

Upcoming Trainings from Wise Women Gathering Place

ToP Strategic Planning Training

May 12-13, 2008

The training will be held at the Oneida Social Services Building, 2640 West Point Rd, Green Bay, WI.

Registration is available through the WWGP office, 920-490-0627. Cost: \$545 (Early Bird discount available!)

ToP Strategic Planning presents a structured planning process which incorporates the group facilitation methods into productive action and concrete accomplishments.

- Enhance your capacity for creative strategy building
- Enable group to come to a common vision and create a "participant-owned" plan that deals with the realities blocking the group
 - Experience and practice the complete strategic planning process of vision, contradictions, strategic directions and implementation
 - Demonstrate how to weave together the basic tools into longer formats and retreat settings.

Second Step: Training for Trainers

May 21-22, 2008, 8:30-4:30pm

Held in cooperation with CESA 7. The training will be held at the CESA 7 building, 595 Baeten Rd, Green Bay, WI.

Registration is available through [the CESA 7 website](http://cesa7.k12.wi.us) (cesa7.k12.wi.us) or by calling the CESA 7 office, 920-492-5960. Cost: \$499

Scholarships are available for Oneida community service providers. Please contact [Bev Scow](mailto:bscow@new.rr.com) (bscow@new.rr.com) for an application.

Gear up to implement and sustain the top-rated SECOND STEP program successfully. Learn how to teach the curriculum effectively and to train others to teach and implement it, including ways to strengthen social-skills teaching techniques. Participants receive a comprehensive trainer's manual and four staff training videos.

Staff best suited to attend this training:

- Intend to provide staff in-service on the curriculum.
- Have the support of their peers and supervisors to take on training responsibilities.

- Will be allowed time to plan, train, and provide ongoing support for the Second Step curriculum.
- Have previewed the SECOND STEP curriculum.
- Work well with students, parents, teachers, support staff, administrators, and the community.
- Are experienced and comfortable training peers.

ToP: Group Facilitation Methods

August 14-15, 2008

The training will be held at the Oneida Community Education Center, 2632 S. Packerland Dr., Green Bay, WI.

Registration is available through the WWGP office, 920-490-0627. Cost: \$545 (Early Bird Discount available!)

During these two days you will learn and practice the core methods developed by the Institute of Cultural Affairs, the Focused Conversation and the Consensus Workshop, and the Action Planning Process – an example of a process design using both of these methods. ToP Facilitation Methods is taught by two mentor MNTOP Trainers, each of whom brings extensive experience in using and teaching the ToP Methods locally and internationally.

The Focused Conversation Method

This common sense approach leads naturally to a meaningful exchange of ideas.

- Conduct purposeful discussions
- Capture a group's best thinking easily
- Surface new ideas and solutions
- Stimulate candid feedback

The Consensus Workshop Method

This structured process is so engaging people are energized getting to consensus.

- Tap rational and intuitive thought processes
- Integrate diverse ideas
- Generate practical and creative solutions
- Develop group consensus

The Action Planning Method

These practical steps help groups plan, organize resources and build commitment.

- Visualize a successful result
- Analyze the current reality
- Create a practical plan
- Maximize group involvement

Discovery Dating Training for Instructors

September 19 and September 26, 2008

Held in cooperation with CESA 7. Held at the Oneida Community Education Center, 2632 S. Packerland Dr., Green Bay, WI.

Registration available through the WWGP office, 920-490-0627. Cost: \$375

Discovery Dating helps participants to learn the art of discernment as it related to their values, behavior and goals. Trainees learn that Discovery Dating is about making the *right connection*, reclaiming a tradition of *fulfillment*, developing a lifetime to *look forward to* and building a *history to look back on* and tell about. Participants are taken through the workbook and instructed on how to properly use the Discovery Dating pyramid and trimarkers, diary sheet and Key cards. The Key cards walk the student through the surface issues, the deeper topics and the intimate issues as a relationship develops. Time is also spent on discussing the benefits of partnership and the pitfalls of unhealthy relationships. An important concept to Discovery Dating is being able to discern the difference between temporary and permanent choices. Trainees are taught to know how each decision they make in the course of their daily activities may in fact impact every aspect of lives in different ways and how much of an impact do they want to make with their choices.

Mentors are an important part of the Discovery Dating process. Students in the full Discovery Dating classes are required to find two older adults to mentor them through their lives as they have relationships with friends, co-workers and romantic partners. To accomplish this, attendees at Discovery Dating training spend part of the time discussing the characteristics of a good mentor and think about those that mentored them in their own lives.

To learn more about the trainings or register for the ToP trainings or Discovery Dating, contact [Beverly Scow](#), Assistant Director of Wise Women Gathering Place.