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BC+ Core Plan Enrollment Begins Today

Enrollment in the new BadgerCare Plus Core Plan for Adults with No Dependent Children began June 15. See below for resources from DHS for [advocates and the public](#):

Online Resources

- [To Apply Online \(ACCESS\)](#)
- [Core Plan Publications Page](#)
- [ForwardHealth Enrollment and Benefits Booklet](#)
- [BadgerCare Plus Policy Handbook \(Core Plan is Ch. 43\)](#)

Phone Support

- For questions from [applicants](#): **The Enrollment Services Center: 1-800-291-2002**
- For questions and coordination issues from [Advocates/Professionals](#): **(608)261-9305 or 1-888-415-2116**. (DHS has asked that this number not be shared with the public).
- For questions on [policy](#): Call **Claire Smith at (608) 266-1334**. If there is no answer, **press 0 for assistance**. You can also email Claire at Claire.smith@wi.gov

ABC is receiving updated information and resources from DHS as the day progresses. Stay tuned for a special edition of the HWW Update later in the week.

Update: DHS Policy on Payors of the Non-Refundable Fee

From [Claire Smith](#), Senior Communications Specialist, DHS Division of Health Care Access and Accountability:

"Clarification re: payment of application fee by partners:

Medicaid-certified providers cannot pay the annual, non-refundable \$60 application processing fee on behalf of individual BadgerCare Plus Core Plan applicants. An offer by a Medicaid certified provider

County

Barron: TBA, 1:00-2:00pm. Barron County Workforce Resource, Inc., 331 S. Main St., Ste. 6, Rice Lake. Contact Mike Rust at (715) 485-8525 or miker@co.polk.wi.us with questions.

Chippewa: July 14, 10:45am-12:00pm. Chippewa County Courthouse, Room 121, 711 N. Bridge St., Chippewa Falls. Contact Rose Marsh at 1-800-400-3678 or rmarsh@co.chippewa.wi.us with questions.

Dane: August 3, 9:00-11:00am. Campus Community Partnerships, 2300 S. Park St., Ste. 1B, Madison. Contact Nora Foshager at (608) 261-6939, ext. 204 or nfoshager@safetyweb.org with questions.

Dunn: September 9, 11:45am-1:00pm. Red Cedar Medical Center (Education Center), 2321 Stout Rd., Menomonie. Contact Patrick Rebman at (715) 233-7309 or rebman.patrick@mayo.edu with questions.

Eau Claire: September 3, 12:00-1:30pm. Luther Hospital Cafeteria, Dining Room 1, 1221 Whipple St., Eau Claire. Contact Lou Kelsey at (715) 834-4455 or lkelseyefww@sbcglobal.net or Pat Perkins at (715) 839-4718 or pat.perkins@co.eau-claire.wi.us with questions.

Milwaukee: July 14, 10:00am-12:00pm. Aurora Family Services, 3200 W. Highland Blvd., Milwaukee. Contact Kari Mattson at (414) 449-4777, ext. 145 or

karim@communityadvocates.net or Tanya Atkinson at (414) 289-3749 with questions.

Milwaukee CHASE (Children's Health Access for the Special and Equal):

to pay a fee on behalf of a prospective Medicaid member may violate federal laws against kickbacks. These laws are federal criminal statutes that are interpreted and enforced by federal agencies such as the United States Department of Justice and the Office of the Inspector General. Therefore, only partners that are NOT Medicaid certified providers can pay the application fee on behalf of a Core Plan applicant."

ABC for Health will continue to follow-up on this issue and bring you updates as they become available.

In Memoriam***Linda Farley ~ 1929 -2009***

The staff at ABC for Health and HealthWatch Wisconsin was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Linda Farley on Tuesday June 9th. A tireless advocate of health care reform and a single payor health care system, Dr. Farley combined wisdom, compassion and tenacity in her tireless advocacy for creating a true system of health care for all.

