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Improving outcomes by providing resources and information for parents, caregivers, educators and service providers of children with special needs, ages 3 - 21.

Sponsored by:
Wisconsin Statewide Parent Educator Initiative (WSPEI), UW Stout SVRI, and Wisconsin Family Ties,
with additional support from Area School Districts and Agencies



- **8:00 - 8:50 AM**
Registration and Agency Resource Booths
- **8:50 - 9:00 AM**
Announcements and Introduction of Keynote Speaker
- **9:00 - 9:50 AM - KEYNOTE**
Here, There or Everywhere? Mental Health Issues and How We can Make a Difference, Michelle Uetz, Special Education Teacher
- **9:50 - 10:00 AM - BREAK**
- **10:00 - 11:15 AM - BREAKOUT SESSIONS A - C**
 - A. Self-Care, Carol Zabel, Western Region Coordinator for the Wisconsin Safe and Healthy Schools Center and the School Counselor and Gifted and Talented Education Consultant for CESA 10**
Participants in this session will spend time defining stress, identifying how stress affects them physically and emotionally. In this very interactive presentation, participants will identify which of their needs go unmet when they are under stress. We will learn some basic stress management techniques and have some fun in the process.
 - B. Family-School Partnerships: Families are Key, Debbie Brennan, CESA 11 WSPEI Family Engagement Coordinator**
Learn about the latest research and practices in Family Engagement and how to partner with your student's school. Discover ways to develop leadership in your student's education at home, including the importance of bringing those leadership skills to the table as part of the IEP team.
 - C. Supporting Your Child and the Critical Skills Needed for Reading: For Parents and Educators of Children Ages 0-10 , Chris Hambuch-Boyle, CESA #11 Early Childhood Education Consultant**
Participants will learn the critical need of helping your child with reading support. Parents and Educators will be given practical advice and specific activities to help children between ages 0-10 and emerging readers. BRING YOUR FAVORITE CHILDREN'S BOOK WITH YOU.
- **11:15 - 11:25 AM - BREAK**
- **11:25 - 12:40 PM - BREAKOUT SESSIONS D - F**
 - D. We Can Work It Out: Getting Families and Service Systems to Collaborate, Toni Chambers, Parent Peer Specialist, WI Family Ties, Inc.**
Collaboration offers an opportunity to dramatically improve strategies for working with youth with social, emotional or behavioral challenges. In this research based workshop, participants will hear about the elements of a collaborative relationship, gain an understanding of the barriers and building blocks of collaboration, and both parents and providers (including educators) will learn how to build relationships with the other party.

E. Building Bridges to Adult Health Care, Dawn Stark, Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs
This training introduces information and discussion with families of children nearing or at ages 14-18, covering topics in all areas of health care transition including self-advocacy, decision-making skills, health insurance and other related topics. Helpful tools and resources will also be discussed.

F. Nuts and Bolts of IEPs, Stacey Haslow, CESA 10 WSPEI Family Engagement Coordinator
Every child that receives special education services has an Individualized Education Program (IEP). The IEP is developed by the IEP team and guides the school services and supports that the child has been determined to be eligible to receive. The IEP process can be confusing and stressful. This session seeks to help families be better prepared and informed partners with the school.

◦ **12:40 - 1:15 PM - LUNCH BREAK**

◦ **1:15 - 2:30 PM - BREAKOUT SESSIONS G - I**
G. - Supported Decision Making, George Zaske, an attorney, and a member of statewide group promoting Supporting Decision Making
Not every individual with an intellectual disability needs guardianship and the subsequent loss of their civil rights. Supported Decision Making (SDM) is an approach in which an individual is assisted with their decision making, which will enhance their skills, develop more independence, and allow them to take charge of their life. This information is most useful for families of individuals ages 14 and up.

H. Shedding Light on the Sibling Experience, Tina Joiner, ARC of Dunn County Training and Community Outreach Director and Emily Hanson, Occupational Therapist
This session will aim to educate participants on the valuable yet often unrecognized perspective of the siblings in the family when a child has a disability or illness. This session will provide personal testimony from a panel of siblings of various age groups and also provide information about support services available for siblings who have a brother or sister with special needs.

I. Parent Café Overview, Caroline Rossing, CESA 3 WSPEI Family Engagement Coordinator
Participants will learn about Parent Cafés - a process initiated by the Supporting Families Together Association. Parent Cafés engage parents in meaningful conversations about what matters most - their family and how to strengthen that family by building resilience, relationships, knowledge, support and communication.

◦ **2:30 - 2:45 PM**
Wrap Up and Door Prizes



Michelle Uetz has been a special education teacher for eight years. She has taught all disabilities and specializes in EBD and Transition. After losing her sister to mental health issues, Michelle and her husband obtained permanent guardianship of her cousin's two girls, both of whom have mental health issues. Michelle understands and addresses mental illness from a teacher, sibling, parent, and personal perspective.

- Debbie Brennan**, Family Engagement Coordinator, CESA #11 Wisconsin Statewide Parent Educator Initiative
- Toni Chambers**, Parent Peer Specialist, WI Family Ties
- Chris Hambuch-Boyle**, CESA #11 Early Childhood Educational Consultant
- Emily Hanson**, Occupational Therapist
- Stacey Haslow**, CESA #10 WSPEI Family Engagement Coordinator
- Tina Joiner**, ARC of Dunn County
- Caroline Rossing**, CESA #3 WSPEI Family Engagement Coordinator
- Dawn Stark**, Children and Youth with Special Needs
- Carol Zabel**, Western Region Coordinator for the WI Safe and Healthy Schools Center and the School Counselor and Gifted and Talented Education Consultant for CESA #10
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Wisconsin Statewide Parent Educator Initiative (WSPEI)
Debbie Brennan, Sally Coy and Pat Rynda are CESA #11 Family Engagement Coordinators for the Wisconsin Statewide Parent Educator Initiative.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

School District: _____ Child's Disability: _____

I am attending as: a parent an education professional an agency professional (Please check all that apply)

Number of adults attending: _____ I would like a free box lunch: Yes No

Please indicate which sessions you will attend:

Session A-C (10:00 am-11:15 am) _A_B_C Session D-F (11:25 am-12:40 pm) _D_E_F Session G-I (1:15 am-2:30 pm) _G_H_I

May we keep your name and contact information for future training opportunities? Yes No

Register Online at: <https://goo.gl/6kQDkt>

- In case of inclement weather, please check our CESA #11 website (www.cesa11.k12.wi.us) for cancellation -

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Registration Deadline: 10/27/17