



Easter Seals Wisconsin
101 Nob Hill Road Suite 301
Madison, WI 53713

To learn more about the
Caring Network
Please call 608-254-2502

Nonprofit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 136
Madison, WI



Caring Network

In-home respite provider training • A program of Easter Seals Wisconsin

Easter Seals Wisconsin is creating a statewide “Caring Network” of highly trained respite care providers who will have the required skills to provide in-home respite care for individuals with a variety of disabilities, including highly challenging behaviors, and basic medical and personal care needs. This comprehensive training program will include a two-day training session and training manual, and an optional supervised weekend hands-on practicum at Easter Seals Respite Camp in Wisconsin Dells. The ultimate goal is to address the shortage of qualified in-home respite care providers in Wisconsin and eventually develop an online referral source for families and caregivers to access these trained providers in their communities.

Who Should Attend Caring Network Training?

- Current in-home respite providers
- College students interested in becoming respite providers
- Educators wanting more information
- Parents looking for more tips on working with their child
- Anyone interested in expanding their knowledge of in-home respite care or developing their skills in interacting with people with disabilities and challenging behaviors

Where: Easter Seals Wisconsin Respite Camp
1550 Waubeek Road, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

Food and Dorm-style Lodging included on-site.

For more information or to register online, go to our website at www.EasterSealsWisconsin.com, or contact Val Croissant, Director of Respite Services, 608-254-2502, vcroissant@wi.easterseals.com.

Caring Network Training

Caring Network Level One: Classroom Training • April 8-9, 2010, Cost: \$225

Participants will participate in training modules (see description) that provide information one might need to know to be thoroughly prepared as an in-home respite provider. Learn how to interact effectively with a person needing care, from individuals with challenging behaviors to individuals with physical disabilities and personal care needs. Upon completion of the two-day classroom training, participants will earn a certificate of attendance at Caring Network training.

Caring Network Level Two: Classroom Training AND Hands-On Practicum • Cost: \$325

Classroom Training April 8-9, 2010; Hands-on Practicum one of these dates: April 16-18, April 30-May 2, or May 14-16, 2010

Upon completion of classroom training, attendees will participate in a hands-on practicum at an Easter Seals Respite Camp Weekend. Under the supervision of the Director of Respite Services, participants will work one-on-one with individuals with disabilities, putting together all that was learned in the classroom.

Optional One Day Training: CPR for the Professional Rescuer and Community First Aid • April 10, 2010, Cost: \$100
Optional full day class resulting in two American Red Cross certifications: CPR for the Professional Rescuer and First Aid.

Caring Network Registry: Participants who have successfully completed the classroom training and a hands-on practicum and who have CPR certification will be eligible to join an online Caring Network Registry. Through the Caring Network Registry, parents and caregivers throughout Wisconsin will be able to find trained in-home respite providers in their community.



An Easter Seals Wisconsin program training in-home respite providers

Descriptions of Caring Network Training Modules

Disability Basics Learn common characteristics of a variety of disabilities including autism spectrum disorders, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, seizures, cognitive delays and more. Handouts and resources will be provided for in-depth information.

Assisting with Personal Care Learn the skills necessary to provide personal care, including feeding, toileting, bathing and dressing, in this American Red Cross course.

Positioning and Helping for Movement Learn how to safely position, lift and transfer individuals needing assistance with movement, in this American Red Cross course. Participants will learn the principles of good body mechanics, positioning, and how to prevent skin breakdown.

“Be the Horizon”: Caring for Challenging Moments Learn how to recognize when an individual is starting to become upset and how to minimize the severity of the interaction. This module will cover specific techniques in redirection, setting limits, recognizing functions of behaviors, and staying safe if an individual acts out, focusing on teaching participants how to be the calm during the storm.

Mandated Reporter Training The Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect Mandated Reporter Training Program (SCAN-MRT), developed by the Child Protection Center at Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin, is the basis of this training and participants will receive a certificate upon completion of this module.

Medication Administration Learn safe administration of medication, including the five rights of medication administration, and methods to administer oral, topical, suppository and inhalant medications.

Free Time Activities/Adaptations Learn how to fill “down time” and stay engaged in activities, both in the home and in the community. This module will cover simple adaptations for a variety of activities.

Communication Techniques Experience a sampling of a variety of communication techniques which may be used by people with disabilities, such as sign language, picture systems and manual and electronic communication/talk boards.

Making Connections Learn what to remember and questions to ask when beginning a new placement. Participants will examine their own strengths and weaknesses to better determine their limits when working with individuals with a variety of needs.

CPR for the Professional Rescuer & First Aid (*American Red Cross*) Learn to respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies in adults, children and infants, and AED on an adult or child victim of cardiac arrest. Use personal protective equipment to stop blood-borne pathogens and other diseases from spreading. Professional rescuer courses are designed for people with job-related duties in emergency preparedness and response. You will be certified in both CPR and First Aid upon passing the practical and written exams.

ABOUT THE TRAINER

Val Croissant, M.S., CRTS, is the Director of Respite Services at Easter Seals Wisconsin. She has a master’s



degree in Therapeutic Recreation and has been with Easter Seals for eight years. She is responsible for hiring and training over 100 respite providers each year in working with children and adults with severe and multiple disabilities. She regularly presents at conferences

including American Camp Association, WI Statewide Respite Conference, and Autism Society of America state conference. She is a trainer for the American Red Cross and the Crisis Prevention Institute.



Caring Network In-home respite provider training

REGISTRATION

Return this form, along with the registration fee, to: Easter Seals Wisconsin, 101 Nob Hill Road Suite 301, Madison, WI 53713

Name _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____
 Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please select the training you are interested in attending

- Level 1: Classroom Training (*April 8-9, 2010, 9 am – 4 pm each day*).....\$225
- Level 2: Classroom Training and Hands-on Practicum (Practicum Friday, 5 pm – Sunday, 3 pm) \$325
 Hands-on Practicum Weekend; Circle One: April 16-18 • April 30-May 2 • May 14-16
- Additional training: CPR-Professional Rescuer & First Aid (April 10, 2010, 9 am – 4 pm)..... \$100

Total : _____

PAYMENT: (*Check one*)

- Check enclosed made payable to: Easter Seals Wisconsin
 Credit Card (*circle one*) Visa Master Card

_____/_____
 Credit card # Exp Date Print Name of Cardholder

(*Please check all that apply*) I am a:

- Parent Student Current respite provider Professional Other: _____

Are you currently working as a respite provider? Yes No Other _____

Are you planning on working as an respite provider? Yes No Other _____

What experience do you have working with people with disabilities? _____

Why are you interested in the Caring Network? _____

How did you find out about us? _____

A confirmation packet with additional information will be mailed to you upon registration.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Cancellations received up to 7 days prior to the training are refundable, minus the \$25 administrative fee. Cancellations received up to 3 days prior to the training will be refunded 50%. Registrants who do not cancel and /or do not attend are responsible for the full fee. Substitutions may be made; however, registrants must notify Easter Seals Wisconsin as early as possible.