

THE CESA #2 PARENT-EDUCATOR UPDATE NEWSLETTER

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Please use this update to keep informed on topics relating to children with disabilities focusing on their education, health, development, and well-being. The CESA #2 Parent-Educator Update is a monthly newsletter and will be published on approximately the 1st of each month. Please feel free to forward this newsletter onto parents, educators, or professionals who work with children or who have children that receive special education services. **NEW ITEMS POSTED TO THE PARENT-EDUCATOR UPDATE WILL BE MARKED WITH ****. You may notice some of the same information in this newsletter multiple times, however new information will be added each newsletter.

For further information about CESA #2 (Cooperative Educational Service Agency) go to: www.cesa2.org if you are a parent with questions about your child's special education, please contact a Wisconsin Statewide Parent Educator Initiative (WSPEI) parent consultant:

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OPPORTUNITIES

****TAKE YOUR LEGISLATOR TO WORK CAMPAIGN****

People with disabilities are encouraged to take their legislator to work!

The Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities (BPDD) conducts the Take Your Legislator to Work Campaign every fall to raise awareness about the importance of community-integrated employment for people with disabilities in Wisconsin. Inspired by National Disability Employment Awareness Month (October), the campaign highlights how everyone wins when people with disabilities have community-integrated jobs.

People with disabilities who have community-integrated jobs are encouraged to participate in the campaign! During the campaign, employees with disabilities invite their legislator to visit them at work and the legislator gets to see first-hand the value of community-integrated employment for people with disabilities. Last year, 40 legislators – including the Governor – visited people working in the community! Check out the [report](#).

A visit usually lasts less than one hour. During a visit, the participant can:

- give their legislator a tour of their workplace,
- introduce their legislator to their co-workers, and
- discuss why their community-integrated job is important to them!

People with disabilities who are interested in participating in the campaign can use the [Get Started Kit](#). The kit provides everything needed to get started, including the Participant Application. The first step for potential participants is to get permission from their employer to have their legislator visit their workplace.

BPDD is now accepting [applications](#) and people with disabilities who have community-integrated jobs are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Applications will be reviewed in the order they are received. Once approved, participants will receive the Campaign Tool Kit, which will include everything necessary for a successful visit, including the official Take Your Legislator to Work Campaign t-shirt.

If you have questions, please contact Joshua Ryf at joshua.ryf@wisconsin.gov or call 608-261-7829.

****DS-CONNECT: THE DOWN SYNDROME REGISTRY****

The National Institutes of Health has launched [DS-Connect](#), a Web-based health registry that will serve as a national health resource for people with Down syndrome and their families, researchers, and health care providers.

Participation is voluntary, but the information gathered will be an important resource to the Down syndrome community.

Click here to register. <https://dsconnect.nih.gov/>

****WIFACETS WEBINAR & PHONE TRAININGS****

Specific Learning Disabilities (SLD) Eligibility Criteria

Webinar

Wednesday, September 18, 2013

12:00pm to 1:00pm

Roles of Families on Decision Making Groups

Statewide Telephone Workshops

Thursday, September 19, 2013 - 12:00pm to 1:00pm

Roles of Families on Decision-Making Groups

Statewide Telephone Workshops

Thursday, September 19, 2013 - 7:00pm to 8:00pm

IEP Part II

Statewide Telephone Workshops

Tuesday, September 24, 2013 - 7:00pm to 8:00pm

Transitioning Out of the Birth to 3 Program

Statewide Telephone Workshops

Wednesday, September 25, 2013 - 12:00pm to 1:00pm

Navigating the Special Education Maze

Statewide Telephone Workshops

Thursday, September 26, 2013 - 12:00pm to 1:00pm

Opciones para Solucionar Desacuerdos en la Educacion Especial

Statewide Telephone Workshops

Friday, September 27, 2013 - 12:00pm to 1:00pm

Registration is required for all workshops. For further information contact: Sandra McFarland: 877-374-0511 or smcfarland@wifacets.org. Requests for any special accommodations must be made at least two weeks before the event.

