

Hello Coalition members and community partners!

Here is your biweekly newsletter full of resources, opportunities, news, and events. Continue to share this resource with your people and send me any news/opportunities that I can share with others.

This is also a reminder that **early voting has begun** for the August primaries. Primary election day is **August 14th**. [Click here](#) for more information on absentee voting. [Follow the Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition on Facebook](#) for more information about the upcoming election.

Super Helpful Resources

- **Five for Families** has developed a **public awareness campaign toolkit** for the **Five Protective Factors**. Please see the toolkit **which is attached**.
- **DesignMil** is a one-day collaborative event that connects nonprofits with creatives to design work that elevates their identity, branding, or otherwise visual needs. This event, in its second year, will return on **October 20th** at the **Milwaukee Central Library** (814 W. Wisconsin). If you have ideas for branding design/re-design, web creation/refresh, event materials or other general print/digital materials you need, then [apply now](#). To learn more about the event, [click here](#).
- **SPARKS Grant Applications** are open for 2018-2019 and are due **August 31st**. The purpose of SPARKS Grants is to organize local grassroots groups to make changes in their communities that result in a positive impact on the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), including individuals with diverse identities and/or individuals that are under-served. Priority activities for 2018-19 SPARKS Grants are: 1. increasing transportation options for people with I/DD, 2. increasing the number of people with I/DD voting. [Access the grant application packet here](#)

Community Partner Request:

- Leah Rolando (**Suicide Prevention Specialist, Mental Health America of Wisconsin**) is looking for your feedback on **healthy, hopeful books about mental health and/or suicide geared towards kids and young adults** to refer to folks when asked. There are a few lists online that she has found but she has not read any of them. Please provide Leah feedback on the books on these lists ([BuzzFeed list](#), [Bustle list](#), [BN Teen blog list](#)). If you have any other suggestions and additions, you can also send those to Leah Rolando. Her email is leahr@mhawisconsin.org.
- **Prevent Suicide Greater Milwaukee** is facilitating the production of a **resource guide to behavioral health-related community programs which can be brought into greater Milwaukee area schools**. The Resource Guide will catalog programs (ex. REDgen school groups, QPR trainings, etc.) available to schools that benefit youth emotional well-being

(broadly defined) where the audience is either the youth or the school staff. If you are aware of program(s) that might be included in this resource guide, then **please complete the attached template** and return the completed document to barbara@preventsuicidemke.com. Please return that information to her by this **Friday, August 3rd**. She will then collate the information and send out a draft of the catalog to all who have provided program information for final input. The goal would be to distribute the catalogs electronically to area schools by the end of August for the start of the school year.

Make Your Voice Heard/Calls to Action:

- **Milwaukee County** provides programs that give a helping hand to many of the most vulnerable in our community, and we also offer services that improve everyone's quality of life, from the airport to the zoo. Whether you live, play or work in Milwaukee County, you're impacted by what we do - and by our budget challenges. Every year, we have to make the checkbook balance - just like with your household budget. We've faced budget gaps in the past. Every year I've been in office, our budget process has started with at least a \$20 million shortfall. We've balanced the budget by finding efficiencies wherever possible, as well as by making some hard decisions. We're at the point where those hard decisions are going to start fundamentally affecting how well we can deliver services. We want everyone in Milwaukee County to see how this budget gap affects those goals - and the services that they use. **Check out this tool that reflects how our budget works, but is simple enough for folks to share input without a huge time investment.** We hope you'll **invest about 14 minutes** to help us build a better 414 - one that reflects your priorities. [Click here for a better 414](#)
- Reminder: The **Wisconsin Department of Health Services** is scheduling forum across the state to provide update on the **Children's Long-Term Support Waiver (CLTS) program**. The Milwaukee session will be held **August 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** at the **Best Western Plus Milwaukee Airport Hotel** (5105 S. Howell Ave). [Registration is requested](#). Please spread the word to Milwaukee area providers, advocates, and families who may want to attend. **Attached** a summary on the background on the CLTS program and the changes.

Local Opportunities:

- The **24th Annual Back 2 School Festival** hosted by **King Advisory Inc** will be on **Saturday, August 11th** at the **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Center** (1531 W Vliet St). Enjoy live entertainment from the youth talent stage and gospel tent, free food, free bookbags and school supplies, and more. Groups seeking to be **vendors can find information attached**. **A volunteer application is also attached**. For more information, call 414-344-5600.

- The **Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services, Disabilities Services Division**, invites community agencies to participate in the **Request for Proposals (RFP)** process to provide the following services through Fee-for-Service agreements: 1) WATTS Review and 2) Corporate Guardianship. All proposals must be received by **4 p.m. CDT on September 7, 2018**. [Click here for the RFP](#).
- Outreach Community Health Centers and Running Rebels are hosting a Health and Resource Fair on Saturday, August 4th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at 210 W. Capitol Drive. Free food, free entertainment, free school supplies, health screenings and health education, raffle prizes, community resources, and fun activities for kids.

