

Spring 2011

FSRC News & Events

State Budget Impact

It has been a tumultuous and challenging period for the state of Wisconsin in light of the introduction and signing of Governor Walker's 2011-13 state budget. We remain concerned about potential loss of services for families and children, and are keeping a close eye on the impact on Medicaid, Family Support and the CLTS Waiver. Go to our website at www.fsrcdane.org to read County Executive Kathleen Falk's initial summary of impact of the Governor's Budget on Dane County.

Timesheet and Billing Deadlines

REMINDER – All timesheets and bills for service should be submitted to your FSRC Case Manager within 30 days of service. With the state's recent changes to Third Party Administration billing for the CLTS Waiver we no longer have the flexibility to make payments in the way that we did in the past. Bills that do not meet deadlines will be returned to parents for payment.

SAVE THE DATE for FSRC's Annual Picnic!

Many of you had a great time at our agency picnic last year, eating yummy picnic fare and participating in fun activities for all ages! Well, this year's picnic promises to be even bigger and better than last year!

Join us in the great outdoors at McKee Farms Park in Fitchburg on Saturday, August 27th, 2011 from 4-7pm. All are welcome!

Join us at Brat Fest!

FSRC staff and Board members are again volunteering at Brat Fest 2011 over Memorial Day Weekend on the grounds of the Alliant Energy Center. Brat Fest is the largest brat festival in the world. This year FSRC has signed up to work the 9:30 am—1:30 pm shift on Saturday, May 28. Most of our volunteers will be transporting food, grilling or wrapping brats, or filling condiment containers. Every volunteer hour that we work results in a payment to FSRC. We have a few openings left, so if you are interested in donating a few hours of your time, please call us at 237-7630 to sign up. Last year we had a lot of fun, and look forward to raising even more funds for FSRC this year. Even if you cannot volunteer, please make sure to stop by to enjoy the food and entertainment.

Board News

We would like to thank outgoing Board Members Kelli Betsinger and Jo Cauley for their years of work on behalf of FSRC. We could not run this organization if it were not for the great support we receive from community volunteers. Thanks again.

Baby News!

On December 1, 2010 we welcomed the latest addition to our FSRC family when case manager, Paola Perez, gave birth to beautiful baby boy, Luca. All are doing well and big sister, Vianne, especially loves her baby brother. We are happy that Paola returned to her position at FSRC on February 21, and look forward to her settling back in as a new mom to two little ones.



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UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN

Please consider making a donation to United Way through your employer. We are partners with United Way as part of their public campaign. All donations directly benefit families and individuals in Dane County.



Thank You Holiday Donors!

We are amazed each year at the generosity and dedication of our holiday donors who give of their resources and time to help make the holidays brighter for many of the families we serve! This year, over 130 children received individually selected gifts. Our donors included the members of **Unity Church of Madison**, employees of **Capitol Indemnity Corporation**, **Capitol Lakes**, **Community Bankers of Wisconsin**, and **Alliant Energy**, and individuals **Patti Becker**, **Shauna Sendelbach**, **Jill Barasch**, **Rhonda and Kurt Mork**, and **Sarah and Jeremy Watt**. We can't thank you enough for getting involved and supporting our agency and families in this way!

It's time to think about SUMMER!!

Even though the chill is not quite out of the air, registration has begun or will soon begin for many summer programs. Whether it's registering for day camps through Madison School & Community Recreation (MSCR) or the YMCA, or making arrangements to recruit additional respite providers for the summer months, be sure to prioritize summer planning now as many programs fill up quickly. Call your case manager to discuss options for summer. Check out the following agencies for summer programs:

