

It's Back to School Season

September 2023 WSPEI Connector

Let's get this school year started! 🗨️

- ✳️ We hope your summer was perfect
- 🛏️ We hope you caught up on rest
- 📖 Read a great book
- 🎬 Saw a fun movie
- 🎢 Rode a crazy roller coaster
- 🗨️ And didn't think about school (well, maybe a little!)
- 🗨️ And now it's time to get ready for...the greatest year ever!



As kids return to the classroom across Wisconsin, WSPEI has an extensive list of ways families can connect and learn together! All offerings are FREE and we are excited to see you soon! 🗨️

"Every Child, Every Family, Every Day" Dr. Steve Constantino 🗨️

📢 WSPEI Workshops and Networks for Fall 2023 📢

All workshops are NO COST for all!

[The Family's Role in the CCR-IEP Process](#)

This series will include information to empower parents and other family members become more confident participants in the IEP process. For families who have a child between the ages 3-21 who has an IEP.

[Family Support Community](#)

A monthly learning opportunity offered to families and other caregivers supporting a child(ren) with a disability. Meeting on the first Wednesday of the month beginning in September.

[Engaging and Supporting Families in Groups that Make Decisions](#)

A 4-part series that will enable participants to form a group, identify a purpose, and grow skills for effective participation in decision making groups that engage and support families in their school

and community. Beginning mid-October

[Families As Partners](#)

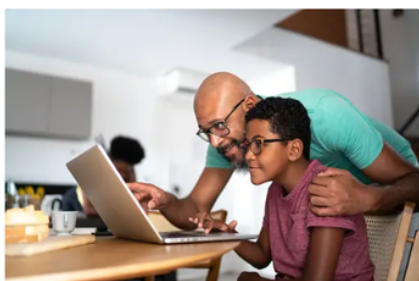
A five-session education and leadership opportunity for families focused on building relationships with school staff and others that can improve student outcomes. First session is September 26, 2023.

[Powerful Partnerships Online Book Study](#)

Join families from throughout the state of Wisconsin to take a deeper dive into the work of Karen Mapp, Ilene Carver and Jessica Lander. Discussions held on Thursdays beginning October 5, 2023.

[Family Engagement Community of Practice](#)

A learning community for educators, administrators, statewide agencies, community partners, and families focusing on family-engagement-specific topics. Meeting the second Wednesday of the month beginning in September.



Have a GREAT Year!

Offerings from other Wisconsin Organizations

Wisconsin Family Voices Training Schedule

Fall Schedule is OPEN! Last Wednesday Learning Sessions

Assistive Technology Forward Community of Practice

The AT Forward Project supports educators, practitioners, caregivers and families to increase student autonomy in utilizing Assistive Technology tools to support access, engagement, and progress in learning. First meeting is September 19th

Supporting Neurodiverse Students Year Long Cohort

Come join a learning community around topics connected to students with neurodiverse needs.
This cohort will meet monthly from 3:30-4:30 to learn with and from each other.

Parents in Partnership for Transition

A series of top-notch trainings to prepare you and your youth with disabilities for life after high school.
Sessions begin September 12th!

YIPPE - Youth in Partnership with Parents

No Cost workshops for youth with disabilities, AGES 14 TO 21, and their parents to learn what comes after high school. Session begin September 15th

St. Colleta of Wisconsin Open House

Vocational and Residential Tours
September 29, 2023 10am-5pm

WI FACETS Family Engagement Newsletter and Training Calendar

Our mission is to provide and broaden opportunities that enhance the quality of life for children and adults with disabilities and their families, with emphasis on support for underserved families in the community.

[WI FACETS September 2023 Newsletter](#)

This month's Family Engagement newsletter features Assistive Technology topics

[Wisconsin Training Calendar | WI FACETS](#)

Workshops for 2023-24

✦ Wisconsin Conferences and Leadership Training

[Self Determination Conference](#)

2023 Self-Determination Conference

Be Curious: Explore the Possibilities

October 16-18, 2023

Kalahari Resort, Wisconsin Dells, WI & Virtually

[Children Come First Conference](#)

November 6-7th, 2023

Kalahari Resort • Wisconsin Dells, WI

[WIFLI Training](#)

Family Voices Wisconsin Family Leadership Institute

➤ Spotlight on a Wisconsin Support Organization! ➤

Parent to Parent

Our mission

Help parents find a one-to-one connection with another parent, who know firsthand about the feelings and realities that come with having a child with special needs.

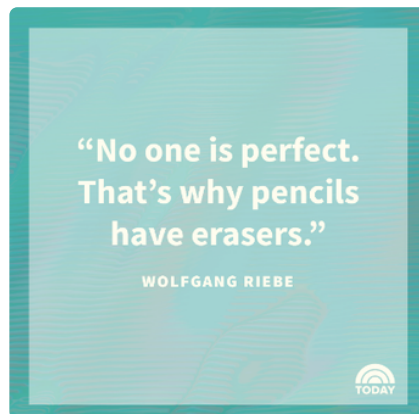
Having a child with special needs sets parents on a different journey than the one that was originally expected. Fortunately, many parents have “gone before” and can be a source of strength, hope, direction, and help. Through a one-on-one match, you will connect with another parent who has experienced a journey similar to yours. A match provides emotional support and information to families of individuals with disabilities or other special needs. Like each family, every match is unique.

[Website](#)

[Parent to Parent Trainings](#)

[Parent to Parent Fact Sheet](#)

[De padres a padres hechos en español](#)



Back-to-School Resources to Hit the Ground Running

[Read this article from Understood.org](#)

Going back to school can be exciting for kids and parents. It can also be full of stress and uncertainty. This guide can help you navigate everything from school anxiety and back-to-school routines to IEPs and 504 plans.

ReSET Tool Kit

Keeping Children with Complex Health Needs Healthy in School

Connect with us!

Share with others! Tell us what you think! We would love to hear from you!



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