

## Parent Leadership Hub Weekly E-mail for March 11, 2010

### Parent/Personnel Development Opportunities

#### 1. Call for Parents in Partnership Proposals 2010-2011 – Deadline March 17, 2010

The Call for *Parents in Partnership* (PIP) proposals for the 2010-2011 year is 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 caregivers 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.

#### 2. Waukesha County Resource Fair – Change of Location

The Waukesha County Recreation & Resource Fair has had to change the location of the March 13<sup>th</sup> Resource Fair to the Waukesha County Dept. of Health & Human Services, 500 Riverview Ave., Waukesha, WI 53188, 262-548-7704  
Saturday, March 13, 2010 from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
Questions? Contact Heidi Schwendimann at (262) 548-7353  
[hschwendimann@waukeshacounty.gov](mailto:hschwendimann@waukeshacounty.gov)

#### 3. Grandparents and Others as Parents – Chippewa Falls

Five Week, No-Cost Seminar Series

Are you a grandparent raising a grandchild? This five session series will provide the resources and strategies you need during this chapter in your life.

Tuesdays, April 6 - May 4, 2010 at Wissota Health and Regional Vent Center, 2815 County Hwy I, Chippewa Falls, WI from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Topics include:

- How to cope and maintain a relationship with the parent
- Making sense of the legal system and financial issues
- Kinship: the different types and application process
- Chips: Working with the Social Worker, investigation through placement
- Behavior and effective discipline techniques; apply to challenging situations
- Internet safety and supervision
- Chippewa County community resources

You will hear from an attorney, family therapist, social workers, grandparents and more. Attend May 4 and receive a free copy of the book *Grandparents as Parents: A Survival Guide for Raising a Second Family*. Contact Voyagers Community Learning at (715) 720-3749. Register by the Friday before each seminar in order to attend the dinner.

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### 4. Chippewa Valley Autism Society Annual Fundraiser

**Saturday, April 10th 2010 1 pm – 4 pm**

Sacred Heart Hospital, 900 W. Clairemont Ave., Eau Claire, WI.

(Lower level - in the Rotunda conference room)

Come and join for a day of family fun, and networking with others. The fundraiser will have a quilt raffle drawing, a silent auction, information booths, a fish pond for the children, door prizes every half hour, and much more

To become a member, call the Autism Society of America toll free 1.800.328.8476 or visit their website at [www.autism-society.org](http://www.autism-society.org). The \$25 Membership fee includes ASA, state and local autism societies.

### 5. Journaling Workshop for Adoptive Parents – Stevens Point

Saturday, May 15th, from 9:30-noon at Schmeckle Reserve, Meeting Room, 2419 North Point Dr., Stevens Point.

Join Clinical Social Worker, Nancy Schaperkotter for a free workshop for adoptive parents. Topics to be explored include: Letting go and moving forward, journaling as a gift to others, capturing history, gratitude, setting goals and making plans & the health benefits of journaling. RSVP to Friends of Adoption, 715.344.2500 ext. 24 or [arozeboom@cclse.org](mailto:arozeboom@cclse.org). Visit [www.friendsofadooption.org](http://www.friendsofadooption.org) for more information.

## Family Involvement Resources

### 1. National Center for Response to Intervention (RTI) Website

National Center on Response to Intervention (RTI) provides a national perspective on RTI for parents, teachers, and policy makers. Go to <http://www.rti4success.org/>.

### 2. National Mental Health Information Center Website

National Mental Health Information Center contains many downloadable articles and training materials as well as a host of links specific to various topics. <http://mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/>

### 3. Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports Resource & Information

The Minnesota Pacer Center has information regarding Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (SW-PBIS) at <http://www.pacer.org/pbis/index.asp>.

### 4. The Bazelon Center for Mental Health

The Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law provides information regarding legal decisions involving children and youth with mental health diagnoses. The site also provides publications and up to date news related to mental health. The site also allows

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for browsing by topic. <http://www.bazon.org/>

### 5. Grants for Art Projects

The National Endowment for the Arts' Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth program funds projects that help children and youth acquire appreciation, knowledge, understanding, and skills in the arts. Projects must provide participatory learning and engagement of students with skilled artists, teachers, and excellent art, and ensure the application of national, state, or local arts education standards. School- or community-based projects may apply for awards, which range up to \$150,000. The application deadline is June 10, 2010. <http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/GAP11/LITA.html>

### 6. New Resources from NICHCY

Resources for Spanish-speaking families about disabilities are available at <http://www.nichcy.org/Pages/spanishresources.aspx>. The page is written primarily in English to permit access by English-speaking individuals.

Disability awareness and inclusion has been updated for 2010. A separate page of resources on school inclusion is available. <http://www.nichcy.org/FamiliesAndCommunity/Pages/awareness-inclusion.aspx>

Basic information on how to understand research can be found at <http://www.nichcy.org/Research/Basics/Pages/Default.aspx>

The *Student's Guide to IEPs* audio program and the audio program for parents and professionals are now posted on the NICHCY website in downloadable MP3 format that will play on a computer through Windows Media Player and iTunes. There are written guides accompanying these programs. See the Publications page under "S" for *A Student Guide to the IEP* at <http://www.nichcy.org/InformationResources/Pages/NICHCYPublications.aspx>

### 7. Disaboom: Information & Resources for People with Disabilities

<http://www.disaboom.com/children-with-disabilities/self-care-why-parents-of-children-with-disabilities-must-nurture-themselves>

<http://www.disaboom.com/parenting-and-family-general/the-other-child-with-special-needs-understanding-siblings-of-disabled-children>

<http://www.disaboom.com/children-with-disabilities/positive-discipline-for-special-needs-children>

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<http://www.disaboom.com/k-12-for-children-with-disabilities/special-education-needs-assistive-technology-products>

**8. The Ultimate Guide to Special Needs Teaching: 100+ Resources and Links**

See <http://www.teachingtips.com/blog/category/classroom-tips/>

**9. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offers information on health conditions and disabilities. <http://www.cdc.gov/>. The National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities is at <http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/index.html>.

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