I met Linda and her husband Gene shortly after beginning my career as a public interest lawyer at the Center for Public Representation in the late 80's. Her passion was evident and her approach resonated with common sense. Linda was a hero to many people in Wisconsin as she championed the cause of the uninsured and underserved people in our state and country. We will all miss her deeply, but we know that Linda would implore us all to continue the fight, now more important than ever, to realize the day that all people in this country have health care coverage. Or as Linda often urged us on, "Everybody in, Nobody out."

Bobby Peterson

Save the Dates: ABC for Health Turns 15!

All HealthWatch Wisconsin members are invited to help ABC for Health celebrate our 15th Birthday! July 1, 2009, marks 15 years of working with Wisconsin's low-income, uninsured, and underserved health care consumers – especially children and youth with special health care needs, and we are eager to gather our friends and supporters in celebration! We have two special events planned, and we would like all HealthWatch Wisconsin members to join in the festivities:

**15th Birthday Potluck and Picnic**

Date: Wednesday, July 1, 2009

Time: 11am-2pm

Place: Burrows Park (near Maple Bluff)
25 Burrows Road

Madison, WI 53704 ([click here](#) to view a map)

July 15, 11:30am-1:30pm. ARC of Milwaukee, 7203 W. Center St., Milwaukee. Contact Brad Holman at (414) 266-3189 or bholman@chw.org with questions.

Polk: TBA, 10:45am-12:00pm. Polk County Health Department, Conference Room A & B, 100 Polk County Plaza, Balsam Lake. Contact Mike Rust at (715) 485-8525 or miker@co.polk.wi.us with questions.

Coalitions Under Development

La Crosse: Contact Lindsey Schwarz at (608) 785-5841 or Schwarz.lindsey@co.la-crosse.wi.us with questions.

Other Meeting Notices

ForwardHealth Portal Training for Providers: From June-November 2009, DHS is conducting trainings on the ForwardHealth Portal Fundamentals. Registration is required, but there is no fee to attend. There will also be a webcast posted online at the end of July for those who cannot attend the trainings. Several trainings will be held in Madison, Hayward, Appleton, Waukesha, Eau Claire, Wausau and Minocqua. For more information, including specific dates and times, please [click here](#).

Please join ABC staff and students in celebrating at a summer potluck picnic! Spend some time outside, enjoy a delicious cookout, and possibly toss a softball or Frisbee around. ABC will provide the meat (and non-meat) for grilling and some cool, refreshing beverages. Please add to the spread by bringing a dish to pass!

We will also be holding the first **Green Bay Packers** ticket drawing of the year! Be sure to **sign up** to become a member of HealthWatch Wisconsin to ensure your eligibility. You could win FREE indoor deluxe club seats for the Packers pre-season game vs. the Cleveland Browns on Saturday, August 15! The deadline is 11:59pm, June 30, 2009.

Please RSVP for the picnic to Brynne at 1-800-585-4222, ext. 210 or bmcbride@safetyweb.org.

15th Anniversary Gala Celebration and Fundraiser

Date: October 2009 (specific date TBD)

Place: Best Western Inn on the Park in Madison (details to follow)

Please watch future HWW Update newsletters for more information on this event.

Comments or questions? Contact Brynne at 1-800-585-4222, ext. 210, or bmcbride@safetyweb.org.

A New HealthWatch Wisconsin Membership Year Starts Soon! Renew or Begin Your Membership Today!

The new HealthWatch Wisconsin membership annual year begins on July 1, 2009 and runs through June 30, 2010.

It's never been a better time to become a member of HealthWatch Wisconsin. Whether you are joining for the first time or renewing your membership, you are teaming up with an impressive new effort in Wisconsin that will work to focus and amplify the voices of health care advocates across the state. By becoming a member of HealthWatch Wisconsin, you will receive:

- Access to detailed publications on advocacy strategies and tips,
- Discounted registration for conferences, events and trainings, including a HUGE discount for the annual HealthWatch Wisconsin Conference,
- Access to online and live trainings on health care coverage programs
- And much more!

