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TO: Administrators; K-12 General & Special Educators, Paraprofessionals; School Psychologists; Speech/Language Therapists; Related Services Staff; Parents

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RE: Wisconsin's 17th Annual State-Wide Institute on Best Practices in Inclusive Education

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Greetings! Attached is the program and registration information for Wisconsin's 17th Annual State-wide Institute on Best Practices in Inclusive Education, which will be held at the **Westwood Conference Center in Wausau, WI on July 26-28, 2010.**

This year's program offers some exciting information on Best Practices in Inclusion, Universal Design for Learning, Autism, Literacy, Accessible Science Instruction, Math Standards for All, Transition, AD/HD, Challenging Behaviors, Inclusive Staffing & Service Delivery Models. Dr. Patrick Schwarz will be the keynote speaker on Tuesday. Patrick is a national speaker, professor, author, consultant, and leader in Inclusive Education and Educational Leadership. Patrick will provide a new look at curriculum by providing practical tips for the classroom. In a follow-up forum, Patrick will focus on Universal Design, Accommodations, and Differentiation for curriculum planning and instructional delivery. In another forum, Patrick will focus on how to address the challenging behaviors of our students. He will explain a person-centered, authentic, functional approach to assess behavior and a problem-solving process that will be applied to combine components of the very best user-proven behavioral support strategies. For more information on Dr. Patrick Schwarz, visit his website at: <http://www.patrickschwarz.com>.

Our keynote speaker on Wednesday is Chris Zeigler Dendy, a former educator, school psychologist, children's mental health professional, plus the mother of three grown children with AD/HD. Chris is the author of four popular books and three videos on AD/HD. Chris' first book *Teenagers with ADD & AD/HD* has sold over 100,000 copies. In a small group forum, Chris will address the impact of executive function disorder on learning and behavior. She will offer strategies to address organizational skills, memory, written expression, complex math, homework, and long-term projects. Chris will also facilitate a Round Table Discussion where participants are encouraged to ask individual questions and share effective strategies and resources with one another. For more information on Chris Zeigler Dendy, visit her website at: <http://www.chrisdendy.com>

In addition, the following Institute topics will offer a variety of tools for helping general & special education teachers, paraprofessionals, administrators, related service providers, & parents to effectively collaborate for the successful education and transition of their K-12 students. Topics include: Transition; Understanding Behavior; Developing & Delivering Effective IEP's; Using Web 2.0 Tools; Facilitated Communication; Inclusive Classroom Management; & Students with Severe Disabilities. Descriptions of these presentations and others are included in the attached program.

Three Graduate Course Credits from Cardinal Stritch University are also available to those who attend. Brief information is included in the brochure and additional information will be provided with your Institute Registration. Also feel free to contact Kim, with any questions regarding this Graduate credit option.

Please forward this brochure on to your colleagues, staff, administrators, friends, and interested parents who may wish to attend. If you have questions, please contact Dr. Kim Beloin by e-mail or telephone at: Beloin@att.net or **414-881-8101** or contact Sandy Berndt at Sandra.Berndt@dpi.wi.gov. Additional Information, including the attached program brochure, on-line registration, and Graduate course information is also available at: <http://www.BeloinandBrandl.com>. We hope to see you and your colleagues in Wausau !

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