Trainings and Conferences:

- Check out the attached flyer for the new **Together for Families conference** that will be in **Cleveland, Ohio** from **October 15-17**. For more info and to register, go to <https://togetherforfamilies2018.eventbrite.com>
- Trauma informed care experts will convene in Milwaukee this September to address the effects of trauma and reveal some ways we may help one another heal. Don't miss the **Healing Trauma, Healthy Communities Conference**. Register now at HealMKE.eventbrite.com Hosted by **Scaling Wellness in Milwaukee (SWIM)**, a multidisciplinary group dedicated to inspiring collaboration to help Milwaukee heal, and organized by **SaintA**. The conference is **Wednesday, September 26 – Friday, September 28**. The [scholarship application](#) is due **ASAP**. Please complete your application and submit to swimconference@sainta.org. There are apparently still plenty of scholarships, so please apply even if you are a day late.
- Two training opportunities from **Wisconsin Statewide Parent Educator Initiative (WSPEI)** for families of children with disabilities. 1) [Parents in Partnership \(PIP\)](#) is a leadership development training for parents who have children with disabilities ages 6-14 that takes place over five weekend sessions during the year. Click [here](#) for video. 2) [Youth in Partnership with Parents for Empowerment \(YIPPE\)](#) is an opportunity for youth with disabilities (ages 14-21) and their parents to learn about the transition process in a unique way. Click [here](#) for video. For more information or to register for either a PIP or YIPPE training call Julie Beckwith at 608-745-5421 or email to beckwithj@cesa5.org. All trainings are FREE of charge to families. Overnight accommodations, meals, and resources are paid for with a DPI IDEA Discretionary Grant.
- **Partners in Policymaking** is a six-session advocacy and systems-change training program for people living with developmental disabilities, their siblings, and parents of children with disabilities ages birth to 21. It is designed to develop a group of seasoned leaders statewide who are

able to work on policies and initiatives that will support the full participation and inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in all aspects of life. [Follow this link](#) for more info and a copy of the application for the 2018-2019 class of Partners in Policymaking. **Applications are due at noon on September 1st.**

- With the theme of **“Tapping into Resilience: Moving from Crisis to Recovery,”** **UW-Stevens Point** is sponsoring the **22nd Annual Crisis Intervention Conference**. This two-day conference at the **Kalahari Resort and Convention Center, Wisconsin Dells**, will be on **Thursday, September 20th and Friday, September 21st**. Keynote speakers are Kevin Briggs on the bridge between suicide and life; Nina Gutin on clinicians and suicide loss; and Laura Sunn on first break psychosis. [Registration will open soon.](#)
- The **Wisconsin Juvenile Detention Association** is offering its **23rd annual conference** for those who work in the juvenile detention field and anyone working with juveniles. It'll be held at the **Chula Vista Conference Center and Resort in Wisconsin Dells**. Speakers include Sheila Robinson from Sojourner Family Peace Center, Dane County Judge Everett Mitchell, and members of Urban Underground and Running Rebels. **Register by September 20**. The event will be **Wednesday, October 8 to Friday, October 10**. [Get details here.](#)
- The **7ei of Trauma-Sensitive Schools training** is an introduction to the model of trauma informed care that **SaintA** has developed over the past seven years and has implemented across a variety of school environments. This training, which will be held from **8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday, August 6**, at **SaintA Franciscan Center** (8901 W. Capitol Drive), costs \$120, with lunch provided. [Get details and register here.](#)
- The **University of Wisconsin Infant, Early Childhood and Family Mental Health Capstone Certificate Program** is an excellent opportunity for professionals in Wisconsin to learn about and gain skills related to the mental health and well-being of infants, young children and their families in the prenatal and postpartum periods through early childhood. This Program leads to increased knowledge and skills to help ameliorate and treat early parent-child disturbances before they become more serious disorders. Participation is by application and enrollment is limited. [Apply soon for admission and scholarships.](#) **See attached for more information**

Job Opportunities:

- Check out the **attached joint statement** from Alderman Cavalier Johnson and Common Council President Ashanti Hamilton on the new Office of Early Childhood Initiatives and the [open position for its Director.](#)
- [Home Visitation Nurse Consultant](#) at Department of Health Services/Family Foundations

- [Project Coordinator/Case Manager](#) at Center for Self-Sufficiency
- [Public Health Social Worker](#) at City of Milwaukee
- [Pediatric Speech Language Pathologist](#) at Penfield Children's Center
- [IMP \(Intensive Monitoring Program\) Advocate, Violence-Free Youth Advisor, Youth Mentor/Crisis Stabilizer](#) at Running Rebels Community Organization
- [Youth & Family Specialist](#) at Walker's Point Youth & Family Centers
- These are part time positions through the State as part of the restructuring of the **Collaborating Partners** regional coaches work. Please contact Sherry.Kimball@dpi.wi.gov with further questions.
 - [Early Childhood Content Specialist](#)
 - [Early Childhood Outreach Specialist /4K Coordinator](#)
 - [Early Childhood Outreach Specialist /Homeless](#)
 - [Early Childhood Outreach Specialist /Culturally Responsive Practices](#)

Newsorthy:

- [Childhood trauma leaves scars that are genetic, not just emotional, UW-Madison study affirms](#)
- Six weeks ago, the City of Milwaukee launched data.milwaukee.gov, a platform on which residents can find all sorts of public information, from lead testing and local crime to liquor licenses and voter turnout. Click here for a Journal Sentinel article on [five things you can learn from Milwaukee's Data Portal](#)