And who can forget this BONUS - HealthWatch Wisconsin members qualify for regular prize drawings to win FREE deluxe indoor club seats for a **Green Bay Packers** game at Lambeau Field! [Click](#)

Resources

Energy Services, Inc. of Dane County: The home energy plus program can help with high energy costs. To apply for energy assistance, call (608) 267-8601. Grants are available, as well as home weatherization. For those who are homebound due to physical disability, a worker will visit the home. ESI also provides emergency after-hours assistance – just call! Call ESI for more information on qualifying and applying.

Kaiser's Consumer-Directed Health Care (CDHC)

Resources: A narrated slide tutorial on principles and different models of CDHC (click here), its companion issue module on the latest research and policy analysis on CDHC (click here), and the results of Kaiser's Health Poll Search on CDHC (click here) are all available from the Kaiser Family Foundation.

Knowledge Path is a web-based guide from the Maternal and Child Health Library at Georgetown University that points to current, high-quality resources on caring for CYSHCN. Separate sections list resources on specific aspects of care and development, such as adolescent transition, advocacy, financing, and screening. To access this resource, please click here.

Wisconsin First Step can help you find resources for children birth to 21 with special needs. Staff are on-hand 24 hours a day to answer calls and can provide follow-up and materials on specific diseases or conditions. Call (800) 642-7837

[here](#) to register NOW!

The first Packer ticket drawing of the season will be held at the HealthWatch Wisconsin Picnic on July 1! Be sure to get your membership application in by 11:59pm on June 30, 2009, to ensure your eligibility to win FREE deluxe indoor club seats for the Green Bay Packers vs. Cleveland Browns pre-season game on Saturday, August 15! You do not need to be present to win.

Your membership fee is still only \$20.00 and ensures that you are lending your voice and passion toward developing a more comprehensive system of health care and coverage. You can be part of the solution by linking people to all available health care coverage options in Wisconsin. Visit www.healthwatchwisconsin.org to read more about the great benefits of becoming a member.

HWW Organizational Membership Option Debuts for 2009-10 Membership Year!

New feature of HealthWatch Wisconsin for the membership year that runs from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 - **group membership!**

HealthWatch Wisconsin is excited to begin offering an additional membership option: organizational memberships! You can still join the statewide HealthWatch Wisconsin organization as an individual member, but now your workplace can join as a member agency!

In response to member requests, the HWW Council and its Executive Committee have voted to offer an organizational membership for groups that would be interested in becoming registered as member agencies under our statewide umbrella organization. You asked for this and we're excited to make it happen! If you have questions about your group or individual membership, please contact Brynne at 1-800-585-4222, ext. 210.

For only \$75 per year, your organization can become a member of this public health group dedicated to connecting people to health care and coverage options and strengthening the public health workforce!

Each HealthWatch Wisconsin member organization would select a representative, who would serve as the contact person for that organization. The representative will receive the emailed benefits of membership, such as detailed publications and notices for conferences and trainings, to share with others at the organization. For any training or event, the organization will be able to select ANY THREE INDIVIDUALS from their organization to attend at the discounted rate reserved for registered members. These individuals will not need to be the same three people for each event, but will need to volunteer for or be employed by the organization that holds the membership. No member organization or its employees/volunteers will be eligible for the Packers Tickets Prize

with questions. Language interpretation and TTY services are available. You can also email wispubhealth@mch-hotlines.org or [visit their website](#).

Links of Interest

Catalyst Center – A national center dedicated to improving health care insurance and financing for CYSHCN. www.hdwg.org/

The Commonwealth Fund – A private foundation working toward a high performance health system. <http://www.cmwf.org>

Cover the Uninsured Web site – Organization that sponsors annual Cover the Uninsured Week. <http://covertheuninsured.org>

Family Voices– Speaking on behalf of CYSHCN. www.familyvoices.org

Kaiser Family Foundation – A non-profit, private operating foundation focusing on the major health care issues facing the nation. www.kff.org/

Parent to Parent USA – A national non-profit organization committed to assuring access and quality in Parent to Parent support across the country. www.p2pusa.org

If you have any suggestions on websites or other resources that you have found helpful, please send them to Brynne McBride at bmcbride@safetyweb.org.

