CESA #1 – WSPEI Family Engagement Newsletter
Upcoming Events & Information
November 27, 2017

This monthly newsletter contains information on upcoming events and new resource for families and staff who support students with disabilities. If you learn of new events or information that you would like to share with others, please contact Cheri Sylla, CESA #1 Lead WSPEI Family Engagement Coordinator, at csylla@cesa1.k12.wi.us or 262-787-9500 ext. 9565.

Find a District Family Engagement Liaison
Many school districts in the CESA #1 area have a local parent trained to be a resource for families in their school district. They are referred to as District Family Engagement Liaisons (DFELs). A DEFL is a parent in your school district who has a child with a disability and has received training in the area of IEP's, Transition from high school to the adult world, and Communication. A current list of CESA 1 area District Family Engagement Liaisons can be found at: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1k7-KRq4t2C4RFJS51j-2W6Xwyn9hKku3H6UDhN1xWl8/edit

Workshops, Trainings, & Events

Germantown School District Special Needs Resource Fair
Thursday, November 30, 2017; 6 pm – 8 pm
Kennedy Middle School, W160 N11836 Crusader Court; Germantown, WI 53022
Meet and learn about a large variety of local and state-wide organizations that provide services to children and adults with special needs. Over 60 organizations will be on hand.
Free event, open to the public.
To register and for more information: https://www.germantownspecializedfund.org/events

Supporting Students with ADHD – Parents United
December 5, 2017; 9:00 am - 12:30 pm
Waukesha County Technical Center, Richard T. Anderson Center, 800 Main Street, Pewaukee, WI 53072
Patric Mattek, Ph.D. Dr. Patric Mattek, a clinical psychologist, will discuss the nature and neurobiology of the Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and our brain’s executive functions. The impact of potential deficits in executive functioning will be discussed, as will the construct of ADHD. Youth with deficits in executive functioning can face significant challenges in school, socially, and at home. Dr. Mattek will discuss potential interventions and strategies for promoting success across those domains.
Free. Registration is required: http://parentsunitedwi.org/register-now/

IEP Process & Product – CESA #1 WSPEI
Thursday, January 4, 2018; 9:30 am – 2:30 pm
CESA #1, N25 W23131 Paul Road, Suite #100, Pewaukee, WI 53072
The IEP Process & Product Training will give participants basic knowledge and information about IEPs. Participants will learn about the referral process, timelines, evaluation, and disability determination, and services. The second part of this presentation will give participants a good understanding of how an IEP is developed and what is written into it. Participants will learn how to navigate the special education maze and explore parent-friendly resources that will help parents be more effective advocates for their child.
To register: https://goo.gl/GlyYf3

WSPEI Webinars for 2017-2018 – View online or in person at CESA #1
Wednesday, December 13, 2017; 9am - 12:00pm - Topic: Foster Parents, Adoption, Grandparents
Register: https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/398634920608206339
Wednesday, February 14, 2018; 9am - 12:00pm - Topic: CCR-IEP Process
Register: https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7056470296884916995
Wednesday, May 9, 2018; 9am - 12:00pm - Topic: Guardianship & Supported Decision-Making Options
Register: https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8547845669777110275
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WI FACETS December Webinars and Workshops – WI FACETS
Free! 2018 Calendar of events found at:
Registration is required: www.wifacets.org/events, or call 877-374-0511.
12/4/2017 – WI Special Education Mediation System: Using Mediation to Resolve Issues, 12-1 pm
12/6/2017 – Summary of Performance (SoP), 12-1 pm
12/7/2017 – Programa de Educacion Individualizado (IE)) Parte II, 12-1pm
12/13/2017 – Fostering Self-Determination Among Children & Youth with Disabilities, 12-1pm
12/16/17 – Grupo de Autismo: Celebracion de Fin de Ano (Location TBA), 12-2pm

Parents Place
Parents Place promoting strong, healthy families though support and education! All families can benefit from our educational classes, playgroups, support groups, information & referral, and crisis support. Call Parents Place at 262-549-5575 with any questions. Complimentary child care is available. www.parentsplacewi.org

On-going Support Groups: Foster Parent Support - Parents Place
This parent facilitated support group looks at the struggles associated with being a foster parent. Connect with other foster parents in the area to share experiences and hardships and support one another.
Meets every 1st Thursday from 6:00-7:00pm.
Registration is required. Please call to register for classes and fee information at 262-549-5575

Parenting through Depression & Anxiety – Parents Place
In this ongoing support group, members help each other as symptoms of depression and/or anxiety make parenting difficult. Get tips for managing and preventing symptoms as well as the support of parents who are faced with the same challenges. The group meets twice a month every month. Leave each meeting recharged and ready to face the challenge that parenting with depression and anxiety can bring.
Meets every 2nd & 4th Thursday from 5:30-7:00pm.
Registration is required. Please call to register for classes and fee information at 262-549-5575

Playgroups – Parents Place
For parents, grandparents, primary caregivers and children.
Spanish: every Tuesday from 9:30-11:00am.
English: every Wednesday from 9:30-11:00am.
Registration is required. Please call to register for classes and fee information at 262-549-5575

WEBSITES, Online RESOURCES AND ORGANIZATIONS

WI Family Engagement Newsletter – Monthly Newsletter
http://www.servingongroups.org/resources

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/

Center for Parent Information & Resources
Featured Resource – Community-Building Toolkit: http://www.parentcenterhub.org/
Mental Health Resources: http://www.parentcenterhub.org/repository/mentalhealth/#quick

Autism Society of Southeastern Wisconsin
Phone: 414-988-1260; Email: info@assew.org; www.assew.org