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**2017 Preschool
Family Conference**

Families that have children who are blind or
visually impaired through age five

March 31-April 2, 2017

Early



Focus

Hyatt Regency — Green Bay
333 Main St.
Green Bay, WI 54301

\$50 per family
(including a 2 night stay at the hotel)



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Our purpose is to support families and caregivers who have children who are blind or visually impaired make connections with other families and to gain information and strategies to assist their children in reaching their highest potentials.

This Year's Sessions Include:

- **Connecting Families:** Parents will have a chance to sit with a group of families whose children have the same or similar diagnoses.
- **Pediatric Brain Development:** Dr. Brian Fidlin will help parents and educators gain a better understanding of children and the issues they face. This presentation will be a straight-forward discussion of brain development and the impact that this has on decision making, emotions and risk taking. You will have a better understanding of your child's behaviors and find out about strategies that create conditions for optimal learning and continuous development.
- **Braille 101:** Julie Sumwalt will discuss the origins of braille, what it is, and how it's used. Then she'll teach the alphabet, basic punctuation and numbers, with practice on a braille writer. Children are encouraged to attend so they can help their parents.
- **Navigating the Special Education Maze:** Cheri Sylla, WSPEI's Family Engagement Coordinator, will explain how to navigate the special education maze and provide parent-friendly resources.
- **Technology:** Jeremiah Beasley will discuss with parents different pieces of technology that may be used to support their child's development and education.

- **A Parents Development and Perspective on Early Literacy:** Erin Randall-Clark: Gain ideas and inspirations as you hear from a parent about the importance of /and strategies for concept development to support early literacy.
- **A Simulated Experience:** Alisha Ragainis will guide you as you participate in activities under low vision simulation goggles and share strategies and tools for using your vision more efficiently.
- **A CVI Make & Take:** Learn more about toys that will assist in the functional visual development stage your child is in and go home with a new toy to assist that development.
- **Student Led IEP's:** Meghan Fredel will assist the teachers on Saturday and Parents on Sunday with the concept of student led IEP's; what this looks like and how to start implementing your child's involvement even at the youngest age.
- **Walking Tots:** Kay Rhode/Dustin Andrews will demonstrate methods of encouraging children to be more active in both indoor and outdoor settings.

Conference Information:

- **To Register:** visit <https://www.regonline.com/2017preschoolconference>
- Registration closes: **March 6, 2017**
- For: Families with children who are blind or visually impaired, birth through five years old
- Dates: **March 31-April 2, 2017**
- Location: **Hyatt Regency — Green Bay**
333 Main St., Green Bay, Wisconsin
- Cost: **\$50 per family.**
This includes all meals and a two-night stay at the resort
- Space is limited.
Registrations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis
- **To reserve a room, telephone (920) 432-1234**
- A credit card will be needed to reserve your room (your credit card will not be charged for this room unless you fail to attend and/or do not cancel before scheduled arrival date if unable to attend). Your credit card will be billed for any incidentals.

