

Parent Leadership Hub Weekly E-mail for February 25, 2010

Parent/Personnel Development Opportunities

1. WI FACETS March Trainings

March 24: Workshop: W.E. I.N.D.I.A.N.S Gather & Feast: How to Handle Stress
Presenter: Laurene Lusk, Time: 5:30-8 p.m., Location: Serb Hall, Milwaukee
Information: 414-902-7312 Talia Rosales or Richanda Kaquatosh,
kaquate@milwaukee.k12.wi.us ; Register 1 week in advance.

March 19: MLK Center – Racine: Personal Involvement Workshop Support group and training
Presenter: Linda Rodriguez, Time: 10a.m.-12p.m., Location: MLK Center – Racine, WI
Information: 877-374-0511; smcfarland@wifacets.org

March 20: Milwaukee Support Group & Training, Strategies- Challenging Behaviors
Presenter: Veronica Nolden/Jenny Stonemeier, Time: 10a.m.-12 p.m.
Location: WI FACETS Office, 2714 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Dr., Milwaukee
Information: 414-374-4645; smcfarland@wifacets.org

March 27: Latino Autism Support Group & Training, Understanding Autism
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: 10a.m.-12 p.m., Location: Milwaukee
Information: 414-374-4645 ext 124 Nelsinia Ramos or ext 131 Martha Lechuga;
nramos@wifacets.org or mlechuga@wifacets.org Activities for children available.

2. Cutting Edge Open House & Inclusion Fair in Madison

On March 15, 2010, the Cutting Edge, a college program for students with significant disabilities on the Edgewood College Campus in Madison, is having a spring open house for prospective students, their teachers, families, and anyone interested in getting more information. Here is a link to the flyer, and the flyer itself has a link to the actual program with more details: <http://www.edgewood.edu/events/cuttingEdge/default.asp>

3. Fundamentals of Family Involvement Workshop – CESA #8

March 16, 2010 at CESA 8 in Gillett. Check in 8:00 am, Workshop 8:30 am – 3:30 pm. Educators and family members committed to developing and maintaining strong school-family-community partnerships. School and district leadership teams are encouraged to attend. No special background needed. This training is open to all Wisconsin school communities. No Cost–(Includes handouts, refreshments, and lunch). Online registration is necessary to allow for planning for lunch and preparation of handouts.

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Registration Deadline: March 8, 2010 Limited Seating. To view more information go to <http://www.mylearningplan.com/WebReg/ActivityProfile.asp?D=13727&H=1&I=618096> or to register for all locations and all REACH workshops, please visit www.cesa7.k12.wi.us and click on the “register chalkboard” icon and follow registration instructions. For questions, please contact: Chris Larson, 920-617-5628 or email: clarson@cesa7.k12.wi.us

4. 2010 Self-Advocacy Series - Milwaukee

Sponsored by Wisconsin FACETS & Independence First, these workshops are especially for transition-aged students with disabilities, parents, educators and service providers.

Location: Independence First, 540 S. 1st St., Milwaukee, WI 53204

All sessions are FREE. Registrations: Contact Matthew Zellmer @ 414-374-4645 or mzellmer@wifacets.org

Session 1: Social Skills in the Workplace

Tuesday, March 16, 2010 6-8pm

Staff from Independence First will conduct mock interviews to help you brush up on your interview skills to help you get a job. Participants will also learn about how the Work Incentive Program can benefit them.

Session 2: Healthy Relationships

Tuesday, March 30, 2010 6-8pm

Jolynn Woerher from Sojourner Family Peace Center will talk about how to have healthy and safe relationships of all kinds.

Session 3: Youth Leadership

Tuesday, April 13, 2010 6-8pm

Beth Swedeen from the Waisman Center will talk about how to develop your leadership skills and how parents and teachers can help!

5. Creating The Vision: Transition Planning for Students With Disabilities – Two Training Opportunities

Monday, March 22, 2010 from 6:00-8:00 pm at Dodgeville High School, 912 W Chapel Street, Dodgeville, WI 53533 (Please register by Monday, March 15) or

Tuesday, March 23, 2010 from 6:00-8:00 pm at Potosi High School, 128 Hwy 61 N, Potosi, WI 53820 (Please register by Tuesday, March 16)

This workshop is intended for parents, students, caregivers of youth who are receiving special education services, teachers, administrators, paraprofessionals and others who are involved in the transition process. This workshop will help participants learn what needs to be incorporated into the IEP in order for a successful transition to take place, help families and schools create a vision for the future, guide participants through a set of

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coordinated activities to enhance the transition process and inform participants about transition services and available supports for a successful transition.