Registration is at: <http://www.wifacets.org/registration-form.php>

WI FACETS-sponsored workshops are free. Some stipends may be available to parents to help support their attendance at WI FACETS-sponsored workshops (to help with child-care, transportation). For the most up-to-date list of workshops, please visit website:

www.wifacets.org.

EVENTS

****“DID YOU KNOW? NOW YOU KNOW!”****

September 16th, 2013

5:00pm-8:00pm

Milwaukee Administration Bldg.

2424 15th Ave.

South Milwaukee, WI 53172

This training is co-sponsored by Family Voices of Wisconsin and the Southeast Regional Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs.

Did you know? Now You Know! Provides a comprehensive overview of health care and coverage, including BadgerCare and the Affordable Care Act, community supports and services, and resources for children and youth with disabilities and special health care needs from birth through young adulthood.

Topics include:

Medicaid, Children's Long Term Support Waivers, prior authorizations, medical necessity and appealing a Medicaid denial, Katie Beckett (a doorway into Medicaid for children with disabilities), private insurance, Family Support and more.

How Do I Register?

Contact the Southeast Regional Center at 414-266-3189 or 800-234-5437 or email Brad Holman at bolman@chw.org

Cost:

The training is free to participants and a light meal and resource binder will be provided.

To learn more about the training go to the Family Voices website vofwi.org/training-and-events/about-our-trainings-presentations/

****GOOD FRIENDS****

Monday, Sept 16th, 2013

. 6:30 – 8:00pm

Kenosha Location Kenosha Achievement Center

1218 – 79th Street

Kenosha, WI

Good Friends ~ Chelsea Budde and Denise Schamens will be sharing information on how to be a good friend to special needs individuals. Showing acceptance and foster empathy is so important. You will not want to miss this, bring your children, teachers, classroom aids, therapists and anyone that is involved with our kids. Sponsored by: Autism Solution Pieces. For further information contact: Cindy Schultz 262-639-3041 cindy4asp@gmail.com

****PARENTING AND TEACHING THE MILLENNIAL GENERATION**

“A LOVE & LOGIC COURSE”**

September 17, 24, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 2013

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Presented by: Rob Ocker – Parent, Certified Love and Logic Trainer, Professional School Counselor and Keynote Speaker

\$20.00/couple; \$15.00/individual

Lake Geneva Middle School

600 N Bloomfield Rd

Lake Geneva, WI

Here are just a few of the things you'll get out of Parenting and Teaching the Millennial Generation

“A Love & Logic Course”

- You will become a parent/educator who models compassionate, nonviolent parenting

- Positive parenting/discipline practices will replace negative parenting habits
- Conflicts will be resolved without power struggles
- Agreement will replace fighting with your children/student and spouse—no more arguing
- You will gain the ability to focus in the moment without judging and reacting
- Find out more about parenting /discipline with Love and Logic for a low price?

Dynamic Keynote speaker, Rob Ocker, (www.robertocker.com) will share researched based tools and techniques to help the parent of the 21st Century. In this class participants will look at “Conscious Parenting” to help encourage children to make their own authentic decisions, experience the consequences of their own self-motivated actions, and interact with their children in a way which not only supports their children's development, but their own personal development as well. In this class you will learn how Love and Logic helps parents/educators and children establish a rewarding relationship built upon love and trust. This program is appropriate for parents of children and teachers with youth in grades K-8. The program is based off of Becoming a Logic Parent, developed by Jim Fay, Charles Fay, Ph.D., and Foster W. Cline, M.D., of the Love and Logic Institute, Inc., The course will look at ways beyond Love and Logic to help empower families. Such skills as brain based strategies, understanding how to decrease parent burn out by applying heart skills and practical ideas to empower families. This is a 4-week course that teaches a way of raising children to be responsible and prepare them for the real world using a win/win philosophy. Childcare provide upon request.

