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## **Independent Living Overview for new IL Coordinators and Supervisors**

Trainer: Christine Lenske, Independent Living Program Coordinator

Thursday, October 29, 2009

Registration 8:30 am, Workshop: 9 am to 4:30 pm

Holiday Inn Campus, Eau Claire

2703 Craig Road 715-831-2857

Fee: \$17.00 (includes breaks and lunch)

*Pre-registration required by October 15, 2009*

**Register Online at:  
<http://www.uwrf.edu/wpartnership>**

**Trainers:**

### **Christine Lenske, Independent Living Program Coordinator**

Chris is the Independent Living Coordinator for youth aging out of foster care. Chris has been working in the field of life skills development and transitioning youth to independence for over 25 years, first as a group home and treatment center youth worker and then as a high school counselor, followed by her role as Independent Living Specialist for the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare and the IL Program Coordinator for Lad Lake Inc.'s Independent Living Program. She has been in her current role as Independent Living Coordinator for the Department of Children and Families for the last three years.

### **Members of Wisconsin Youth Advisory Council**

The mission of the Youth Advisory Council is to inspire change by providing education, advocacy, support, training and awareness to governmental systems and the general public to better the image of youth by addressing the issues on behalf of current and former youth in foster care in Wisconsin. Members will discuss their experiences as older youth in care and their transition to independence.

This training will provide an opportunity for new county and tribal independent living coordinators and supervisors to learn information about the John H. Chaffee Foster Care Independence Act of 1999 and Wisconsin's Independent Living program. Agencies will have the opportunity to share information regarding program development and implementation of IL services in their county or tribe, with an emphasis on youth development, collaboration, cultural competence and permanent connections. Participants will identify strategies for developing action plans to enhance service delivery.

### **Specific Topics that will be covered include:**

- ◆ History of the Chafee Foster Care Independence Act of 1999 and IL Services in Wisconsin
- ◆ Independent Living Program Data Collection, Assessment, and IL Transition Planning
- ◆ Positive Youth Development Service Delivery: Vision and Action Planning

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