

Announcing!
Easter Seals Family Support
Navigator Academy
February 19-20, 2010



Easter Seals, in collaboration with Wayne State University's Developmental Disabilities Institute, is sponsoring a Family Support Navigator Academy for parents of children with disabilities and self advocates. This 2-day conference is designed to train family members and self advocates how to discover, access, and use their local services and supports to strengthen their families.

The Family Support Academy will train Navigators in the philosophy, ethics, and skills needed to implement a family-centered, empowerment model of support. At the end of the 2-day Academy, participants will create action plans that they will implement in their home communities. Academy staff will provide follow along support to assist participants become proficient in navigation. Participants will build personalized toolkits of evidence-based practices and skills and complete a navigation portfolio that will be reviewed by the Academy staff.

We hope you will join us!

Friday February 19-Saturday February 20, 2010
Westin Detroit Metropolitan Airport Hotel
2501 Worldgateway Place, Detroit, Michigan

The conference is free – a networking reception, breakfast and lunch are included – but attendees are responsible for their own travel and hotel expenses. A limited number of stipends are available, on a first-come basis, for parents and self advocates to cover the cost of attending the Academy. To apply, complete the attached form and return to Tatisa Joiner at Easter Seals by **Friday February 5, 2010**.

Lodging: A block of King and Double/Double sleeping rooms has been reserved at the Westin at \$99/night plus tax . Accessible King and Double/Double rooms are also available at \$99/night plus tax.. Go to <http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/FamilySupport> to reserve your room **no later than February 3, 2010**

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The tentative agenda for the Academy is as follows:

Thursday, February 18th

4:00-6:00 p.m. Participant Check-In

Friday, February 19th

8:00a.m. Participant Check-In

8:00a.m. Continental Breakfast

9:00a.m. Welcome and Academy Overview

9:30a.m. Family Support Navigation Philosophy

10:30a.m. Family Support Service Systems

12:30p.m. Lunch

1:30p.m. Family Navigation

3:15p.m. Interface between Individual and Family Self Advocacy

4:30p.m. Day One Wrap up

6:00-8:00 p.m. Networking Reception (Cash Bar)

Saturday, February 20th

7:30a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:30a.m. Family Needs Assessment and Planning

10:00a.m. Family Support Activities

12:00p.m. Lunch

1:10p.m. System Linkage – State Teams

1:30p.m. Action Planning

3:30p.m. Wrap up and Next Steps

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