For further information contact: Marie Collins, 262-348-2006

****THE KEY TO YOUR FUTURE****

Thurs, Sept. 19: 6 - 8 pm
Franklin High School
8222 S. 51st Street
Franklin, WI

The Key to Your Future: Understanding Transition for School-aged Youth; free training seminar by Disability Rights - WI on the Post-Secondary Transition Program (PTP) for parents and high school students ages 14-21. Please call 414-773-4646 to make your reservation or visit the DR-W website at www.disabilityrightswi.org/ptp-training

****CARE IN THE COMMUNITY CONFERENCE****

Embrace Diversity: Empower Yourself, Educate Your Community
Thursday, Sept. 26th, 2013
7:30 am-3:30 pm
Radisson Hotel
2303 N. Mayfair Road
Wauwatosa, WI

Sponsored by: Southeast Regional Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs and Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.

For further information contact: 414-266-3192 or go to www.maxishare.com/conferences

****COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS-FAMILY ENGAGEMENT IN SCHOOLS****

Tuesday, October 1st, 2013
5:30-6:00 Registration
6:00-7:30 Training
Salem Community Library
24615 89th St.
Salem, WI 53168

Purpose of this meeting: To explore the idea of increasing or improving family engagement in our school districts Why? We know that getting effect family engagement started in a school community can be challenging, but are also know from forty years of resource that schools with effective family engagement have:

- Students with higher grades and test scores, better attendance, higher graduation rates, and greater enrollment in postsecondary education
- Students with more positive attitudes and behavior
- Teachers with higher morale and higher ratings from parents
- Families who give the school more support
- Communities which regard the school more highly

This workshop is for parents, educators, and community members who are interested in working together to support your community school and school district.

There is no charge for this workshop but everyone must register. Please contact Sharon Anderson at Sharon.anderson@cesa2.org And let her how many will be attending.

****TRANSITION WORKSHOP:**

PLAN FOR THE FUTURE OF YOUR YOUTH WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: GUARDIANSHIP 2013**

Saturday, October 12th, 2013
8:00am-11:45
Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Auditorium

9000 W. Wisconsin Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53201

Important issues that will be addressed:

- Why an individual may need a legal guardian
- Responsibilities of the guardian and the guardianship law protects an individual's rights
- Overview of the guardianship process
- Hands on work through of the paperwork and process required to file for guardianship.

This workshop will be presented by attorneys: Kristin Occhetti, Quarles & Brady; and Rock Pledl, Pledl & Cohn

For further information and to register call 414-266-3188 or SERC@chw.org

*****SUPPORT CHILDREN WHO HAVE EXPERIENCE TRAUMA*****

Saturday, October 19th, 2013

8:30-3:15pm

Wintergreen Resort & Conference Center

Wisconsin Dells, WI

This free workshop is sponsored by WI FACETS

Trauma can result from experiences related to: bullying, seclusion & restraint, violence, disaster, physical, sexual, or institutional abuse, neglect, or betrayal from a trusted person or institution.

Intended audience: Parents, teachers, related services staff, and other service providers

For further information go to www.wifacets.org/events/workshop-registration-form

Or call Sandra McFarland 877-374-0511 or smcfarland@wifacets.org

*****2013 WISCONSIN SELF-DETERMINATION CONFERENCE*****

The Six Degrees of Self-Determination

October 29-31, 2013

Kalahari Resort

Wisconsin Dells, WI

Creating opportunities in Wisconsin!

This year's conference theme, Six Degrees of Self-Determination, uses the idea that we are all connected and we can use our connections to accomplish something good. Self-Determination is strong in Wisconsin and self-directed supports are one of the most creative tools available for individuals with disabilities to get the support they need to get the life they want. Let's think beyond traditional ways of support. Join us to share, learn and be heard.

Who should attend?

