

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 bi-monthly newsletter and will be published on approximately the 1st and 15th 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.k12.wi.us 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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THE LATEST NEWS

What's New at the Department of Public Instruction Website

Visit this website to get the latest up to date and newly released information from DPI
<http://dpi.wi.gov/sped/hmnew.html>

OPPORTUNITIES

****Special Needs Support Group****

The Office of Child Care and Family Resources And the Waisman Early Childhood Program present: Special Needs Support Group. Karl and Mary Pierick, parents of a child with autism and other challenges, invite you to join this group as a way to connect with other families facing similar challenges and share in the learning of a variety of topics related to children with special needs.

Mondays-Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, and Dec. 8
6:00-7:30 p.m.

Waisman Center room S159

Snacks and drinks provided along with childcare. To register please contact Annette Montgomery with the Office of Child Care and Family Resources at amontgomery@provost.wisc.edu or 608-890-0436

****Voting Action Grants****

Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities Voting Project is making [Action Grants](#) available for the fall elections. Grants will be available for amounts up to \$500. The application deadline is September 22, 2008. Grants will be awarded on a first come, first served basis starting immediately until the funds are gone. Proposed projects will be reviewed and approved before the **Sept. 22, 2008 deadline**, so don't delay in getting your application sent in. Grants will be awarded to provide support for well-defined non-partisan voting activities or events. For more information see <http://dawninfo.org/grants/2008/election.cfm>.

Monitoring Support for Gifted and Talented Students Who Have a Disability

Midwest Alliance offers mentoring opportunities for gifted and talented students who have a disability. They are hoping to recruit 5-10 high school students to enter their mentor program at this time. Please visit their website at www.stemmidwest.org for an application or to learn more about their program. Contact Dan Nordstrom, Outreach Coordinator, The Midwest Alliance, University of Wisconsin – Madison, at dnordstrom@wisc.edu or call 608-890-0992

Parents As Leaders (PALs)

PALs is a group of parents and other caregivers who meet together five times during a year to: Learn about resources for children with special needs; Learn more about leadership and advocacy roles for parents of children ages birth to 6; Explore topics of interest to group members, such as communicating with schools, inclusive education, futures planning, helping children make friends and financial resources. Learn how to access county and state resources

<http://www.waisman.wisc.edu/cedd/palsbrochure.pdf>

Sept. 19-20, 2008

Nov. 7-8, 2008
Jan. 23-24, 2009
March 13-14, 2009
May 8-9, 2009

Sessions will be held at facilities located on beautiful Green Lake, near Ripon, Wisconsin. If you want more information or would like to register, call Lynn Sankey at (608) 263-5022 or call toll-free, 1-800-532-3321.

Parents In Partnership-Green Bay 2008-2009

Country Inn & Suites
850 Kepler Drive
Green Bay East, WI

October 24 & 25, 2008, December 5 & 6, 2008, January 30 & 31, 2009, March 6 & 7, 2009, April 3 & 4, 2009

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- ◆ Share their family stories, challenges, joys and triumphs of raising their children
- ◆ Learn about community and statewide resources for children with special needs
- ◆ Explore issues around: health, education, policymaking, legislation, inclusion, family well-being, and reauthorization of IDEA
- ◆ Develop further communication, leadership, advocacy and collaboration skills and more!

For registration materials contact: Call 1-877-844-4925 or go to: http://www.dpi.wi.gov/sped/par_partn.html

for further information contact: Becky Brown, CESA 7 Parent Coordinator at 920-606-7792

Parents In Partnership-Wauwatosa 2008-2009

Holiday Inn Express
11111 West North Avenue
Wauwatosa, WI

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For additional information, call: John Shaw, BPDD 608-266-7707 or

Brenda Harmon, Institute for Resident Leaders 414-344-3933

Youth in Partnership with Parents for Empowerment

October 24-25, 2008, December 12-13, 2008, January 16-17, 2009, February 20-21, 2009, March 20-21, 2009, May 1-2, 2009

Wintergreen Resort
& Conference Center
Wisconsin Dells, WI

YIPPE! Is an opportunity for youth and their parents to learn about the transition process in a unique way. Youth and parents will hear from speakers and take part in hands-on activities in parallel programs. While some topics may overlap, parents will be able to enjoy their own sessions while their youth are learning similar information in a youth-friendly format. All trainings will be held at the Wintergreen Resort

Contact: Phyllis Voelker by September 12th!