Sponsored by: Cooperative Educational Service Agency #3, CESA #3

Wisconsin Statewide Parent Educator Initiative, WSPEI

Wisconsin Teaching Standard: 8 Indicator: 13

Workshop is FREE! Registration is Required, To Register contact: Martha Hestad at 800-261-0000 ext 206 or via email: mhestad@cesa3.k12.wi.us

6. Conference on Native American and Hmong Cultures in La Crosse

The 7th Annual Widening the Circle/Act 31 Teacher Education Symposium will be held April 15-17, 2010 in La Crosse, WI. The symposium seeks to be a resource for educators and gives participants the opportunity to meet Native and Hmong elders and educators, build relationships, provide a solid resource base to learn about Native and Hmong cultures, contemporary and historical issues, sovereignty, Indigenous educational practices, identify bias, privilege and stereotypes and authenticate resources to infuse a more meaningful and inclusive curriculum within a context of critical multicultural pedagogy to address problems in education and current issues. For a brochure, see <http://www.uwlax.edu/native/Widening%20the%20Circle%20Brochure%202010.pdf> For information regarding the conference contact Samantha Lawien, 608-797-0159 or indigenouseducation@gmail.com or visit <http://www.edtech.uwlax.edu/ocs/index.php/wtc/tes>

Phone Workshops

1. WI FACETS Phone Trainings for March

March 1: Parent Leadership Series: Collaborative Teams

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

March 2: Individual Education Plans- Part II (Spanish). Federal/state rules and regulations related to creating the IEP to ensure quality education. Continues from where Part I ends, so best to take Part I first, but not required. Part II provides definition and examples of what IEP might include as “Special Education” services, “Related Services,” “Supplementary Aids & Services,” Program Modifications & Supports for School Personnel,” and where to write the amount of these services in the IEP. Also includes Procedural Safeguards (as, notices required).

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

March 3: Volunteer Parent Leader Training, IEP’s – Part 2

Presenter: Jenny Stonemeier, Time: 12-1 p.m.

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March 9: Positive Behavior Interventions

Presenter: Nic Dibble, DPI Staff, Time: 7-8 p.m.

March 15: Parent Leadership Series: Stages of Group Development

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

March 18: Section 504 and ADA

Children with disabilities may be eligible for special education and related services under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. Learn about ADA and public school issues. Includes resources, as ADA/Section 504/IDEA chart, fact sheets, etc.

Presenter: Elliott Marks, Time: 12-1 p.m.

March 22: Supporting Young Children w/ Challenging Behaviors Module 3

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

March 29: Parent Leadership Series: Leading Effective Meetings

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

March 31: Building Partnerships: Creating Agreement

Presenter: Jan Serak/Nissan Bar-Lev, Time: 12-1 p.m.

(Please Note: This was originally scheduled for March 10th, and was rescheduled for March 31st)

April 1: Building Partnerships: Creating Agreement (Spanish)

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

(Please Note: This was originally scheduled for March 11th, and was rescheduled for April 1st)

For more information on any of the above listed Phone Workshops, call Sandra McFarland at 877-374-0511 or e-mail smcfarland@wifacets.org or you can visit <http://www.wifacets.org/events.htm>. Please register 1 week in advance. Workshop materials & call-in information will be mailed.

Family Involvement Resources

1. College Resources for Students with Disabilities

UW Madison has resources, including scholarships, through the McBurney Center for students with disabilities. Their website is: <http://www.mcburney.wisc.edu/>
Another resource for students with developmental disabilities, their families and their teachers is Think College, <http://www.thinkcollege.net/>

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2. Evidence-based Practices in Educating Children with Autism

The National Professional Development Center on Autism Spectrum Disorders has identified 24 evidence-based practices for educating children with autism. Interventions that researchers have shown to be effective are called evidence-based practices. Evidence-based practice (EBP) briefs have been developed for all 24 identified evidence-based practices. One of the most recently posted is Parent-Implemented Intervention. A list with links to all the practices is found at <http://autismpdc.fpg.unc.edu/content/briefs> . Online modules for some of the 24 identified EBP are also linked to the site. The module components are consistent with research on how adults learn. Information is presented at a universal reading level with activities providing support to those with introductory or advanced knowledge on ASD. The modules are available at no cost to any computer or digital telephone user.

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