

Family & Community Partnerships Managers 2011 Wisconsin Head Start Association Spring Quarterly

<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Interfacing Our Work Meet with State Agency, Department, or Organization Representatives</p>	<p>Dialogue on Interacting with the Child Welfare System (CWS) and Update on Trends in CWS Professional Development</p> <p>Wednesday, April 13th from 10:00 a.m. to noon <i>Sue Saeger, Program Director</i> <i>Southern Child Welfare Training Partnership</i></p> <p>During this interactive and engaging session, join Child Welfare System (CWS) training staff and your Head Start & Early Head Start colleagues to first discuss your past interactions with the CWS and families served jointly by CWS and Head Start. We'll consider our past successes and challenges when working with the CWS. Together, we'll examine those challenges and explore ways we might address them locally (through teaming with local partner agencies) and individually (through increased awareness and knowledge).</p> <p>Presenter Sue Saeger will also provide updates on trends in CWS professional development which may affect the ways in which you collaborate with your local CWS partners. You'll learn about growing CWS emphasis on supporting foster parents and focused efforts related to shared parenting, teaming, and alternative response and intervention. Come ready to have a conversation!</p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Connecting with Others</p>	<p>Facilitated Networking and Share Shop</p> <p>Wednesday, April 13th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. <i>Andrea Haque and Eileen Lauer, Family & Community Partnerships Managers</i> <i>UW Oshkosh Head Start</i></p> <p>Head Start and Early Head Start Family & Community Partnerships Managers meet to network, identify and discuss current topics and trends, and share resources like program policies and products.</p> <p>Prior to the Quarterly, participants are encouraged to identify current trends and items of concern for discussion as well as suggesting program policies and products to share by noticing Molly Kovarik at 608-442-6879 or kovarik@whsaonline.org. Summary lists of submitted topics, policies and/or products will be disseminated to meeting registrants prior to the event so <u>be sure your email address is included on your registration form</u>.</p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Deepening the Content Educational Opportunity</p>	<p>Enhancing Family Partnership Agreement Outcomes through Conversations Based on Child & Family Routines</p> <p>Thursday, April 14th from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. <i>Joanna Parker, Early Childhood Education Specialist and Manager</i> <i>Ann Steffen, Early Childhood Education Specialist</i> <i>Wisconsin Head Start Early Childhood Education Training & Technical Assistance Center at STG International, Inc.</i></p> <p>Good communication skills are essential in helping parents and caregivers make decisions about sharing their strengths, concerns, priorities, and resources about their family life. In this session, we will discuss home visitation strategies to engage parents in conversations about the aspects of their family life that are important to both their child's development and their interactions with their children. We'll also explore how these discussions can translate into positive family outcomes. We'll learn to go beyond simply asking parents what their goals are or having home visits be just about filling out paperwork. Samples of conversation starters and a format for taking notes about the discussion will be shared too.</p>