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Seven Feathers Awards SPEAKS with Grant

SPEAKS Education was awarded recently with a grant through the Seven Feathers to provide training for foster families, and the foster care community. With this grant, SPEAKS will provide two day trainings to participants covering topics in Special Education, the IEP process, Rights and Laws, as well as drug, alcohol, bullying, and suicide prevention. Below are the listed dates and areas where these trainings will be available. If you or someone you know would like to attend one of the trainings, please call or email to register. Foster care is a very large part in our community, and we would like to invite all those involved; including social workers, case workers, volunteers, care takers/ foster parents. These trainings are free!!!!

Newberry, Mi

August 7+8
10-3pm

Escanaba

August 22+23
DSISD
10-3pm

Sault Ste Marie

EUPISD
August 15+16
10-3pm

Marquette

August 24+25
Marquette ISD
10-3PM



Full Speed Ahead!!



SPEAKS Education received notice that their funding has been secured for their second year of the 5-year grant through the Federal government and OSEP. This not only allows SPEAKS to continue serving the community, but as you can see above, allows SPEAKS to put even more trainings, events, and outreach in motion. Aside from the August trainings, SPEAKS will return to Washington DC at the end of July, and we already have more trainings planned for September, October and November. Aside from trainings, SPEAKS will be able to help advocate for children with special needs, and train parents. Spread the word!!



Hot off the Executive Director's Desk!

WOW what a hot and zooming summer-I haven't really had a vacation yet!! The System Design Committee met in Lansing which I was part of, and Michigan Alliance for Families and the ARC Michigan along with Early On have put together a wonderful program for educating parents and coordinators/staff on Early On rights and regulations and the transition process for 0-5 years old. MAF (and SPEAKS) and Early On and the ISD coordinators will be collaborating come this fall to start the "Climb to the Top" project. I am so excited about this new project, the information is fresh and solid and there is a DVD that also comes with the booklet. I am glad to see organizations and ISD's coming together in the best interest of the youngest group of children at such an early age to help the families with their futures.

SPEAKS also received a Seven Feathers grant that will have 4 different trainings 2 days in length in each of the geographic areas; Escanaba, Marquette, Newberry, and Sault Ste. Marie. Please see the information in this newsletter. Subjects covered are Special Education Process, Bullying prevention, Alcohol, Drug, and Suicide Prevention. These trainings are geared toward foster families, foster children and foster care agencies.

I leave for Washington D.C. for OSEP MEGA Conference on July 29th. I also will be going to the Capitol on August 2, 2011 to meet with our politicians at the "Reception on the Hill" in hopes to discuss the issues involving education in the state of Michigan and what is going to happen with IDEA and where the politicians stand on this issue.

School will be starting and SPEAKS is setting up trainings for the 2011-2012 year. Please keep in mind that we have a special speaker coming to discuss Autism and the medical and educational issues that always bump with each other. Sally Burton Hoyle will be coming to the EUPISD to discuss these issues and why children need to be part of the General Education classroom that have Autism. Come listen to her on August 19, 2011 from 10-3p.m.

The Parent Support group will start up in September at the SPEAKS office. We are in hopes to get someone positioned in the Western end in September to start in October, fulfilling the position that was re-opened in early June. So if you know of anyone interested have them call the office for information. SPEAKS is also looking for a volunteer grant writer, volunteer web page designer, and any college students interested in doing an internship with SPEAKS.

Wishing great weather and times ahead so you can finish out your summer with fun and relaxation with your children and families.

Dorie France
Executive Director



Dr. Sally Burton-Hoyle



SPEAKS Education would like to present Dr. Sally Burton-Hoyle. She will be presenting to any one and everyone on August 19th at the EUPISD. SPEAKS invites anyone who has interest or is a part of the Special Education world. The training is free, and offers a free lunch as well.



Please remember to call or email to register for this presentation. Dr. Burton-Hoyle is a Professor of Special Education at Eastern Michigan University, the coordinator of the Masters of Autism Spectrum Disorders Program and a member of the Autism Collaborative. She is well grounded in the diagnostic and therapeutic trends of the day and has a balanced view of the history of Autism and how therapeutic trends have evolved.

EUPISD
August 19th, 2011
10 am to 3 pm

Topics

- Medical Diagnosis vs. Educational Criteria
- Students with ASD and Supports in the General Education Setting

Sun Safety for Infants From the American Academy of Pediatrics



The two main recommendations from the AAP to prevent sunburn are to avoid sun exposure, and to dress infants in lightweight long pants, long-sleeved shirts, and brimmed hats that shade the neck to prevent sunburn. However, when adequate clothing and shade are not available, parents can apply a minimal amount of sunscreen with at least 15 SPF (sun protection factor) to small areas, such as the infant's face and the back of the hands. If an infant gets sunburn apply cold compresses to the affected area.

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