

## Parent Leadership Hub Weekly E-mail for July 8, 2010

### *Parent/Personnel Development Opportunities*

#### **1. WI FACETS Fall Regional Conference – UW-River Falls**

Free WI FACETS Western WI Autism Advocacy & Consulting Center, Regional Special Education Conference for Parents and Professionals.

September 11, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at UW-River Falls, UW-Riverview Ballroom, 500 Wild Rose Avenue, Lunch and materials provided.

Topics: Great Futures for Our Children as Parents Lead the Way

Keynote Presentations & Breakout Sessions: Effective Communication; Discipline, Suspension, Expulsion and Seclusion & Restraint Updates; Supporting Young Children with Challenging Behaviors; IEP – The Process & Product; Family Involvement; Transition – Creating the Vision; Mediation and Facilitated IEPs.

To Register: contact Sandra McFarland at 1-877-374-0511 or [smcfarland@wifacets.org](mailto:smcfarland@wifacets.org)

#### **2. Care in the Community Conference in Wauwatosa**

Positive Connections

Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2010 at the Radisson Hotel, Wauwatosa, WI

The purpose of this conference is to provide families and providers who care for children and youth with special health care needs with the information and tools they need. For more information, visit [www.maxishare.com/conferences](http://www.maxishare.com/conferences). Sponsored by: The Southeast Regional Center for Children With Special Health Care Needs.

### *Family Involvement Resources*

#### **1. Wisconsin Education Association Council (WEAC)**

The Wisconsin Education Association Council offers information to parents on parent involvement including free downloads. Visit the parents and community page at <http://www.weac.org/Home.aspx>

#### **2. National Community Education Association (NCEA)**

The National Community Education Association looks at how community education can strengthen communities by providing national and regional training conferences and workshops, peer support, networking, and collaboration with other community organizations. This website will also connect you with the Wisconsin affiliate. Go to <http://www.ncea.com/> for more information.

#### **3. America's Promise Alliance**

The top priority of America's Promise Alliance is to ensure that all young people graduate from high school ready for college, work and life. This organization promotes five promises to America's youth including caring adults, safe places, a healthy start, effective education, and opportunities to help others through service. Go to <http://www.americaspromise.org/>

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### **4. Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY)**

Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) is a parent involvement, school readiness program that helps parents prepare their three, four, and five year old children for success in school and beyond. From this site parents can access materials especially developed for parents, research, and links to other useful resources. Visit <http://www.hippyusa.org/> for more information.

### **5. National Coalition for Parent Involvement in Education (NCPIE)**

The mission of the National Coalition for Parent Involvement in Education (NCPIE) is to advocate for the involvement of parents and families in their children's education, and to foster relationships between home, school, and community to enhance the education of our entire nation's young people. Newsletters, action briefs, and partnership information represent only a sampling of what is available on this site. Go to <http://www.ncpie.org/> for more information.

### **6. Anti-bullying policy**

WI Act 309 of 2009 requires school districts to adopt anti-bullying policies by August 15, 2010. In compliance with the act, the DPI has developed a model anti-bullying policy to assist districts. It is available at: <http://dpi.wi.gov/sspw/doc/modelbullyingpolicy.doc> Questions may be directed to Joan Lerman, [joan.lerman@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:joan.lerman@dpi.wi.gov) or 608-266-2829.

### **7. Special Education for Students in Private Schools**

Provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) relating to parentally-placed private school children with disabilities include Child Find, equitable distribution of funds and service plans that are unique for these students. The Department of Public Instruction (DPI), Special Education Team, has developed a number of technical assistance materials to help schools carry out these provisions. Please see the Special Education webpage at <http://dpi.wi.gov/sped/sbprivschools.html>.

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