

Professional Development Advisory Committee (PDAC) Report December 4, 2009

The mission of PDAC is to identify, forecast, and address the professional development needs of 4-H Youth Development faculty and staff, creating and providing opportunities to share, network and learn.

The committee is sponsoring Youth Emphasis Wisline Web training with focused topic areas for 2009 and 2010 and punctuated by access to Everyone Ready®, an online volunteer management staff development plan:

- Sept. 10, 2009 – 11 a.m.-12 p.m. – Wisline Web on Capturing Volunteer Potential. The focus is on building and strengthening the local volunteer delivery system: Volunteer development and volunteer administration/management. Sue Pleskac, presenter.
- Oct. 8, 2009 - 11 a.m.-12 p.m. – Wisline Web on Capturing Volunteer Potential Part 2: Frameworks, Models, and Roles. The focus is on frameworks and models for local volunteer systems. Sue Pleskac and Ryan Schmiesing, presenters.
- Jan. 7, 2010 - 10-11 a.m. – Wisline Web with focus on what volunteers are telling us they need, and volunteer training. Sue Pleskac, presenter.
- Feb. 4, 2010 – 10-11:30 a.m. – Wisline Web with focus on capturing volunteer potential through understanding and application of volunteer needs as demonstrated on current research on generations of the volunteers. Rachelle Vettern, presenter.

Everyone Ready® offers a 36 topic cycle of online seminars and self instruction guides. The launch date for Everyone Ready® is September 21, 2009. Each month a new volunteerism topic is introduced – either as an Online Seminar or as a Self-Instruction Guide. In addition, Extension staff will have access to *e-Volunteerism: The Electronic Journal of the Volunteer Community* and will be able to purchase volunteerism resources from the Energize online bookstore with a 20% discount. New topics are introduced on the third Monday of each month but will be archived for Extension use for 3 years. To register go to www.4-h.org/volunteerism. Go to the Everyone Ready® section and click on Register. Once they have completed the registration information, they will receive an email confirmation and will then have a user name and password that they can use to enter the “Extension” Everyone Ready® page. This contains a number of useful tools and resources as well as the link to the “real” Everyone Ready® page. They will be able to use the user name and password to access the online seminar or self-instruction guide each month, beginning on the 3rd Monday. Once they are registered they will also receive two email messages a month reminding them of the current and upcoming topic.

The committee has also discussed and offered preliminary input on plans for the 2010 UW-Extension All Faculty conference, “Connections and Engagement”, October 19-21 in Madison. A brief review of the Professional Development website took place and the Focus group notes from the April 2009 SPA Conference will be reposted.

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