Drawings, unless otherwise registered as an individual member for the current membership year.

The new membership year begins **July 1, 2009**, so register your organization **today** to get the most out of your membership!

Grapevine Issue:



Update: Possible Elimination of Medicaid Managed Care in Milwaukee County

In the last issue, we told you we had heard that DHS is considering ending the Managed Care Program in Milwaukee County. On June 2, Lynn Breedlove and Barbara Beckert of Disability Rights Wisconsin drafted a letter to Jason Helgeson, Administrator of DHS Division of Health Care Access and Accountability, urging DHS not to hastily the program. "Medicaid Managed care for families has operated in Milwaukee County for 25 years," Breedlove and Beckert write. "It should not be dismantled without thoughtful and careful consideration of the consequences and without public input."

...What Have You Heard?

Please contact ABC for Health if you have recently learned of an issue and would like to find out if it is an isolated incident or a state- or region-wide problem. Also, let us know if you have some good news to share on a strategy or a tip to help people obtain the coverage and care they need. Contact Brynne McBride at bmcbride@safetyweb.org or (608) 261-6939, ext. 210 with information.

Case Tips: Core Plan Edition

In honor of the BC+ Core Plan expansion, we bring you 3 case tips this issue:

- Case Tip:** (Rule 43.5) The state has 30 calendar days to process a completed application. Enrollment begins on the on the next available enrollment date (always the 1st or 15th of the month). Eligibility must be confirmed at least two business days prior to the next enrollment date for enrollment in the Plan to occur on that date. Otherwise, enrollment will be pushed back to the next available enrollment date. **Example:** Joe submits his completed application on June 15. Due to the expected influx of applications for the Core Plan on June 15th, the state will most likely need the entire 30 days to process applications. Since these applications may not be processed two business days before July 15th, many applicants, including Joe, can anticipate their Core Plan benefits to begin August 1.
- Case Tip:** Core Plan benefits will usually last for a full year. (12 calendar months). When the 12 months are up, enrollees will need to be "re-certified." This process may involve a review of the individual's income, family size, and medical needs. The enrollee will need to again pay the \$60 fee.

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- **Case Tip:** (Rule 43.5) Each applicant must submit an application and a \$60 nonrefundable enrollment fee. Married couples only need to submit one application and pay the fee once. If a Core Plan member marries an uninsured individual and their combined income is still below 200% FPL, the new spouse may be added to the first individual's Plan. If the combined FPL is too high, the new spouse will not be added, but the original Plan member will be covered for the remainder of the 12-month benefit period. **Example:** Joe marries Amanda four months after joining Core Plan. Joe and Amanda's combined income is now 250% FPL. Joe cannot add Amanda to his plan, but Joe will receive Core Plan benefits until the end of the certification period (8 months remaining).

New Ops Memos

- [Ops Memo 09-43](#) : Private Pay Nursing Home Rate
- [Ops Memo 09-40](#) : Spousal Impoverishment Income Allowance
- [Ops Memo 09-38 \(Amended\)](#) : Core Plan Homeless Mail, Vault Cards, and Drug Tests
- [Ops Memo 09-35](#) : Dropped Coverage Policy for Pregnant Women

Updates from DHS

Click below for links to updates from the Department of Health Services

- [ACCESS Handbook Release 09-01](#)
- [Medicaid Eligibility Handbook-- Release 09-03](#)

