

Mission Statement

Parents United is a non-profit consortium of 21 special education departments that have joined to provide an educational community service. The mission of the group is to present timely and relevant information in a neutral forum for parents and professionals who work with children. The lectures and presentations offered each school year provide links, knowledge and networking to the community for the ultimate benefit of our students.

History

- In 2002-03 **Parents United** began as a group of Special Education departments in 4 districts (Kettle Moraine, Oconomowoc, Pewaukee and Arrowhead) providing meaningful and useful information for parents and professionals working with children with special needs. Seventeen (17) school districts have since joined the consortium.
- In 2009, **Parents United** received the Wisconsin Council of Administrators of Special Services (WCASS) award for outstanding contributions in the field of special education in southeastern Wisconsin.
- Partnerships have been formed with WCTC, Concordia University and others to provide this well-received and attended community service. (over **1000** attendees per year)
- Programs are developed each year based on guidance from member district leadership, attendees and others.

Graduate Credit -

Concordia University of Wisconsin

- Since 2012-13, graduate credits for school psychologists, teachers, social workers and others have been available through **Parents United** and **Concordia University of Wisconsin** (15 students have earned 35 graduate credits)
- **Tuition is significantly reduced** - 1 credit requires attendance at 4 sessions, tuition payment, completion of portfolio and action project focused on student need and choice (3 credits requires attendance at 10 sessions)
- Credits earned apply to DPI licensure renewal
- Concordia University contact is Dr. Wanda Routier, instructor is Mary Cimbalnik
- Information is available at all sessions

What our past attendees are saying . . .

As a School Psychologist in a school, I have found the Parent United offerings to be a valuable resource. The speakers are knowledgeable and pertinent for educators as well as parents and caregivers.

Carrie Gahan
School Psychologist
North Lake & Stone Bank Schools

The best professional development occurs when families, educators, and professionals are learning together. Parent's United offers high quality presentations on topics and information which bring together all of the important caregivers in a child's life so they can work together to improve the educational experiences for all of our students.

Daniel Parker
Administrative Consultant
Autism and Family Engagement
Special Education
Division for Learning Support
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

Parents United has provided an invaluable source of information to families and professionals.

Kathy Duffek
Parents Place

I LOVE the topics and the speakers seem to be the best in the business. As my son grows I REALLY appreciate finding out what to watch for in the future and try be pro-active in helping him through school life. I take as many of these "classes" to be the best parent I could possibly be. It really takes a village to raise a child and we as parents NEED to be involved.

Robin Stevens
Parent
Waukesha School District



For the school districts of:

Arrowhead	Muskego/Norway
Elmbrook	North Lake
Hamilton	Oconomowoc
Hartland/Lakeside	Pewaukee
Greendale	Richmond
Kettle Moraine	Stone Bank
Lake Country	Swallow
Menomonee Falls	Waterford
Mequon/Thiensville	Watertown
Merton	Waukesha
Mukwonago	

All daytime and evening programs will be held at Country Springs Hotel & Conference Center 2810 Golf Road, Pewaukee, WI 53072 unless otherwise stated.

**Website with programs and biographies:
www.parentsunitedwi.org**

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DAYTIME PROGRAMS

OCTOBER 14, 2015 9:00 – 11:30 AM

Anxiety & School Avoidance

Dave Jacobi, PhD
Rogers Memorial Hospital

NOVEMBER 11, 2015 9:00 – 11:30 AM

Substance Abuse: An Ounce of Prevention - Exploring Current Trends in Adolescent Substance Abuse

Brian Fidlin, Psy.D.
Milwaukee Psychiatric Physicians Chartered

DECEMBER 9, 2015 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

The New Look: Old Ways of Looking at Autism vs New Ways of Looking at Autism

Michael John Carley, Autism Executive,
Consultant, Author
Richard T. Anderson Education Center,
WCTC

FEB 10, 2016 9:00 – 11:30 AM

What Behaviors Can be Expected

Robert Peyton, PhD, BCBA-D
Madison Behavioral Psychology

MARCH 9, 2016 9:00 – 11:30 AM

ADHD Interventions for Home and School

Patric Mattek, PhD
Performance Enhancement Center

APRIL 13, 2016 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Mental Health Troubled Waters: Navigating Child and Adolescent Mental Health

Brian Fidlin, Psy.D.
Milwaukee Psychiatric Physicians Chartered
Richard T. Anderson Education Center,
WCTC

MAY 11, 2016 9:00 – 11:30 AM

Understanding the Impact of Trauma in Children and Adolescents

Sara Daniel, MSW, LCSW,
Director of Clinical Services
Saint A Milwaukee

EVENING PROGRAMS

OCTOBER 6, 2015 6:00 – 8:30 PM

Transition

Cheri Sylla,
Family Engagement Coordinator
CESA 1

NOVEMBER 3, 2015 6:00 – 8:30 PM

How to be an Effective Squeaky Wheel Communication Between Home and School

Atty Kaye K. Vance

DECEMBER 1, 2015 6:00 – 8:30 PM

Sexuality and Children with Special Needs

Kimberly Young, PhD
Family Options Counseling, LLC

MAY 3, 2016 6:00 – 8:30 PM

Building and Maintaining Peer Relationships

Sue Schramka, Psy.D.
Cornerstone Counseling Services

Attendance certificates and
graduate credits available through
Concordia University Wisconsin.

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