

Parent Leadership Hub Weekly E-mail for April 15, 2010

Parent/Personnel Development Opportunities

1. Open House at Nature's Edge near Cameron

Wednesday, April 20, 2010 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.

An open house will be held for the community to learn about programs at Nature's Edge Therapy Center. The center is located 5 miles east of Cameron just off County Road M.

A ten-week "Youth of Promise" program will run Mondays and Fridays, June 14 through August 16. Youth between the ages of 12 to 18 may apply. This program provides an opportunity for the youth to learn responsibility, socialization skills, and leadership skills within a motivational and natural environment. The program is offered to the surrounding areas, in cooperation with local schools and businesses. Cost is \$300.00 and scholarships are available based on financial eligibility.

Nature's Edge Therapy Center also will be training and offering opportunities for volunteers at the open house. Volunteers may start at the age of 12 years. For information contact Becky Lundeen at 715.859.6670 or visit www.naturesedgetherapycenter.org.

2. Opening Horizons Transition Conference in Whitewater

A transition themed conference for high school students with disabilities, as well as their parents and teachers, will be held on Friday, May 7, 2010, at University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. There is no cost to attend, but registration is encouraged by April 23rd. <http://www.uww.edu/csd/conf2010.html>

3. Love and Logic® Training in Menomonie

May 6 and 7, 2010.

For the general public, Dr. Charles Fay will present "Raising Responsible Kids without Raising Your Blood Pressure" on Thursday, May 6 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Off Broadway Banquet Center in Menomonie. This event is free to the public, snacks will be provided and registration is not necessary.

Educators or professionals working with children are invited to attend "Create Respectful, Responsible Kids: Love and Logic® Techniques for Educators" on Friday, May 7 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Off Broadway Banquet Center in Menomonie. Cost is \$25 for participants from organizations in Dunn County and \$50 for organizations outside of Dunn County. A light continental breakfast will be provided. Go online at www.rcmc-mhs.org or call 715-233-7464 to register for the May 7 event (required) by May 3. Register online and mail check, payable to "DCPFY," to RCMC-Education department, 2321 Stout Road, Menomonie, WI 54751. Checks must be received by May 5 to ensure registration.

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4. BadgerCare Plus Community Forum in Chippewa Falls

Learn about Updates to the BadgerCare Plus Program (A Wisconsin Medicaid Service)

Date: Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Time: 8-8:30 am Registration 8:30-10:30 am Presentation

Place: Chippewa County Courthouse, 711 N. Bridge Street, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729, Room 003 (Lower Level)

RSVP: Rose Marsh 1-715-726-7908 ext 2132 or 1-800-400-3678 ext 2132 by Tuesday, May 4, 2010

5. Health Care Resources, Services and Supports Training in Sturtevant

Did You Know? Now You Know! a training for families on health care and community supports for children and youth with special health care needs and/or disabilities will be held on May 12 from 5:00 - 9:00pm. The training will be held at the Racine County Highway and Office Building, 14200 Washington Ave., Sturtevant. To register and for more information contact Brad at 1.800.234.5437 or bholman@chw.org. There is no cost to participate and dinner will be provided.

6. Save the Date: 21st Children Come First Conference in Wisconsin Dells

November 8 & 9, 2010

Kalahari Resort & Convention Center, Wisconsin Dells

"See My World: New Perspectives on Children's Mental Health"

Keynotes by: Heather Forbes, LCSW, www.beyondconsequences.com

Flo Hilliard, <http://www.dcs.wisc.edu/pda/spotlight-hilliard.htm>

For more information contact: Deenah Givens or Paula Buege at Wisconsin Family Ties: 608.267.6800 or 800.422.7145.

Phone Workshops

1. Response to Intervention Training

Tuesday, April 20, 2010 from 12-1 PM

Workshop Format: free telephone access from home or work

Wisconsin's framework for Response to Intervention (RTI) is a model for academic and behavioral success for all students. Julia Hartwig, consultant and co-chair of the RTI workgroup at the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, will serve as the guest presenter for the WI FACETS free phone workshop.

To Register: Contact Sandra McFarland at WI FACETS - (877) 374-0511 or smcfarland@wifacets.org. Sandra will mail to you all workshop materials and provide you with the toll-free number to call in for the workshop.

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Family Involvement Resources

1. Division of Early Childhood website

Division of Early Childhood is an international membership organization for those who work with or on behalf of young children with disabilities and other special needs. <http://www.dec-sped.org/>

2. Exceptional Parent Magazine Online Resource

Exceptional Parent Magazine's on-line resource for parents of children with disabilities. <http://www.eparent.com/>

3. Research & Training Center on Early Childhood Development Website

Web site designed specifically for parents, therapists, early childhood educators, and early interventionists, as well as researchers. The web site includes information about effective early childhood intervention practices based on research. <http://researchtopractice.info/>

4. The Hanen Centre: Information and Links on Language Development

Provides the important people in a young child's life with the knowledge and training they need to help the child develop the best possible language, social, and literacy skills. <http://www.hanen.org/web/Home/tabid/36/Default.aspx>

5. Children's Disability Information Website

Children's Disabilities Information offers articles and resources empowering parents of children with disabilities and special needs. <http://www.childrensdisabilities.info/>

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