



GPS for Kids: Generating Partnership Strategies

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KEYNOTE ADDRESS

**The Village Inn, Narragansett Pier
Breakfast Meeting • 8:00-10:30 am**

Wednesday, May 22, 2013

Children's Issues Forum

**Washington County
Coalition for Children**

11th ANNUAL



**Washington County Coalition for Children
c/o VNS Home Health Services
14 Woodruff Avenue, Suite 7
Narragansett, Rhode Island 02882**

“...and how are the children?”

The traditional greeting among the Masai tribe in Africa acknowledges the high value that the Masai place on their children's well-being.

Even warriors with no children of their own respond: "All the children are well" ... indicating that life is good; peace and safety prevail; and despite daily struggles, the priorities of caring for their children are in place.

Come help answer this question for Washington County's children!

**Register for the 11th Forum
& you can become a member, too!**

_____ tickets for 2013 Forum @ \$30= \$_____.

WCCC Membership (see other side)= \$_____.

Individual(s)@ \$10 (subtract \$5 from 1 ticket)

Practitioner(s)@ \$25 (subtract \$5 from 1 ticket)

Nonprofit@\$100 (subtract \$5 from 2 tickets)

Business/Foundation@\$150 (subtract \$5 from 2 tkts)

Yes, I would like to make an additional tax-deductible contribution of \$_____.

Total enclosed \$_____ (thank you!)

**Make check payable to:
Washington County Coalition for Children
and mail to:**

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Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Yes, I would like to bring information to share at Resource Tables (**Members only, please!**)

(Membership is annual from June 1 to May 31.)

*For more information, contact Susan Orban at
wccc@washcokids.org or visit www.washcokids.org.)*

2013 Forum Program

8:00-10:30 am

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Dr. Thomas DiPaola

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Washington County resident Thomas DiPaola has been developing, implementing, and evaluating educational programs and services for children and adults, pre-K through higher education in public schools, higher education, and state agencies for more than 30 years. He has been superintendent of Westerly Public Schools and state director, Office of Special Populations, as well as held key special ed positions for the cities of Providence, Pawtucket, and Central Falls.



Presently the director of Johnson & Wales University's Educational Leadership Doctoral (EdD) Program, DiPaola is also an adjunct professor and special lecturer at Rhode Island College and Providence College, where he directed the Rhode Island Technical Assistance Project for 8 years.

He received the RI Rehabilitation Association George F. Moore Award for "distinction in innovation and coordination of services with disabilities" and the Gerald Groden Center Service award for "leadership in development and implementation of special education services."

DiPaola also won the TechACCESS Center Assistive Technology Advancement Award "for outstanding contributions to the field of assistive technology."

Champion for Children and other awards

...and how are the children of Washington County?

latest data update

Breakfast & Networking

Stand up and be counted! Become a member of the Washington County Coalition for Children

Washington County is a wonderful place to live, work, and visit. From Narragansett to Westerly, the region has a magnificent coastline, precious farmland, irreplaceable natural areas, and wonderful communities.

But not all our children are thriving:

- Families are struggling, as seen by the many children who are homeless, need SNAP (food stamps), and free/reduced school lunches.
- Too many children witness domestic violence and are victims of child abuse and neglect.
- Area resources are limited and children with special needs often face difficulties accessing the services they need.
- The region continues to wrestle with high teen pregnancy rates.

Washington County Coalition for Children members are area health and social service providers, educators, community leaders, parents and concerned residents. Our mission: "to be a voice that advocates for the health and well-being of children and families in Washington County, serving as **catalyst** and **facilitator** for improved services.

The Coalition:

- Researches and publishes comprehensive town-by-town statistics on the well-being of County children.
- Convenes monthly workshops for doctors and mental health professionals who care for children with behavioral health problems and developmental disabilities.
- Promotes emotional literacy among 2nd graders through an annual bookmark design project.
- Offers a free Behavioral Health directory and other resources on a regularly-updated website.
- Fosters bullying prevention efforts in local schools and the larger community.

Membership is as little as \$10 and you can start saving with this breakfast!

Category Individual \$10

Benefits

- *Spotlight* e-newsletter
- Email invitation to all events
- \$5 off Children's Issues breakfast
- Listing on all membership rolls

Practitioners \$25

- All of the above
- Listing on website with degree and business name
- \$5 off one accredited program/year

Nonprofit agency \$100

- *Spotlight* to CEO, Board & staff, as requested
- Email and/or written invitation to all events to CEO and Board of Directors, as requested
- A representative invited to serve on Coalition Community Advisory Committee
- \$5 off each for 2 at Children's Issues breakfast
- \$10 off for up to 2 accredited programs/year
- Free copy of any Coalition report published during the membership year
- Listing on all membership rolls
- Annual certificate of membership

Category Businesses, foundations \$150

Benefits

- *Spotlight* to as many employees as requested
- Email and/or written invitation to all events to CEO and up to 5 employees
- A representative invited to serve on Coalition Community Advisory Committee
- \$5 off each for 2 at Children's Issues breakfast
- Free copy of any Coalition report published during the membership year
- Listing on all membership rolls
- Annual media announcement of all business and foundation members
- Framed certificate of membership

