Scholarship applications for the April 29-30 *Circles of Life* Conference became available February 1, 2010. Obtain scholarship applications by contacting John Shaw by phone at 608-266-7707, or by e-mail at [john@elsieshaw.org](mailto:john@elsieshaw.org). Return completed scholarship applications as instructed no later than March 5, 2010.

## *Trainings on the Web*

### 1. **Transition Program for Families, Youth, and Professionals**

The PEATC NEXT STEPS transition-training program *Building Effective Partnerships & Accessing Resources* is offered to help families, youth with disabilities, and professionals develop effective partnerships while learning how to tap into valuable community resources. All webinars are Free and begin at 2:00pm EST.

To view the upcoming dates or to register visit: [www.nextsteps.peatc.org](http://www.nextsteps.peatc.org)

Continuing Education Units (CEUs) and Continuing Rehabilitation Credits (CRCs) are available. For more information, call the Parent Educational Advocacy Training Center at 1-800- 869-6782 (toll free) or email [partners@peatc.org](mailto:partners@peatc.org)

## *Family Involvement Resources*

### 1. **New Youth Website**

Wisconsin Youth First is the first-of-its-kind website developed by youth, for youth.

This website at [www.wiyouthfirst.org](http://www.wiyouthfirst.org) was created so youth had one place to go to get all the info they needed about school, work, and leadership activities. It's also a place for youth from all over the state to connect with each other. The website features a calendar of youth activities, Google Groups chat, YouTube Channel, information on working,

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college, relationships, and much more. Families and professionals will also find the site useful for finding information geared toward youth. For more information, contact [wiyouthfirst@gmail.com](mailto:wiyouthfirst@gmail.com).

### 2. **Statewide Opportunities for Youth with Disabilities**

Attached you will find information on Statewide Opportunities for Youth with Disabilities. If you were unable to receive the attachment, you can e-mail [Phyllis@banbury.com](mailto:Phyllis@banbury.com) and she can send you the attachment separately.

### 3. **Natural Supports Project is Looking for Youth Stories**

The Natural Supports Project at the Waisman Center is looking for stories of youth ages 14-18 with developmental disabilities (intellectual disability, autism, multiple disabilities) who are currently employed in community-based, competitive-wage jobs to be featured in a set of transition stories. Youth, their family members, teachers, friends, and other community members would be interviewed and featured in these stories. Of special interest are stories where youth receive natural supports at their job, in school, and in the community; and stories of youth who are active in a variety of activities in their communities with natural supports. For more information, visit this link:

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

### 4. **Podcast on Self-Advocacy for High School Students with Disabilities**

The Disability Law Lowdown Project is a set of podcasts that provide up-to-date information on the Americans with Disabilities Act and related disability laws. The newest podcast discusses a new information sheet published by the Pacer Center ([www.pacer.org](http://www.pacer.org)) that provides valuable information for high schoolers about how to plan for their future by taking an active role in IEP meetings and transition planning, whether the transition is to employment, post-secondary education, or independent living. The podcast is available at [www.DisabilityLawLowdown.com](http://www.DisabilityLawLowdown.com), as well as on iTunes. Listen directly from a computer or download it to an MP3 player.

The Disability Law Lowdown is a project of the national network of ten ADA Centers across the country, offering technical assistance and training in the Americans with Disabilities Act and other disability-related laws. Contact the Center that serves you by calling 1.800.949.4232 v/tty. The Disability Law Lowdown is available in English, Spanish, and American Sign Language.

### 5. **Updated Family Voices of Wisconsin Website**

Family Voices of Wisconsin, home of Wisconsin's Family to Family Health Information and Education Network, has a new, greatly enhanced website with resources on health care and community supports, parent leadership, advocacy and training opportunities. Go to [www.fvofwi.org](http://www.fvofwi.org).

### 6. **Wisconsin Department of Health Services State Website on Health Issues**

Wisconsin Department of Health Services is a state website with current information on

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health issues. There is an A-Z topic list, programs and services and references. Current topics such as childhood obesity are also addressed on this site. <http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/health/physicalactivity/index.htm>

### 7. National Head Start Association

National Head Start Association offers news and advocacy information, describe various service delivery options, and research. <http://www.nhsa.org/>

### 8. Reach Out and Read Center Website

The Reach out and Read Center (ROR) is a national organization of pediatricians and pediatric nurse practitioners who promote literacy to the families in their practice. In the first two years of life, pediatricians interface more with families than any other agency. The web site is rich with resources including literacy milestones, reading tips, books for children, and books for parents. <http://www.reachoutandread.org/>

### 9. Reading Resources for Spanish-Speaking Parents

*Get Ready to Read!* recently launched a new section on its Web site that provides resources to assist Spanish-speaking parents in helping their children build early literacy and learning skills before kindergarten. It also offers practical tips to help parents communicate with educators and day care providers about their child's developmental progress. To learn more, go to [http://getreadytoread.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=98&Itemid=107](http://getreadytoread.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=98&Itemid=107)

### 10. Preliminary Draft Revisions to the DSM-5

The American Psychiatric Association has released preliminary draft revisions to its Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5) and is inviting comments from both professionals and the general public until April 20, 2010. The proposed revisions include using the term Intellectual Disability in place of Mental Retardation, as well as including Asperger's syndrome and Pervasive Developmental Disorder under the broader diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorders. To view all proposed revisions and to submit comments, go to <http://www.dsm5.org/Pages/Default.aspx>