Marysa's Section: Staying Healthy During Tough Economic Times

Much thanks to [Shelly Flanders](#) for all her hard work and dedication to bringing you this Update. Shelly has graduated, and I will be taking over the great work she's been doing. I am a senior at the University of Wisconsin, majoring in English and Creative writing, and I've been working at ABC for just about a year now. In this section, I'll continue to bring you interesting links, news, and stories from around the health care community. This month, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSA.gov) released a very comprehensive guide to staying physically and mentally healthy during the economic recession. The guide specifically examines how the stress of financial difficulty, job loss, and other socioeconomic factors can affect well-being. The guide includes info on Depression, Anxiety, Substance Abuse and

[Reform"](#)

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May 26: Special Edition: [Slight Delay in BC+ Core Plan Implementation](#)

June 11: Special Edition: [ABC for Health Unveils Universal Health Care Plan](#)

HealthWatch WatchDog episodes are now available to everyone who receives the HealthWatch Wisconsin Update! Visit the HealthWatch WatchDog webpage at

Compulsive Behaviors, and suicide warning risks, as well as resources to better cope with this stress. You can read the guide [here](#).

News: President Obama in Green Bay

President Barack Obama held a town hall meeting on health care reform in Green Bay on June 11. Click on the links below for full coverage of the event:

- [Obama Takes His Health Care Case to the Public - By Sheryl Gay Stocking and Robert Pear for *The New York Times*, June 12](#)
- [Wisconsin no stranger to health care debate - CNN, June 11](#)
- [Obama Says The Time to Fix Health Care Is Now - Kaiser Health News, June 11](#)
- [Obama Administration Finds Health-Care Model in Green Bay - by Ceci Connolly for *The Washington Post*, June 11](#)

NEWS: Health Care in Wisconsin

Use the links below to access recent news on health care and coverage in Wisconsin:

- [Editorial: Health care priorities - *The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, June 10](#)
- [Health care reform champion Linda Farley dies at 80 - by John Nichols for *The Capitol Times*, June 9](#)
- [Press Release: Rep. Kind Introduces Bill to Extend Eligibility, Increase Standard of Care in Special Needs Plans - Congressman Ron Kind's Office, June 8](#)
- [Op-Ed: Covering the uninsured makes Wisconsin a national leader in health care reform - by Governor Jim Doyle for *WisOpinion.com*, June 8](#)
- [Opinion - Reader views: Reforming health care - Partnerships work best, like BadgerCare Plus - by Bobby Peterson in *The Wisconsin State Journal*, June 7](#)
- [National health care policy may save Wisconsin \\$1.8 billion - by Larry Bivins for *The Appleton Fox Valley Post-Crescent*, June 5](#)
- [Feingold Bill Would Help Displaced Workers Find Health Care Jobs - by Racine News Team for *Racine News*, June 4](#)
- [Press release: Insurance Commissioner Reaches Out to Unemployed Workers - Office of the Commissioner of Insurance, June 4](#)
- [Kohl Seeks Regulation of Long-Term Care Insurance - By Alexis Leondis for *Bloomberg.com*, June 3](#)
- [Health care pool established in western Wis. - *The Associated Press*, June 3](#)
- [State may prevent insurers from driving out sick customers - by Guy Boulton for *The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, May 31](#)

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NEWS: Health Care Reform

Follow the links below to access recent news articles on reforming the health care system:

