

**Community Living Winnipeg and
The Family Support Network of the Rehabilitation Centre for Children**

Present the following workshop

Preparing for Your Child's Individual Education Plan (IEP)

Presenters: Sandy McCaig and John VanWalleghem
Date: Wednesday, November 4, 2009
Time: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Location: SSCY Family Resource Centre, Rehabilitation Centre for Children
633 Wellington Crescent, Winnipeg, MB
Cost: Free

The IEP process can be a daunting experience for parents concerned about their child having a good school year. After all, the school personnel are the experts, right? Well, so are you when it comes to knowing your child. This workshop will provide an overview of the four stages of Individual Education Plan (IEP) development and the seven essential components of an IEP. As well, we will review: developing "S.M.A.R.T." outcomes or goals; questions to ask to improve the IEP; and the roles of the different team members. We will look at the new **Parent Guide to Appropriate Education** introduced by Community Living Manitoba, Appropriate Education: The Amendment to the Public Education Act regulations and standards, and the other Manitoba Education documents that pertain to the IEP process. There will be time for folks to share and learn from the experiences of other parents. Come and learn more about how to contribute towards the creation of an effective working document that leads to important measurable gains for your child.

The Presenters

Sandy McCaig is a former Director of Student Support Services for the Winnipeg School Division and is continuing her advocacy, program and staff development while retired. She has presented workshops for school divisions, and at national and international conferences and most recently has been working with the University of Saga, Saga, Japan to develop inclusive education practices. She is a sessional instructor at the University of Manitoba and co-authored and introduced the on-line version of *Introduction to Inclusive Special Education Practice*. She has developed numerous materials for teachers and parents and is one of the authors of "Talk! Talk! Talk!" a resource book of listening and speaking strategies to facilitate children's language. Sandy is a community volunteer with the Rainbow Society and a PATH systems facilitator.

John VanWalleghem is currently engaged in consultation, research and university instruction related to educational administration and student services and as the executive director of the Manitoba Council for Leadership in Education. From 2002-2007, he was the Director of the Research and Planning Branch of the Manitoba Department of Education, Citizenship and Youth. Previous work positions include coordinating the Manitoba Special Education Review Initiative, being a Special Education teacher assistant, teacher, consultant and director in the Winnipeg School Division, and teaching at Minot State University (North Dakota) and the University of Manitoba. John holds a Ph.D. in Education from the University of Idaho (educational leadership in rural contexts), a Masters degree from the University of Wisconsin (special education), and Bachelor degrees in Arts and Education from the University of Manitoba. John is married, the father of two grown children, and aging athlete.

LIMITED SEATING - PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

For more information, or to RSVP, please contact Collette Wilson at the Rehabilitation Centre for Children at (204) 453-9820 or Rod Lauder at Community Living Winnipeg at 953-5875.