



# Parents in Partnership

## A Leadership Development Opportunity for Parents of Children With Disabilities

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**October 14 & 15, 2011**  
**December 2 & 3, 2011**  
**January 20 & 21, 2012**  
**February 17 & 18, 2012**  
**March 30 & 31, 2012**

*Best Western Trail Lodge  
Hotel & Suites  
3340 Mondovi Road  
Eau Claire, WI*

**Parents in Partnership runs from  
4:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday evening and  
9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday.  
Parents/guardians, must attend ALL five  
sessions.**

Parents in Partnership is a group of parents and other caregivers who meet together five times during the year to share their family stories, challenges, joys, and triumphs of raising their children; learn about community and statewide resources for children with disabilities; explore issues around health, education, policy making, legislation, inclusion, self-determination, inclusion, family well-being; and IDEA.

The program assists parents in developing further communication, leadership, advocacy and collaboration skills; improve the quality and extent of partnerships between the many professionals they interact with on behalf of their children; work on their own family or community project; increase their knowledge, skills and support to be open to dream and plan ahead for their child and family; become part of a network of parents of children with disabilities who are knowledgeable about education, health and social issues; become active in their communities; support each other and have fun.

**Registration, food, overnight stay, and resources are paid for with a  
DPI IDEA Discretionary Grant,  
Wisconsin Statewide Parent-Educator Initiative (WSPEI)**

### Who Are The Facilitators?

Ruth Addix is a parent of a young adult with a disability. She is an Independent Consultant and co-founder of the Family and Consumer Mentoring Project of the Chippewa Valley and is a co-founder of the WI Microboard Association.

Donna Loew is a parent of a young adult with a disability. She is the Head Volunteer Officer and co-founder of Special Friends, Inc. which coordinates Chippewa Pals program and Little Pals in Chippewa County. She is also a co-founder of the WI Microboard Association.

Parents will enjoy getting together with other parents from the area to; share information and resources; hear from statewide speakers about issues that are important to individuals with disabilities; enhance their skills for working in partnership with service providers, public schools, and community agencies.

### Who Can Sign Up?

- Parent(s), foster parent(s), or grandparent(s), who have children with disabilities ages 6-14 are eligible for this program
- Children must be receiving special education services
- Those who have attended a PIP in the past are not eligible to attend
- Space is limited to 25 families