(877) 844-4925 E-mail: Phyllis@banbury.com

Visit <http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/sped/pdf/par-yippe.pdf> for further information

EVENTS

****Autism Insights for Educators****

Tuesday, September 30th

Love, Inc. Community Center,
480 S Pine Street
Burlington, WI
6:30 to 8:30 PM

Presented by: Mary Graczyk McMullen

The workshop is free and open to the public. Call our office at 414-427-9345 to register or with questions. We always appreciate registrations so we know how many hand-outs to copy, but we do not turn anyone away. Sponsored by the Autism Society of SE WI.

2008 Assistive Technology Expo

Thursday, October 2nd from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Engineering Centers Building on the UW-Madison campus.

The Expo provides users of AT, providers, students and the general public with the opportunity to see and try some of the latest AT.

For more information and updates, check out the AT Expo page on the Assistive Technology Resource Center (ATRC) website at

<http://wiatrc.org/atexpo08> or 608-266-5209

National DD Conference in Milwaukee

The annual NACDD (National Association of Councils on DD) conference will be held October 6-7, 2008 in Milwaukee. There will be programs and events of special interest to DD Council members and staff, people with DD, family members and others. Details will be posted in the future at <http://www.wcdd.org/index.cfm>

Statewide Respite Conference

Statewide Respite Conference is taking place on October 8, 2008 at the Janesville Holiday Inn Express Conference Center in Janesville, WI. For more information, go to www.rockcountyrespite.org/conference.html

****Understanding Behavior****

Nicolet High School
Glendale

9:30am – 11:30

Saturday, October 11, 2008

Understanding Behavior Part 1, the Functional Behavior Assessment with Glenis Benson, PhD
Saturday, November 8, 2008

Understanding Behavior, Part 2, Behavior Plans with Glenis Benson, PhD

All are free but please register by calling the Autism Society at 414-427-9345

Autism Society of Southeastern Wisconsin

Dr Jed Baker, Author of “No More Meltdowns”

Social Skills Training and Frustration Management for Children with Asperger’s Syndrome”

Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at Waukesha County Technical College Education Center in Pewaukee
ASSEW Members – \$135.00, non-members – \$150.00 Call for further information 414-427-9345

Fun & Fit Program

A Resource Fair for people with disabilities.

Tuesday, October 14th

Gateway Technical College

Madigrano Auditorium

Kenosha, WI 53144

11:00am-7:00pm

For further information contact: ADRC 262-605-6646

Brewing Best Practices in Transition

October 16-17, 2008

Hilton Milwaukee City Center

Milwaukee, WI

For further information contact: Cindi Nixon

snixon@fmarion.edu

Sponsored by Division on Career Development and Transition, A Division of the Council for Exceptional Children

Special Kids Resource Fair

Saturday, October 18th, 2008

9:00-2:00

Kenosha County Center, Bristol, WI

Resources from birth through transition into adulthood! Speaker Sessions! Activities & Goodies for children Refreshments & Lots of Door Prizes! Parents, Educators, Caregivers, & Service Providers are all encouraged to attend! Registration is not required for this FREE event! A chance to meet & talk with over 40 resource agencies and organizations located in SE Wisconsin!

10:00-11:30

“Estate Planning for Special Needs Families”

Presented by: John Stocking, Attorney at Law, Petrie & Stocking S.C.

Sponsored by: Johnson Bank

12:00-1:00

“Medical Home”

Assure your child's healthcare needs are addressed appropriately and completely. Participants will discuss medical home concepts and how it is applied in practice to benefit your child and family.

Presented by:

Brad Holman, Service Coordination Specialist, SE Regional Center for CYSHCN

&

Debbie Rueber, B.S., C.H.E.S., Kenosha County Division of Health

Health Services Coordinator/Health Educator

For further information contact: Dannette Cates, Parent-Educator Liaison CESA #2 at DCates1@wi.rr.com

Wisconsin Community on Transition

Sheraton, Madison, 706 John Nolen Drive, Madison, WI 53713.

October 23, 2008

Affiliated with the National Community of Practice on Transition

This meeting will focus on the Employment Practice Group. There will be speakers representing employers and other constituent groups, in addition to state-to-state issues and examples.

If you plan to attend either meeting, please register with Ellen Cook at Dorothy.cook@dpi.wi.gov

Pathways Training Opportunity on Community Building for People with Disabilities

See attached Date saver for October 22-24 and October 28-30th for another free Pathways Training Opportunity. . Please contact Ann Sievert at sieveal@dhfs.state.wi.us or call (608) 261-7806 or contact Dennis Harkins at dwharks@aol.com or call 608 576-6848 if you would like to host a workshop, or have any questions about this opportunity.