Adults and transition-aged youth with disabilities and their family members, service providers, educators, state employees, IRIS staff, MCO staff, ADRC staff, county staff, and support brokers.

Learning together...

The Self-Determination Conference is uniquely designed to bring the experiences of self-advocates together in a practical "how to" guide provided with the assistance of professionals, family members and support staff. Learn from their experiences and imagine the possibilities.

By sharing our stories and experiences, we grow and learn together as individuals, as organizations and as systems of support.

Connecting, sharing, listening and learning together.

Conference highlights

- On Tuesday, Oct. 29, four pre-conference sessions in the afternoon will be followed by the Six Degrees of Networking Kick-Off that brings people together in a creative, fun way and will help individuals expand their personal and professional networks.
- Wednesday, Oct. 30 and Thursday, Oct. 31 will feature powerful keynote presentations from entertainer Peter Leidy, self-advocate and Advocacy Director of People First Wisconsin Cindy Bentley, and DHS Deputy Administrator Beth Wroblewski.
- On Wednesday night, back by popular demand, singer/songwriter Peter Leidy will again emcee the Talent Showcase and everyone is invited to share their talents.

More information about the conference - including the keynote speakers, events, and sessions - can be found in the [conference brochure](#) and [conference agenda](#).

Registration

Fees (includes materials, meals and refreshments):

- Pre Conference Fee: \$35.00
- Consumer requesting scholarship: \$25.00 processing fee ([Request a scholarship](#))
- Consumer: \$90.00
- Direct Care Provider attending with a consumer: \$100.00
- Family Member: \$100.00
- Professional: \$200.00
- Other: \$200.00

The deadline to request a scholarship is Monday, Sept. 30. The deadline to register for the conference is Thursday, Oct. 10.

If you have questions please contact dan.trifone@wisconsin.gov at 608-266-0266.

Get involved with the conference!

Be part of this amazing conference that brings over 400 people together from all over Wisconsin!

- **Sponsorship** - conference sponsorship helps make a great event even better. Consider sponsoring the conference at one of five sponsorship levels.
- **Exhibit** - Exhibit tables will be available on Wednesday, October 30 and Thursday, October 31. Applications must be submitted by September 13, 2013. Space is limited and only applications from exhibitors that directly support self-determination and self-direction will be accepted.

Updates

As the conference draws closer, check out the [BPDD Facebook Page](#) for up-to-date details and information.

INFORMATION & RESOURCES

****BOOKMARK THE PARENT CENTER NETWORK****

The federally funded Parent Technical Assistance Network is your go-to resource for finding parent supports. On the network's website you can find links to local parent centers, current news on special education and early intervention, archived trainings, and more.

<http://www.parentcenternetwork.org/>

****FIND THE APP YOUR CHILD NEEDS****

The Friendship Circle offers a database with over 1,000 Apple and Android apps for children with disabilities. You can search by platform, category, or price and see descriptions, costs, average ratings, and testimonials from users.

<http://www.friendshipcircle.org/apps/>

****WATCH A VIDEO TO WALK YOU THROUGH THE IEP PROCESS (WHEN AT IS CONSIDERED)****

The Family Center on Technology and Disability has an informative video that introduces viewers to assistive technology (AT) and takes them through an Individualized Education Program (IEP) meeting during which AT is considered. Captioned in both Spanish and

English! <http://www.youtube.com/user/FCTDvideo>

****TRANSITION TO ADULTHOOD****

Life is full of transitions, and one of the more remarkable ones occurs when we get ready to leave high school and go out in the world as young adults. When the student has a disability, it's especially helpful to plan ahead for that transition. In fact, IDEA requires it.

<http://nichcy.org/schoolage/transitionadult>

****READING ROCKETS FOR PARENTS****

Parents, did you know that Reading Rockets has an entire section of its website dedicated to you? Take a look at all of the great resource topics: testing, connecting with your child's teacher and school, helping your struggling reader, and much more.

<http://www.readingrockets.org/audience/parents/>

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