



Northern Regional Center

for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs



Hello !

We hope our *Winter Northern Regional Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs eNewsletter* finds you happy, healthy and ready for a great 2016 year ahead.

We found this TED talk video by Josh Shipp so inspiring! We think that anyone working with children will be motivated and inspired by it, too. Please check it out along with our other articles and information. Let us know if there is a topic you would like us to cover. Stay warm!

Sincerely,

NORTHERN REGIONAL CENTER CYSHCN AUTUMN 2015 NEWSLETTER

TED Talk: Every Kid is ONE Caring Adult Away From Being a Success Story

By Josh Shipp

Youth Advocate Josh Shipp was a foster kid, class clown, a trouble maker. He was written off, kicked out, and every parents worst nightmare. Yet Josh has an adult who refused to give up on him which eventually changed everything. This TED talk is a stirring call to action for all adults to intentionally invest time with a kid.



[Click here to watch his inspirational TED talk!](#)

Medical Home

So Many Doctors, So Little Time

A family with a child who has a chronic health condition might feel overwhelmed with the number of medical appointments or health care specialists needed for their child's care. An important element of a quality Medical Home is a **shared plan of care** which facilitates communication between the patient, family and health care providers to support coordination and integration of care for a child with a chronic illness or condition.



Many resources to support this process to improve care and health outcomes are referenced on the Wisconsin Medical Home Initiative website under [Clinicians and Care Coordination](#).

Sign up for "Medical Home Minute"

Northern Regional Center Website

www.northernregionalcenter.org

Mental Health

Kids in Crisis

Gannett Wisconsin Media

Kids in Crisis is USA TODAY NETWORK-Wisconsin's groundbreaking series on youth mental health.



Wisconsin ranks among the worst states for rates of youth depression, youth suicide, and shortages of care providers. A team of 25 journalists throughout the state have spent months reporting on the topic and we hope you will join us in finding solutions.

View the series [HERE](#)

Wisconsin Zero Suicide Academy

June 1-2, 2016

Do you currently receive the "Medical Home Minute"?



Contact us at the Northern Regional Center or the Wisconsin Medical Home Initiative to get your email address added to this monthly electronic newsletter that provides current info on medical home initiatives in Wisconsin.

[Contact Us to Sign Up](#)

Family Engagement

Advocacy for Change Family Leadership Institute

Family Voices of Wisconsin offers a full day of training at the



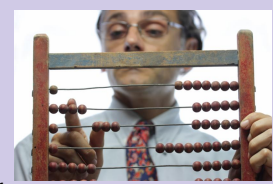
Advocacy for Change Family Leadership Institute on Thursday, **March 3, 2016** in Madison. This is specifically designed for families who have children with special needs. *"Advocacy For Change is a learning and action forum for families to gain information and skills that will enhance their efforts to improve the lives of children with disabilities."*

Registration for this event and more details are available on the [Family Voices of Wisconsin website](#).

WI Family Assistance Center for Education Training and Support 2016 Training Calendar

WI FACETS is an advocacy agency that helps families understand the special education laws and systems, early childhood, transition for students to adult life, communication strategies, dispute resolution, bullying, and much more. They have over **100 free workshops** scheduled for families of children with disabilities and

Eau Claire, WI



The Zero Suicide Academy™ is a two-day training for

senior leaders of health and behavioral health care organizations that seek to dramatically reduce suicides among patients in their care including patients with serious mental health disorders.

The objectives of the Zero Suicide Academy™ are to (a) provide organizations interested in adopting a Zero Suicide approach with the skills and information necessary to launch their effort; (b) create collaborative links between the organizations launching these initiatives in order to provide mentorship and support so that the perspectives, knowledge, and skills of each inform the work of the others; and (c) develop implementation plans for the Zero Suicide initiatives at each participating organization.

[Information and Registration Link](#) 2016 Behavioral Health Webinar Series

Brought to you by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and ATTC.

Monthly webinar series featuring evidence-based information from the foremost experts in the country.

[Information and Registration Link](#)

Upcoming Events

Northern Region

Family Voices "Did You

those who support them.



Registration is required:

www.wifacets.org/events , or call 877-374-0511.

For the most current calendar:

<http://www.wifacets.org/events>

[2016 Calendar Available for Download](#)

Youth Transition

Encouraging Transition Planning for Teen Patients

Transition planning involves many decisions about education and work, living arrangements, finances and managing your health care as youth prepare for life as an adult. *Any* person over the age of 18 is legally an adult and presumed to be able to manage all of their life activities and decisions. Sometimes youth with a health condition or disability need assistance with these decisions.

Check out these two fact sheets to help and share with families about the continuum of supported decision making and alternatives to full guardianship.

[Supported Decision-Making and Health Care: Basics for Pediatric Physicians](#)

[Family Voices Fact Sheet](#)

WI Transition Conference

50 sessions designed for special educators, parents and organizations working with students with disabilities and their transitions within school and post high school. National and State experts will be presenting, along with ample opportunity to network and learn.

[Information and Registration Link](#)

Know? Now You Know!"

Training

Wausau, May 5th 5pm-7:30pm

Explains to families the resources and services for children with disabilities and special health care needs from birth through young adulthood. Learn about health insurance and how to best use your benefits, Medicaid, long-term supports and community resources.

[Information Link](#)

Financial Wellness Conference

Wausau, February 13

8:30-1:30pm

Adult and Youth Sessions!

[Information and Registration Link](#)

"Baby Business"-The dollars and sense of Investing in Working Parents. February 10, 2016, 7:30-9:00am

Supported parents make productive employees. Retaining skilled, productive workers is a continual challenge for employers. For working parents, the employment challenge is compounded by balancing work and family life, as well as ensuring a nurturing environment for their children, especially during the critical first years of a child's life.

What can employers do to partner with parent workers to retain quality employees, reduce absenteeism, and increase productivity? What can employers do to help ensure future

Additional Upcoming Events

[40th Annual Pediatric Conference-Marshfield Clinic](#)

Friday, April 8, 2016

Robert F. Froehlke Auditorium, Laird Center for Medical Research, Marshfield Clinic 1000 N. Oak Avenue, Marshfield, WI

[Fulfilling The Promise Conference](#)

February 23-25, 2016

Radisson Paper Valley Hotel
Appleton, WI

[Safety-Based Intervention Strategies for Play Therapists](#)

Friday, March 4, 2016

Presenter: Janine S. Shelby, Ph.D

generations of a skilled, educated workforce? Why does investing in working parents and early childhood development yield high rates of return?

[Information and Registration Link](#)

Statewide

Transition Planning Web Conference Series for Parents

February 17th, March 15th, April 20th
from 12:00 pm-1:00 pm.

[Information and Registration Link](#)

Autism Society of Wisconsin

27th Annual Conference

Date: April 7-9, 2016

Location: Kalahari, WI Dells

[Information & Registration Link](#)

Circles of Life Conference

Date: April 21-22, 2016

Location: Country Springs Hotel,
Pewaukee

[Information Link](#)

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