Achieving Collaborative Treatment (ACT)
<http://acttreatment.com>

Children's Therapy Network (CTN)
<http://www.ctn-madison.com>

Common Threads
<http://xi.lunarfiffic.com/~commo31>

Communication Innovations
<http://communicationinnovations.com>

Imagine a Child's Capacity (ICC)
<http://www.icc-wi.org>

Integrated Development Services (IDS)
<http://www.ids-wi.com>

Wisconsin Early Autism Project (WEAP)
<http://www.wiautism.com>

The Mobility Store: Wheelchair Recycling Resource



The Mobility Store, a Wheelchair Recycling Program, offers high quality, low cost, re-stored and sanitized mobility and medical equipment. They are a non-profit that uses all proceeds to support their mission of putting Miracles in Motion through assisting those in need of mobility equipment. They sell and accept donations of:

- Manual and Power Wheelchairs
- Walkers, Canes and Crutches
- Bath Benches, Raised Toilet Seats
- Grab Bars, and other bath equipment
- Hospital Beds, Pediatric Equipment, and more...

If someone you care about is in need, you can contact The Mobility Store at their Madison office or new Brookfield Office or see a list of their inventory and pictures of available equipment on their website www.wrp.org.

Madison Area
2554 Advance Road
Madison, Wisconsin 53718
Phone: 608.243.1785

Milwaukee Area
3540 N. 126th St., Unit F
Brookfield, Wisconsin 53005
Phone: 262.439.8248



NAMI Basics Education Program

Talk to someone who understands, Someone Just Like You

What is NAMI Basics?

NAMI Basics is the new signature education program for parents and other caregivers of children and adolescents living with mental illnesses. The NAMI Basics course is taught by trained teachers who are the parent or other caregivers of individuals who developed the symptoms of mental illness prior to the age of 13 years. The course consists of six classes, each lasting for 2 ½ hours. Classes are structured to help caregivers understand and support children growing up with serious mental illness while maintaining their own well being. A series of 6 weekly classes are offered to accommodate the hectic schedules of parents. All instruction materials are FREE to participants and there is no cost to participate in the NAMI Basics Education Program. We think you will be pleased by how much assistance and support the program offers.

Free for parents, family members, and guardians of children with:

Major Depression
Bipolar Disorder (Manic Depression)
Schizophrenia and Schizoaffective Disorder
Borderline Personality Disorder
Panic Disorder and Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
Co-occurring Brain Disorders and Addictive Disorders.

Class are held in a downtown Madison building located at Wisconsin Ave and Gorham St. (Address is provided upon registration.)

Registration is required. To find out more about the classes and registration for next session call: (608) 249-7188

Visit their website at www.namidanecounty.org

New In-Home Therapy Option

The Dane County Department of Human Services has offered a contract to an additional in-home autism provider, Applied Behavior Analysts, LLC (ABA). This organization has recently expanded to Central and Southeast Wisconsin from Green Bay.

ABA provides high quality pre-intensive, intensive, and post-intensive treatment to children on the Autism Spectrum, including Asperger's and PDD-NOS. Individualized programming tailored to the exact needs of the child is implemented with a goal of maximizing potential in a fun and successful environment. ABA has seen quick and successful growth since it's start-up in November of 2009. Unique aspects lending to this quick growth are:

In-home evaluations: Dr. Eric J. Lund, Psy.D., BCBA-D, the Executive Director of ABA, performs diagnostic evaluations in the home, which is a low stress and natural environment for the child, leading to a diagnosis and more precise clinical perspective.

Parent Support Coordinator: On staff with ABA is a Parent Support Coordinator who is a resource for the family and helps them through the process of acquiring and improving services.

Therapy: ABA therapy is tailored to the child and uses a multitude of styles. Therapy is flexible to accommodate families.

Low staff turnover rates due to hiring dedicated, qualified individuals who are supported in continued growth and development and compensated well, lending to a stable career opportunity.

For more information about Applied Behavior Analysts, as well as resources, articles, and links to autism related services, go to www.wiaba.com, or call 920-857-9041.



