

Parent Leadership Hub Weekly E-mail for June 10, 2010

Parent/Personnel Development Opportunities

1. Deadline for Submitting Proposals for WI Transition Conference June 30, 2010

The deadline for submitting proposals to present at the 8th Annual WI Transition Conference is fast approaching!

Please submit your proposals to present at the 2011 Wisconsin Transition Conference by June 30, 2010. Proposals can be submitted electronically at www.wsti.org. Session proposals MUST be submitted by June 30, 2010, to be considered for inclusion in the 2011 WI Transition Conference.

The 2011 Wisconsin Transition Conference will again be held at the Kalahari in Wisconsin Dells on Thursday and Friday, February 17-18, with the pre-conference on Wednesday, Feb 16. Invited presenters include: Dr. James Martin, Erik Carter, Audrey Trainor, Talmira Hill, Catherine Fowler, Sharon Kolb, Bambi Riehl, and Nancy Schiman.

2. Save the Dates and Register Now for “Systematic Instruction”

Powerful teaching strategies for community workplaces: An essential part of ensuring success and maximizing the independence of supported employees
Two-Day Training with: Michael Callahan, National Expert in Systematic Instruction

October 18, 2010 [10 to 5] AND October 19, 2010 [8:30 to 4:30] at the Stoney Creek Inn, Onalaska, WI *Hotel accommodation for the night of October 18th is provided free of charge for those who are traveling more than one hour, one way, to attend.

This two day training course will provide an overview of systematic instruction procedures based on Marc Gold’s timeless Try Another Way approach. The information provides job coaches with the perspectives necessary to understand the teaching of essential job tasks in integrated community workplaces. Topics covered will include a brief retrospective on the evolution of supports in community work sites and a discussion of a “road map” strategy called the Seven Phase Sequence that helps explain how to start and how to proceed with training and supports that are built on the natural features and natural supports uniquely present in each workplace.

Free Training. Space is Limited. Register Early.

Registration Deadline: September 15, 2010

Please Note: Priority will be given to those directly involved in job coaching.

For more information or questions: Email Lisa Mills at lisa.mills@dhs.wisconsin.gov.

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Trainings on the Web

1. Partners in Transition Webinars

Partners In Transition is pleased to announce another in its series of webinars focusing on Youth, Family, System and Community Involvement. All webinars will take place on the scheduled date from 3:00 to 4:15pm EDT (2:00 to 3:15pm CDT).

Webinar Topic: Youth, Families, Systems and Communities: Shared Responsibility
Wednesday, June 23

This webinar is designed to help youth and families engage in transition planning. We will explore various ways that systems and communities can support the engagement of the whole team, and how responsibility for outcomes can be shared so that outcomes are optimized for everyone.

To register: Please send an email including your name and the webinar(s) in which you would like to participate to thompson@iel.org. If you have any specific questions, or would like to see specific issues addressed in the presentation, please include them in the email. Information, additional materials, and any 'homework' will be sent the week prior to the event. If you have any other questions or need materials in alternate formats, contact Tara Thompson at thompson@iel.org or (727) 253-3117. When accessing the webinar service, (information to be provided upon registration,) please allow sufficient time to download and install necessary plug-ins. All webinar materials will be posted on www.NCWD-Youth.info/webinars afterward. Sponsored by United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Developmental Disabilities and the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council, Inc

Family Involvement Resources

1. Request to Participate ADA Report Card Poll

Wisconsin has been invited to participate in a 5-state poll to gather data on how well the ADA has been implemented across our state and communities. Help us increase Wisconsin's response rate to this poll! Rate your community's implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act!

People with disabilities, their family members, and their advocates are invited to complete the poll so that their voices are heard when accessibility issues are being addressed in their communities! The poll is available online at:

www.ADAReportCard.org

2. Center for the Advanced Study of Excellence (CASE)

Center for the Advanced Study of Excellence in Early Childhood and Family Support; this resource deals with the practice and study of early childhood and family support.

Lots of specific links are provided. <http://www.fippcase.org/index.php>

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3. The Preschool Options Project

The Preschool Options Project is a DPI funded project that provides training to assist local school districts in developing a range of options in the least rest environment (LEA) for young children with disabilities. <http://www.preschoolorptions.org/>

4. National Association for Education of Young Children (NAEYC)

National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) This professional organization promotes excellence in early childhood education. Educators and parents will find this to be a useful website. <http://www.naeyc.org/>

5. Wisconsin Child Care Improvement Project

Wisconsin Child Care Improvement Project; this site offers support to promote quality early childhood care, resources, and education to enrich the lives of children and strengthen families. <http://www.supportingfamielstogether.org/>

6. Early Childhood Intervention

Early Childhood Intervention is a great site to find out about services, read testimonials, and connect to many other helpful links. <http://www.elpasoeci.org/>

7. Special Needs Social Networking Site

Dawn Friedman is the co-founder of Support for Special Needs <http://www.supportforspecialneeds.com> a social networking site for families and professionals whose life/work is focused on kids with special needs. The co-founder, Julia Roberts, is the author of the blog Kidneys and Eyes <http://www.kidneysandeyes.com> and the mother of two kids with ARPKD. Both her children have had kidney transplants, require IEPs, speech and OT therapy. She is a strong advocate for parents and her goal in creating the site is helping families connect with resources and support. Any site member can create a group, which can be public or private. They welcome professionals who want to use the site to create private groups that they can use to communicate with their clients. For example, a preschool program could create a private group and then invite students' parents to participate. The site also hosts live chat capability and each private group has its own private chat channel. Of course any site member can also create a group with a personal or professional focus and use the site to network.

8. A Call for Artists

Gallery 111 in Menomonie will be hosting a show for artist with disabilities to show and sell their work. The show will be held July 28th – August 7th. Gallery 111 is located at 111 Main Street E, Menomonie, WI 54751 Phone: 715.497.8430

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Email: gallery111.menomonie@gmail.com Visit <http://www.gallery111menomonie.com> to see a description of this student organized cooperative art gallery.

9. Wisconsin Special Education Mediation Systems (WSEMS)

Wisconsin Special Education Mediation System (WSEMS) is a project at Marquette that allows parents and schools to request assistance with an IEP before it becomes adversarial. You can learn more about the facilitated IEP process at <http://www.wsems.us/>

10. The Center for Children with Special Needs

Parents will find the children with special health care needs site useful. Information on this site includes diagnostic information, resources, support, planning and record keeping ideas and more. <http://cshcn.org/>

11. ERICDigests.org

Educational articles, formerly produced by ERIC Clearinghouse System, are found on this website. This site is designed to provide an overview of information on a given topic, plus references to items providing more detailed information and is funded by the Office of Educational Research and Improvement. <http://www.ericdigests.org/>

12. The National Center on Educational Outcomes (NCEO)

The National Center on Educational Outcomes (NCEO) was established in 1990 to provide national leadership in designing and building educational assessments and accountability systems that appropriately monitor educational results for all students, including students with disabilities and English Language Learners (ELLs). <http://www.cehd.umn.edu/nceo/default.html>

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