

## Circles of Life 2022 – Virtual Workshop Session Options

### Thursday, May 12, 10:45 – 12:00

#### Session A

##### **A1 - Medicaid and Long-Term Support Programs - What Families Need to Know** Available on Zoom

Barbara Katz

Are you confused about what your child's Medicaid card might cover? Do you want to learn more about WI's children's long-term support programs? This session will answer many of the questions families have and will demystify Wisconsin Medicaid and Medicaid Waivers.

##### **A2 - Supported Decision-Making: Youth and Parent Perspectives and Tools** Available on Zoom

Beth Swedeen

This session explains Supported Decision-Making and alternatives to guardianship and will provide insights from a youth's perspective about why making their own decisions is important to their self-esteem. A parent who is using Supported Decision-Making will share practical ways to implement it with her children long before they turn 18.

### Thursday, May 12, 1:30 – 2:45 pm

#### SESSION B

##### **B7 - Living a Self-Directed Life with a Special Needs Trust**

Available on Zoom

Vicky Gunderson and James Giese

This session will explain what self-direction means to a person with a disability. Self-direction is the ability to live the life of your choosing. A Special Needs Trust is one avenue to living a self-directed lifestyle.

##### **B8 - Special Education and Working with Schools**

Available on Zoom

Christine Shafer

This presentation will provide information for families on special education, Individual Education Plans (IEPs), laws that protect students with disabilities, and the disciplinary process for students with disabilities.

## **Thursday, May 12, 3:15 – 4:30 pm**

### **SESSION C**

#### **C13 - Birth to 3 Program: A Good Start in the First 1,000 Days**

**Available on Zoom**

Kate Johnson and Regina Floyd-Sambou

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) wants every parent or caregiver of a child with a delay or disability to be aware of the Birth to 3 Program, understand the benefits of early intervention, and know how to access the program. DHS launched the *First 1,000 Days Wisconsin Child Find Campaign* in spring 2021, alongside a media toolkit so that counties, providers, partners, and other stakeholders can help spread awareness. Come to this session to learn about the program, outreach materials, and how you can help.

#### **C14 - How to Hire, Train, and Retain Respite Workers and Do Background Checks**

**Available on Zoom**

Val Madsen

Caregivers in Wisconsin are often responsible for finding their own respite providers and don't know where to start. In this interactive session, learn about places to look for a respite worker, the interview process, and the available training, along with tips to keep workers longer.

## **Friday, May 13, 9:00 – 10:15 am**

### **SESSION D**

#### **D19 - Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) Network**

**Available on Zoom**

Becky Burns

Come learn what the CYSHCN Network can provide to you as a parent or as a professional in the field. The Network is here to support families who are raising children with special health care needs or disabilities. You will learn about the information, referrals, and robust training opportunities for families and the providers who support them.

#### **D20 – Self Care: A Panel of Parents/Family Members**

**Available on Zoom**

Six parents/family members who have children with disabilities will share their perspectives, experiences, and insights for self-care. This engaging panel discussion will be moderated by a marriage and family counselor, who is also a parent of a child with special needs.

**Friday, May 13, 10:30 – 11:45am**

**SESSION E**

**E23 - What is Sibling Support?**

**Available on Zoom**

Lindsey Kirschbaum

Children who have a sibling with a disability face unique challenges not encountered by children who have siblings who are typically developing. This session will give an overview of the needs of children who have siblings with disabilities, supports that are/are not out there, the benefits of providing recreational therapy services to siblings, interventions and outcomes that can be used and much more.

**E24 - Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) Waiver Renewal: What it Means to Families**

Department of Health Services Staff

**Available on Zoom**

The Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) Program is renewed by the federal government every five years – the most recent was January 1, 2022. Each time the program is renewed, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) looks for ways to improve services and supports for children and families. Come to this session to hear about improvements to the program, updated services, and how it can benefit you.