

## Hotel Information

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Participants are responsible for making their own reservations and for payment.

*Illinois Family Leaders Collaboration*

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## 9th Annual Family Conference

Resources and Inspiration for **Adult** Family Members  
and Caregivers of Children with Disabilities

Featuring David Pitonyak, Ph.D.

*Beyond "Behaviors": Supporting  
Confidence, Competence, and Well-Being*



**Saturday, March 7th, 2015**

Spalding Pastoral Center  
419 NE Madison Ave, Peoria, Illinois

Registration 8:30-9:00am  
Conference 9:00am-3:00pm

## PROGRAM INFORMATION AND PRESENTERS

### Beyond "Behaviors": Supporting Confidence, Competence, and Well-Being

This workshop examines ways that we can help the person served to achieve a sense of confidence, competence, and a sense of well-being. This day-long workshop examines strategies for supporting not only an individual who experiences disabilities but also the needs of his or her caregivers. David will talk about how behaviors are "messages" which can tell us important things about an individual's life and how learning to listen to behaviors is the first step in helping the individual to find a new, healthier story. Come and learn how to listen for and understand the messages in your child's or your student's behavior.

**David Pitonyak**, PhD, has spent many years working with individuals who experience disabilities. Much of his work has focused on individuals who exhibit difficult behaviors because they are misunderstood and/or because they are living lives that don't make sense. He is a contributing editor for, "The Community Journal," a disability rights newsletter that focuses on building community and is President of the Commonwealth Coalition for Community, a grass roots effort to improve services for people with disabilities and their families in Virginia.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

The Illinois Family Leaders Collaboration's 9th Annual Conference is specifically for **adult** family members and caregivers of children (birth - 22) who have developmental delays or disabilities. Service providers and educators are also welcome.

## CONFERENCE COLLABORATORS

Collaborators are Family Matters Parent Training Information Center • Heart of Illinois Down Syndrome Association, Inc. • Project Reach: Illinois Deaf Blind Services • STARNET Region I & III • STARNET Region IV • The Arc of Illinois / Family Voices / The Illinois Life Span Project

## CONTINUING EDUCATION (partial early intervention credit pending)

This workshop has been approved for **5.0 contact hours** for:

- Educator License Renewal
- CDA (Child Development Associate) credit in area(s) #4
- CE credit for SLP, SW, LCPC, PT, and OT professionals
- Gateways to Opportunity credit in area(s) E

## REGISTRATION

There is a **\$10 per person (nonrefundable) registration fee for family members** and a **\$20 (non-refundable) registration fee for professionals**. Breakfast and lunch are included. **By February 20, 2015, please mail a check payable to STARNET Regions I & III, and your registration form, to the address on the form.** Registration is limited.

**WE ARE NOT ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE CHILDREN AT THE CONFERENCE.**

For information or financial assistance, contact: Deb Einhorn, Family Matters, 866-436-7842 x116, deinhorn@fmpitic.org or Mary Smith, STARNET Regions I & III, 217-602-0124, mk-smith@wiu.edu

# Registration Form

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March 7, 2015 ★ Peoria, Illinois

Please include registration fee: **\$10 per family member, \$20 per professional**

Mail this form with a check **by February 20, 2015**

to the STARNET address below. Registration is limited.

You will receive confirmation or a waiting list notice three weeks prior to conference.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Send confirmation to my...  home  business address below...

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

District/Agency (prof. only) \_\_\_\_\_

I live in \_\_\_\_\_ county. I work in (prof. only) \_\_\_\_\_ county.

### Program Affiliation (prof. only):

- Child Care
- Community Preschool
- Early Intervention (EI)
- ECSE
- ECSE/Pre-K
- Even Start
- Head Start
- K-3
- Model Parental Training
- State Pre-K/Preschool for All
- State Prevention Initiative
- 1/2 Day ECSE/ 1/2 Day Pre-K

Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Position (check one):

- Administrator
- Developmental Specialist (EI)
- Family Member [age of child(ren) \_\_\_\_]
- Family Educator
- Teacher
- Teacher Assistant
- OT/PT
- Psychologist
- Service Coordinator (EI)
- SLP
- Social Worker
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Special accommodation (eg: interpreter, wheelchair accessible, special diet, etc.).

Please specify **by February 7, 2015**, the nature of special accommodation needed:

I give permission for the Illinois Family Leaders Collaboration to use photos/videos that may include me to promote future trainings: \_\_\_\_\_ (initial)

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