

## Parent Leadership Hub Weekly E-mail for April 29, 2010

### *Parent/Personnel Development Opportunities*

#### **1. Transitioning from Pediatric to Adult Health Care: A Free Workshop for Teens and Their Parents in Green Bay**

What: A workshop for teens (14-21) that will focus on:

- ~ How to become more involved in managing your healthcare
- ~ How to set up appointments
- ~ How to talk with your doctor
- ~ How to care for yourself when you are sick

A workshop for parents that will focus on:

- ~ Helping your teen become more involved in their healthcare
- ~ Building transition skills for both you and your teen
- ~ Decision making

When: Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 2010, 5:00- 7:30pm at CESA #7, 595 Baeten Road, Green Bay, WI. For directions through road construction, see <http://www.cesa7.k12.wi.us/>  
Evening will begin with a networking dinner

This is a free workshop. Participants will receive dinner as well as a transition workbook and pocket guide. To Register or for more information please call Crystal Heeg at (920)-969-5328, or toll free at (877) 568-5205. Please indicate the following: Age and number of participants attending, any food allergies or precautions. Sponsored by the Northeast Regional Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs, CESA 7 and WSPEI (Wisconsin Statewide Parent Educator Initiative)

#### **2. Stout Vocational Rehabilitation Institute Open House & Informal Tour – May 10**

Stout Vocational Rehabilitation Institute Invites *Transition-age* Students, their Families/Friends and Educators to attend their Open House & Tour on:

Monday, May 10, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at UW-Stout, Vocational Rehabilitation Building, 221-10<sup>th</sup> Avenue East, Menomonie, WI

Participants will learn how SVRI can help with evaluations for:

Community Living	Functional/Vocational Evaluation
Driver Simulator	Adaptive Driving, Seating/Mobility
Computer Access	Hearing/Vision Loss

Objectives of the Tour: Provide information about individualized evaluations and their purpose, discuss how assistive technology creates opportunities for greater independence, broaden understanding of the rehabilitation process and possibilities and respond to questions related to your individual situation. Join for this no-cost opportunity to learn about SVRI services to assist with career choice and life planning. Space is limited, and registration is accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, contact

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Jennifer Gundlach Klatt, (715) 232-2236 or email: [gundlachj@uwstout.edu](mailto:gundlachj@uwstout.edu). Register On-Line today at: <http://www.prestoregister.com/cgi-bin/order.pl?ref=piersona&fm=5>  
E-mail confirmations with further information will be sent to you upon registration.  
Visit [www.uwstout.edu/svri](http://www.uwstout.edu/svri) for more information.

### 3. **WI Community on Transition Youth Leadership and Development Gathering**

Presented By: The Community on Transition Youth Development and Leadership Group  
Affiliated with the National Community of Practice on Transition

June 24, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Madison Area Technical College ~  
Truax Campus, Room # 322, 3550 Anderson Street, Madison, WI 53704

For youth, parents, teachers, transition coordinators, and anyone interested in transition

-Introduction of the Wisconsin Youth First Website [www.wiyouthfirst.org](http://www.wiyouthfirst.org)

-Youth self determination panel presentations

-The First Annual Outstanding Youth Leader Award

-Technology Demonstrations

-Sports demo

-MATC Tour

-Networking Opportunities

\*Meeting space will be available in the afternoon for each practice group.

Please register at [www.wsti.org](http://www.wsti.org)

### 4. **Exploration by Design: How CAD Works**

A Free Day Camp for High School Students being held at the University of Wisconsin-Madison – August 9-13, 2010

Learn how Computer aided Design, or CAD, is used to design and produce products.

Design your own product and then actually produce it using a rapid prototype machine.