- [Obama Faces Tough Audience at AMA - by Emily Walker for *Medpage Today*, June 15](#)
- [Hospital Industry Bristles at Costs - By Janet Adamy and Jonathan D. Rockoff for *The Wall Street Journal*, June 15](#)
- [Op-Ed: How to Stop Socialized Health Care - by Karl Rove for *The Wall Street Journal*, June 11](#)
- [Doctors' Group Opposes Public Insurance Plan - by Robert Pear for *The New York Times*, June 11](#)
- [Health Care Overhaul Opponents Use Selective Stats - by Julie Rovner for *All Things Considered*, NPR, June 10](#)
- [Possible compromise emerges in health care debate - by Erica Werner for *Associated Press*, June 10](#)
- [Democrats Nearing Consensus on Health Plan - by Robert Pear for *The New York Times*, June 10](#)
- [Obama Aims to Revive 'Pay as You Go' - by Sheryl Gay Stolberg for *The New York Times*, June 10](#)
- [The Risks and Rewards of Taxing Health Benefits - by Scott Horsley for NPR *Morning Edition*, June 8](#)
- [Private Insurance companies push for 'individual mandate' - by Lisa Girion for *The Los Angeles Times*, June 7](#)
- [Op-Ed: Keeping Them Honest - by Paul Klugman for *The New York Times*, June 5](#)
- [What People Are Saying: People with health insurance are in almost as dire straits as those without - \[HealthReform.gov\]\(http://HealthReform.gov\), June 5](#)
- [Public Plan Gets Presidential Push - *Kaiser Health News*, June 4](#)
- [Recession Pushes Cost of Medicines Up, Pharmacists Lobby for Reform Role - *Kaiser Health News*, June 4](#)
- [Solutions for health-care reform: Industry leads offer thoughts on how best to expand medical-care coverage to all Americans - by Bruce Japsen for *The Chicago Tribune*, June 4](#)
- [A Move Toward Requiring Health Coverage - by Ceci Connolly for *The Washington Post*, June 4](#)
- [White House Blog: The President Spells Out His Vision on Health Care Reform - Jesse Lee for White House Blog, June 3](#)
- [Rising Health Spending Spurs Reform Debate - *Kaiser Health News*, June 3](#)
- [Health Insurers Balk at Some Changes - by Reed Abelson for *The New York Times*, June 2](#)

NEWS: Health Care Costs & Access

Click on the links below to access recent news articles on health care costs and access:

- [Primer on Post-Claims Underwriting: What is 'post-claims underwriting' and why is Congress paying attention? - Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, June 12](#)
- [Study: Controlling Cost Growth in Health Care Reform - Center for American Progress and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, June 11](#)
- [Minority Women Lag in Health Care Access - *Tell Me More*, NPR, June 10](#)
- [Press Release: HHS Secretary Sebelius Releases New Report on Health Disparities - Dept. of Health and Human Services, June 9](#)
- [Health Care Spending Disparities Stir a Fight - By Robert Pear for *The New York Times*, June 8](#)
- [Medical bills underlie 60 pct of US bankrupts-study - By Maggie Fox for Reuters, June 4](#)
- [Op-Ed: Medicare, Start the Bidding - by Peter S. Bach for *The New York Times*, June 3](#)
- [Souring Economy Spurs A Surge at Free Clinics - By Chris L. Jenkins for *The Washington Post*, June 3](#)
- [The Cost Conundrum: What a Texas town can teach us about health care - by Atul Gawande for *The New Yorker*, June 1](#)

NEWS: The Uninsured

Visit the links below to read recent news articles about the uninsured:

- [Op-Ed: Overseas, Under the Knife - By Arnold Milstein, Mark D. Smith and Jerome P Kassirer for *The New York Times*, June 10](#)
- [Rept. Rush seeks probe of U. of C's Urban Health Initiative - By Bruce Japsen for *The Chicago Tribune*, June 3](#)

NEWS: Other Health News

Visit the links below for other health news and information:

- [New Authority Will Save Lives, Millions in Health Care: Historic Congressional vote allows FDA to regulate tobacco productions - Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, June 12](#)

NEWS: COBRA

Click on the links below for more information on COBRA:

- [COBRA Continuation Coverage Assistance Under The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act - U.S. Dept. of Labor, June 8](#)

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 Covering Kids with Special Needs



Mark Your Calendars Now

Check Out These Excellent Events in 2009!