Encore Studio Debuts a Series of All New Short Plays Entitled “Not Always A Parent”

 <p>Encore! Studio for the Performing Arts</p>	<p>WHAT: Not Always A Parent WHERE: Mary Dupont Wahlers Theatre Encore Studio for the Performing Arts 1480 Martin St., Madison, Wis. DATES: March 25-April 16 TIMES: 8 p.m. Fri; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sat, April 2nd & 9th TICKETS: Tickets are \$15; \$10 seniors and students RESERVATIONS: (608) 255-0331</p>
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The third production in Encore’s season will delve into a spectrum of issues parents experience when raising children with disabilities. Written by Kelsy Schoenhaar and Wendy Prosis and directed by Schoenhaar, Sarah Luedtke, Jessica Jane Witham, and Jon Meister.

ABOUT “Not Always A Parent”

Often blamed for a child’s behaviors and disabilities, this production examines historic elements of the challenges bestowed upon parents and those that support children and adults with disabilities, in a series of short vignettes. “Not Always A Parent” brings to life the colorful, the humorous, and the perilous in a production that only Encore could bring to life!

Birthday Fun!



Olivia, Ellie, Ellie, Nora, Jackson, Kyla and Taylor

Kyla Thorson celebrated her 5th birthday at Storybook Ballet where she has taken dance classes. Her friends joined her for a party of make-believe, costumes, dancing and music. Sounds magical! Happy Birthday Kyla!

The Annual ASW Conference is coming to Wisconsin Dells!

The Autism Society of Wisconsin will host its annual conference, filled with thoughtful speakers, workshops and other opportunities on April 14-16 at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells. This year’s conference theme is “Navigating the Spectrum”, and it promises to be an informative and enjoyable event! ASGM is offering a limited number of scholarships to the conference. If you are interested in attending and would like to apply for a scholarship, please email your name, contact information and a short statement describing your request to autismmadison@gmail.com.



Four-Year Old Kindergarten Program

What: The following school districts, along with participating elementary schools, preschools and child care centers, will offer 4 year old kindergarten for the 2011-2012 school year.

- Cambridge
- Deerfield
- DeForest
- Lodi
- Madison
- Marshall
- Middleton-Cross Plains
- Monona Grove
- Oregon
- Sauk Prairie
- Stoughton
- Sun Prairie
- Waunakee
- Wisconsin Heights

Who: All children who are four years old on or before September 1, 2011 and live in one of the above school districts are eligible to participate. Participation for children is optional.

Where: Check with your school district for the participating elementary schools, preschools and child care center locations. All locations will offer the same curriculum provided by the school district.

Cost: The program is offered free of charge.

Call or visit your school district's website for registration deadlines and more information.

Cambridge:	www.cambridge.k12.wi.us	(608) 423-9727
Deerfield:	www.deerfield.k12.wi.us/elementary	(608) 764-5431
DeForest:	www.deforest.k12.wi.us/qt4khome.html	(608) 842-6556
Lodi:	www.lodi.k12.wi.us	(608) 592-3851
Madison:	http://deelweb.madison.k12.wi.us/4k	(608) 442-2933
Marshall:	www.marshall.k12.wi.us	(608) 655-3466
Middleton-Cross Plains:	www.mcpasd.k12.wi.us	(608) 829-9031
Monona Grove:	www.mononagrove.org	(608) 839-8515
Oregon:	www.oregonsd.org	(608) 835-4000
Sauk Prairie:	www.saukpr.k12.wi.us	(608) 643-5590
Stoughton:	www.stoughton.k12.wi.us	(608) 877-5401
Sun Prairie:	www.sunprairie.k12.wi.us/do_sp4k.cfm	(608) 834-6671
Waunakee:	www.waunakee.k12.wi.us/4k.cfm	(608) 849-2020
WI Heights:	www.wisheights.k12.wi.us	(608) 767-2595

 * **The Great Country Spring Fever Fest!** *
 * **Where?** Country Inn & Suites Madison *
 * 400 River Place *
 * **When?** Thursday, April 7, 4pm-6pm *
 * **What?** Games, Activities & Fun; Colorful Springtime Themed Rooms; *
 * Safe, Accessible Environment *

To RSVP
 Phone: 608-221-0055
 Email: tana.laudolff@countryinns.com



Spring Break Activities!



