



Care in the Community

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September 22, 2010

**Radisson Hotel-Milwaukee West
2303 N. Mayfair Rd., Wauwatosa, WI
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Purpose statement

To give families and providers information, resources, and strategies that help them work together to give children and youth with special health care needs coordinated, family-centered care in the community.

Target audience

Families, physicians, social workers, teachers, and others who care for children and youth with special health care needs or disabilities.

Conference fees

Families and guardians: \$15 per person
Professionals: \$20 per person
Social workers requesting clock hours: \$40 per person
Students: \$15 per person

Limited scholarships are available for parents and guardians of Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs. Please call Meg Steimle, at (414)-255-3192 for more information.

Refund policy

No refunds will be issued.

Continuing education credits

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Contact hours

Children's Hospital and Health System, provider #1021 is approved as a provider for continuing education by The Association of Social Work Boards, 400 South Ridge Parkway, Suite B, Culpepper, VA 22701. www.aswb.org ASWB Approval Period: 01/29/10 through 1/29/13. Social workers should contact their regulatory board to determine course approval.

Social workers will receive 6.4 continuing education clock hours in participating in this course.

This course is appropriate for social workers at all practice levels.

Social workers must complete an evaluation form at the end of the program to receive a certificate.

ADA statement

Children's Hospital and Health System fully intends to comply with the legal requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. If any participant of the conference needs accommodation, call (414) 266-2209.

For your comfort

Room temperatures may vary in the meeting rooms. Please bring a jacket or sweater in case the room is too cool for your comfort.

Questions

Contact Marie Grevsmuehl, conference coordinator, at (414) 266-2209 or mgrevsmuehl@chw.org

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7:30 a.m. **Registration and continental breakfast**

8:00 a.m. **Welcome and overview**

Meg Steimle, BA, outreach specialist, Children's Hospital of Wisconsin

8:40 a.m. **Keynote address: *The Spirit of Difference***

Rick Guidotti, BA

Director of Positive Exposure, Rick completed his education in photography and filmmaking at New York's School of Visual Arts and established a studio in Manhattan. He specialized in portraiture and fashion for 15 years. In 1998, he started Positive Exposure, a non profit organization that challenges the stigma associated with difference by pioneering a new vision of the beauty and richness of genetic diversity. Rick will help you discover how to best meet the needs of children and families with, or at risk for, genetic disorders. He encourages each individual living with a genetic difference to be seen first and foremost as a human being with his or her own special needs rather than as a specific diagnosis or disease.

Objective: The participant will identify strategies that support a balanced practice, including recognizing multiple methods to advocate for a change in perception of children with genetic disorders.

9:45 a.m. **Break/Vendors**

10:00 a.m. **Session 1 (choose one workshop to attend)**

1A – *Teamwork: Every voice counts*

Diane Howard, MS and Mary Spidell, MS

During this session, we will review the student and parent rights under IDEA, discuss the components of the IEP (student strengths, weaknesses, goals, services and placement), how to advocate for your child during an IEP meeting, and answer any questions participants may have.

Objective: The participant will describe the importance of a team approach to develop an Individualized Education Program. Identify the value of all team members.

1B - *Supplemental Security Income*

Ron Konkol, BS, Social Security Agency and Julie Turkoske, parent

When a child reaches age 18, the transitions are difficult. When a child has significant challenges from physical and mental impairments, navigating the change to adult Supplemental Security Income benefits can be overwhelming. This session will prepare you to begin planning and setting the timelines for actions to make this difficult transition less stressful.

Objective: The participant will summarize basic information and procedures for Supplemental Security Income.

1C – *Diversity challenge*, Positive Exposure

Rick Guidotti, BA

POSITIVE EXPOSURE challenges perceptions of beauty. During the workshop, participants will learn how to bring this workshop activity to their homes, workplaces and schools.

Objective: The participant will identify their various perceptions of beauty and be challenged to think differently.

11:15 a.m. **Break/Vendors**

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11:30 a.m. **Lunch**

12:15 p.m. **Break/Vendors**

12:30 p.m. **Session 2 (choose one workshop to attend)**

2A – Family coping

Latoya Stamper, MSW, medical social worker and Jill Wiench, CCLS, child life specialist, Children's Hospital of Wisconsin

Discuss strategies to help family members cope with a chronic illness or a child's hospitalization from healthcare providers and parents' perspectives. This presentation will be a collaboration of both healthcare providers and a parent panel.

Objective: The participant will discuss strategies to help family members cope with a chronic illness or when a child is hospitalized from both healthcare providers and a parent perspective.

2B – What kids with emotional or behavioral disorders really need

Hugh Davis, BS, Wisconsin Family Ties

Kids with mental health disorders are often misunderstood and not given the opportunity to display the talents they possess. Learn what these children need to succeed and how that information can change your approach to caring for and working with them.

Objective: The participant will gain an understanding of the key needs that drive the behavior of children with mental health issues and how those needs should impact our approach in dealing with challenging behavior.

2C –Health literacy: Help me to understand

Carol Klingbeil, MS, RN, CPNP, Children's Hospital of Wisconsin

This session will focus on the self advocacy role and tools to clarify information that is shared in health care visits or hospital stays. How to ask questions to make information that is not presented in an understandable and clear way will be shared. Understanding why health literacy is being paid attention to in hospitals and the community and the tie to patient satisfaction, quality, and safety will be explored.

Objective: The participant will discuss what health literacy is and explain its importance.

1:45 p.m. **Break**

2:00 p.m. **Session 3 (choose one workshop to attend)**

3A –Service delivery: Let me count the ways

Jeff Kaus, BA, CSW, Children's Hospital of Wisconsin

Energetic service delivery is important for both the child and the family, as well as for the caregiver or professional. Unfortunately, it is easy to fall into a rut and lose energy, especially when working in the same setting for many years. This presentation will address the dangers of unenergetic service delivery and it will present ways to treat every interaction as if it were the first.

Objective: The participant will describe the challenges of routinely explaining services to families. Recognize the need for a fresh perspective on service delivery.

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3B – Quality of life: Creating hope

Beth Kastner, BA, RN, MDiv, Children's Hospital of Wisconsin

Palliative care, a relatively new pediatric discipline, is often confused with hospice care. This presentation will open understanding of what can be an excellent resource for parents and health care professionals.

Objective: The participant will explore the variety of services through Palliative Care as it relates to quality of life for children and families with chronic health conditions.

3C – ADRC-transition to adulthood

Starr Burke, BA, Tina Pulera, parent

Come learn about children's transition to adult services. The session will discuss Aging and Disability Resource Centers, Managed Care and turning 18: What does it all mean?

Objective: The participant will describe services of the Aging & Disability Resource Center and outline services available through publically funded long-term supports for transitioning youth.

3:15 p.m. **Break**

3:30 p.m. **Plenary session: *The latest scoop on health care***
Brad Holman, BS Ed, Children's Hospital of Wisconsin

The presentation will include a presentation and discussion on protection for kids, coverage for young adults, and new insurance rules.

Objective: Participants will identify health care coverage changes as they apply to Wisconsin due to national health care reform. The session will focus on changes having impact within the next two years.

4:00 p.m. **Wrap-up and evaluation**