- **Medical Home Implementation Teleconference Series**
 - The American Academy of Pediatrics is hosting a teleconference series led by national experts. You must register for the conference call and space is limited. For more information, please visit www.medicalhomeinfo.org or email Brenda Amos-Lewis at blewis@aap.org. The last scheduled call will be held on June 24 at 11:00am; the topic will be Incorporating Family Participation Practices into your Practice and Project.
- **Wisconsin Community on Transition** - The next meeting will be held June 18, 9:30am-12:30pm, at the Madison Area Technical College Truax Campus, 3550 Anderson Street in Madison, Room 142 A&B. The topic for this event will be post-secondary education. To RSVP, please contact Sandy Hall at sghall@matcmadison.edu. The parking code is 3111. For more information about the Wisconsin Committee, please visit www.sharedwork.org and look under Community on Transition, Wisconsin; you will need to register on the Web site.
- **16th Annual Statewide Institute on Best Practices in Inclusive Education** - This event will be held July 27-29 at the Westwood Conference Center in Wausau. The conference will cover many different topics, including best practices in inclusion, transition, AD/HD, and mental health issues. For more information or to obtain a registration form, please contact Dr. Kim Beloin at Beloin@att.net or 414-881-8101.
- **20th Children Come First Conference - November 16 and 17**, Kalahari Resorts and Convention Center, Wisconsin Dells, WI. Theme this year: Ready, Set, Relationship! Featuring keynote speakers Barry Duncan, PsyD., a therapist, trainer, and Co-Director of the Institute for the Study of Therapeutic Change. He has over one hundred publications

Contact Us

We need your help to develop content and tips for our bi-weekly HWW Update. Please let us know about your ideas, events, or success stories. Email your suggestions to nfoshager@safetyweb.org or call (800) 585-4222 ext. 204. If you would like to submit news and information for future HWW Updates, please send it to the attention of Nora Foshager. All submissions should be limited to 150 words.

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ABC for Health, Inc. is a Wisconsin-based, nonprofit public interest law firm dedicated to linking children and families, particularly those with special health care needs, to health care benefits and services. ABC for Health's mission is to provide information, advocacy tools, legal services, and expert support needed to obtain, maintain, and finance health care coverage and services.

and fourteen books, and has appeared on *Oprah* and *The View*. Lucille Eber, Ed.D, is the State Director of the Illinois Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Network. Dr. Eber coordinates technical assistance and evaluation in over 900 IL schools, and regularly publishes articles and chapters on wraparound, interagency systems of care and school-wide behavior supports. For more information, check www.wifamilyties.org after July 15.

- **Youth In Partnership with Parents for Employment (YIPPE)** - This is a FREE five-part leadership training for youth with disabilities ages 15-20 and their parents. The training focuses on transition issues for youth entering the workforce and emphasizes building leadership skills. Families should enroll by Sept. 10 and commit to all five sessions. Location: Wintergreen Resort and Conference Center, Wisconsin Dells, WI. The training will be held on one weekend per month beginning Oct. 9-10, 2009 and ending April 23-24, 2010. Contact Phyllis Voelker at (877)844-4925 or Phyllis@banbury.com to apply. Read the program brochure [here](#).

Now Hiring

- WI FACETS has 3 vacancies:
 - Parent Leadership Hub Specialist for State Personnel Development Grant (20 hrs)

For more information, contact Jan Seark at jserak@wifacets.org or 414-374-4645 or WI FACETS' SPDG Coordinator, Dawn Wians at dwians@wifacets.org at 608-827-5234. Please submit resumes to Jan Serak by Monday, June 29.

- Transition Coordinator, Youth Information, Training, and Resource Center grant (10 hrs)
- Transition Coordinator, Milwaukee County Transition Advocacy Contract (5 hours)

These positions will ideally be combined. Both are based in the Milwaukee Office of WI FACETS. For more information, contact Jan Serak at 414-374-4645 ext. 102 or jserak@wifacets.org

- Executive Director, Wisconsin Council on Children and Families. The Wisconsin Council on Children and Families is seeking a seasoned leader to assume the Executive Director role of this 128-year-old statewide nonprofit that promotes the well-being of Wisconsin's children, youth and families. Candidate should have at least five years senior leadership experience, preferably in a non-profit. To apply, email cover letter, resume, and salary requirements to WCCF@transitionguides.com. See a full job profile [here](#)



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