Aldo Leopold Vacation Day Programs (\$40.00)

A variety of mini-camps are offered Monday, April 18 —Thursday, April 21 from 9am-4pm for ages 5-12. Must register by April 14th. For more information visit: www.naturenet.com/alnc then select "Family and Community" then "Vacation Day Programs" or call 608-221-0404 x1.

Badger Sports Kids Fair (FREE)

Kids have the opportunity to meet student athletes, coaches, and enjoy interactive sports exhibits and displays. This event takes place Saturday, April 23rd, from 11am-1pm in the McClain Indoor Facility at Camp Randall (1430 Monroe Street).

Badger Spring Football Game (\$5.00)

This annual Spring Game is on Saturday, April 23rd -1pm at Camp Randall Stadium.

Cave of the Mounds (Fee)

Get a guided tour of the caves and view an array of crystal formations. For information & tour times visit: www.CaveOfTheMounds.com Adult=\$15/Kids 4-12=\$7.50/Kids 3 & under=Free

Kids In The Rotunda (FREE)

Every Saturday, now through April, the Overture Center offers this series of artistic programs designed for children and families. There are a variety of diverse entertainers featured. The show lasts for 45 minutes and is offered at 9:30am, 11am, and 1pm. For more information visit: www.OvertureCenter.com/community/kids-in-the-rotunda

Kids Night with David Landau

(FREE Admission)

Monday nights from 5:30-6:15pm at Talula Restaurant—802 Atlas Avenue in Madison. Kids will enjoy comedy and music. *Kids eat free! (2 kids eat free with each adult entrée purchased) For more details visit: www.Talula802.com or call 608-441-1977.

L.R. Ingersoll Physics Museum (FREE)

Exhibits give hands-on experience of physical concepts ranging from mechanics to modern physics in a demonstration kid-friendly environment. The museum is located on the UW-Madison campus in Chamberlin Hall (1150 University Ave) and is open M-F from 8am to 4pm. For more information call 608-262-3898 or visit: www.Physics.wisc.edu/museum

Madison Public Library (FREE)

Lots of programs for children of all ages. Programs take place at various libraries in the Madison area. Registration required for some with limited openings. For more info visit: www.MadisonPublicLibrary.org, then select "Program Calendar" on the left-hand side.

Maple Syrup Fest (\$7/person or \$25 for family)

Sunday, March 27th, from 1-3pm at Aldo Leopold Nature Center in Monona. This family-style festival will provide hands-on activities, demonstrations, and more—all related to maple syrup! For more information visit: www.naturenet.com/alnc then select "upcoming events".

Midwest Horse Fair (\$10 advance /\$15 at gate) (*Children 7 & under are free)

Taking place April 15-17th at the Alliant Energy Center. This equestrian event will feature hundreds of horses, a rodeo, and a variety of programs and seminars. For more information visit: www.MidwestHorseFair.com

Spring Family Animal Adventures

(\$12/child and \$14/adult per class)
Henry Vilas Zoo is offering two classes, April 9th & 16th from 10-11:30am for ages 5 and up, that provide fun activities and animal education. Class size is limited and children must be accompanied by an adult. For the registration form and more information visit: www.VilasZoo.org select "Kid's Fun" then "Spring Family Adventures".

UW-Madison Arboretum (Most are FREE)

Offers a variety of educational activities for families, family walks, and special events. For more details visit: www.UWArboretum.org/events

Other Fun Ideas:

- Bowling
- Hiking
- Explore new parks
- Miniature Golf
- Local game rooms
- Family game night
- Skating/roller rink
- Crafts
- Bake & decorate cookies/cupcakes
- Find a volunteer opportunity
- Host a slumber party

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The Family Support & Resource Center provides respite care, financial assistance, case management and other family support services that give families hope—that their son or daughter with a disability will thrive with in-home care.

Your support is greatly appreciated!