****IEP Process & Product Workshop****

Wednesday, Nov. 5th, 2008

6:30-8:00 PM

Salem Community Library

24615 89th St.

Salem, WI 53168

SE Corner of highways 83 & CR AH

Presented by:

Pat Patterson, WI FACETS

Learn about and understand the IEP Process, Learn what your role is on the IEP team, Get your questions answered about IEPs.

For questions or to register for this free workshop please contact:

Dannette Cates, Parent Liaison CESA #2 at 262-843-2343 or DCates1@wi.rr.com

FACETS 2008 Parent Leadership Institute

FACETS 2008 Parent Leadership Institute will be held November 7-8 at the Kalahari Resort, WI Dells. Contact Charlotte Price, 1-877-374-4677 or cprice@wifacets.org for an application packet or further information.

The New Children Come First Conference

Wisconsin's Child & Adolescent Behavioral Health Conference

2008 Theme: Finding What Works

Sunday, November 9th thru Tuesday, November 11, 2008

At the Kalahari Resort in the WI Dells

For additional information you can contact us at: 800-422.7145

2008 Leadership Conference

The 24th Annual State Superintendent's Conference on Special Education and Pupil Services Leadership Issues will be held November 18-19, 2008. This year it will be held at the Marriott Madison West in Middleton, Wisconsin. Watch for more conference information in future e-mails. Lodging facilities are ready to accept reservations. Please check our website at: <http://dpi.wi.gov/sped/falleader.html> for information on lodging. Please contact Sherri Honaker at sherri.honaker@dpi.wi.gov or (608) 267-7904 with other questions.

****How To Be A Good Friend – Bullying Prevention****

Presented by: Chelsea Budde and Denise Schamen

Saturday, December 13, 2008:

Nicolet High School

Glendale

9:30am – 11:30

All are free but please register by calling the Autism Society at 414-427-9345

INFORMATION & RESOURCES

****Social Network for Those Affected by Autism****

WeAreAutism.org

The place for people living with autism is the newest social support network from the WeAreUs platform of medical social support networks. WeAreAutism.org offers much of the same capability set as larger social networks like MySpace and Facebook, but within a safe environment. Tools are geared towards support and health tracking, engendering a sense of trust and community.

<http://www.autism-society.org/site/News2?page=NewsArticle&id=11771&JServSessionIdr012=yqur3otsi1.app23a>

****Wisconsin Schools Facilitate Parent Involvement****

DPI releases New Bulletin on "Wisconsin Schools Facilitate Parent Involvement." This bulletin provides an update on information about Indicator #8 and the results of the Parent Survey along with how WSPEI can assist schools to improve in this area.

To see the bulletin go to: <http://dpi.wi.gov/sped/bul08-03.html>

****Project Forum Publications****

Project Forum provides information about policy and practice at the national, state and local levels. To search for a document on a topic, go to <http://projectforum.org/documentsearch.cfm>

****National Consortium for Health Systems Development Website****

The NCHSD is a technical assistance partnership providing flexible, state-tailored technical assistance to states developing comprehensive health and employment service systems for people with disabilities who want to work. Serving people with disabilities, providers, state agencies, research institutes, advocates and businesses, NCHSD is a project of Health & Disability Advocates (HDA). For more information, go to <http://www.nchsd.org/index.asp>

****Developing a Relationship with Your Child's Teacher****

The best way for a parent to support a child is to develop a partnership with the teacher, administrators, and other staff who educate the child. The National Center for Learning Disabilities offers some tips on how to Building and Maintaining a Strong Relationship with Your Child's Teacher. See <http://www.ldonline.org/article/25155>

****ASL Video Podcast****

The Disability Law Lowdown ASL podcasts bring a new level of service to the Deaf community by expanding traditional audio-only podcasts to include video that allows subscribers to see native Deaf speakers signing the show's content. The podcasts deliver the latest in disability law information every other week via American Sign Language, captioning, voice-over, and transcripts to maximize accessibility. Free subscriptions to the ASL podcasts are available to have shows automatically delivered to MP3 players. The ASL podcasts are also available at <http://asl.disabilitylawlowdown.com/> where transcripts of the shows are simultaneously available. For the fastest viewing, the ASL podcasts are available on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/disabilitylawlowdown>.

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