This five-day immersion day camp for high school students takes place from 8 a.m.—noon on August 9-13 at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Space is limited to 15 students. Attendance is open to students with disabilities currently in grades 8-11. Click here to apply: <http://stemmidwest.org/default.asp?contentID=597>

## *Family Involvement Resources*

### 1. **Nomination for Outstanding Wisconsin Youth Leader Award**

The Wisconsin Community on Transition Youth Development and Leadership is pleased to announce the First Annual Outstanding Youth Leader Award. This year's award will be presented to a Wisconsin Youth Leader who has gone above and beyond in demonstrating self-determination and self-advocacy in one of the focus areas within the Wisconsin Community on Transition. Nominees are being accepted from each practice group. The Youth Development and Leadership Practice Group will determine the winner and notify him or her to attend the Wisconsin Community on Transition meeting in Madison on June 24th for an award ceremony. This year's recipient will receive a plaque and a 64

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To submit a nomination: Please provide the young person's name, city and telephone number, plus a short description of the individual's contributions, affiliations, and/or involvements which warrant the receipt of this year's award. Age limitation: Please limit nominations to individuals who are between 15-25 years of age. Please send your nomination to Cheryl Schiltz at [cheryls@ilcw.org](mailto:cheryls@ilcw.org) by May 10, 2010.

### **2. Financial Assistance for Students with Down Syndrome**

Financial assistance is available to young adults with Down syndrome who want to enroll in post-secondary programs or take classes that will help them with employment, independent living and life skills. To date, over thirty students have received grants from the National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS) to help cover the costs of pursuing their post-secondary education and enrichment goals. The 2010 application form <http://www.ndss.org/images/stories/NDSSresources/pdfs/2010%20application%20form.pdf> can be downloaded in PDF format. Application deadline is July 16, 2010

### **3. Health Care Act Provisions Information for Families of Youth with Disabilities**

The recently passed Health Care Reform Act will affect people with disabilities and their families. Two provisions include prohibiting insurance companies from denying coverage to children based on pre-existing conditions and allowing parents to keep adult children on their insurance plans until age 26. PACER's Technical Assistance on Transition and the Rehabilitation Act (TATRA) Project has developed a list of provisions of interest to families of children and youth with disabilities. <http://www.pacer.org/tatra/pdf/healthcareact2010.pdf>

### **4. Resources from 2009 Fall Self-Directed Supports Conference**

Visit the WI Board for People with Developmental Disabilities'(WBPDD) Self-Determination Conference Page for access to all of the resources from the 2009 conference at [http://www.wi-bpdd.org/whoweare/2009\\_Events/selfdetermination.cfm](http://www.wi-bpdd.org/whoweare/2009_Events/selfdetermination.cfm) Individuals with disabilities, direct-care workers and self-determination advocates all contributed to the self-determination stories. View all 23 stories on the Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities' YouTube Channel at <http://www.youtube.com/user/WBPDD>, or go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search "wbpdd". Save the date of November 9-10, 2010 at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells for the next conference featuring keynote presentations, workshop sessions and exploration stations.

### **5. Creating Agreement Resources**

The IDEA Partnership's Creating Agreement Workgroup has developed a gallery of new resources which included the "Building Partnerships, Creating Agreement" PowerPoint

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presentation and accompanying presenter guide, dialogue guides, and other resource materials. To review the resources, click here:

<http://www.directionservice.org/cadre/CreatingAgreement.cfm>

### 6. Summer Camp Opportunities

Many summer camp opportunities are available to Wisconsin youth. The [Wisconsin Center for Academically Talented Youth](#) offers programs that focus on one subject at an accelerated pace. Programs start in grades 4-6 (held at Beloit College), include grades 7-8 (at Edgewood College), and culminate with a high school program that gives students an opportunity for rigorous study of a high school or college level topic (at UW-Madison).

UW-La Crosse offers [archaeology workshops](#) for grades 1-9 and for adults. Different classes explore archaeology in general as well as ancient cultures of the Americas. Three-day and one-week field schools offer the chance to dig a little deeper.

[Concordia Language Villages](#) offers immersion programs in a wide range of languages and cultures, from Arabic to Finnish. The group writes: "Geography, history, political science and international relations are drawn on, creating learning situations that challenge participants to use language as a tool for understanding the complexities of the world around them."

The website, [MySummerCamps.com](#), has a searchable list of thousands of camps all over the world, including special needs camps, adventure camps, arts camps, sports camps, and many other categories.

### 7. Audio Series on Autism from the American Academy of Pediatrics

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) has launched a new audio series, entitled *Sound Advice on Autism*, which includes audio interviews with developmental and behavioral pediatricians, a pediatric neurologist, autism researchers and parents of children with autism. It is available online at <http://www.aap.org/audio/autism/>

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