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Introducing the Trees Network

Generously funded by the Edith L. Trees Charitable Trust, the RMU Trees Network is an important part of the legacy of Joseph Trees and Edith L. Trees, who honor their late son Joe with the founding grant.

The grant provides services, resources, and training to enhance supports for children and adolescents with mild, moderate, or severe intellectual disabilities and their families through resources, professional preparation of teachers, continued professional development of teachers and service providers, and direct services to children and families.

Support for Students with Intellectual Disabilities and their Families

Under the leadership of the Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs, [Mary Ann Rafoth, Ph.D.](#), and [Dr. Vicki Donne](#), Head of the Education Department and Endowed Special Education Professor, the RMU Trees Network will create a system of interconnections for families of children and young adults with intellectual disabilities.

- Leadership and learning opportunities for future special education teachers
- Professional development for educators, service providers, and families
- Electronic database of resources and service providers
- Family support group facilitation



Join Us to Learn About Teletherapy

Have you ever wondered whether teletherapy might be right for your child? Are you a professional who wants to learn more about on-line service delivery?

Join us Monday, May 18 at 6 p.m. for a virtual presentation on teletherapy. Practitioners from DePaul School for Hearing & Speech, 3 Rivers Music Therapy, and Heart of Gold, Pittsburgh Therapy Project will share their insights.

[DePaul's](#) Michelle Parfitt, Director of Early Intervention, and Mary Lofreso, SLP, will share their experiences with speech and language teletherapy.

We will also hear from Allison Broaddrick, board certified music therapist and CEO of [3 Rivers Music Therapy](#) and [Incadence](#), a virtual music therapy firm.

And, we will be joined by Elizabeth Sherman, owner of [Heart of Gold](#),

Trauma Center Trauma Sensitive Yoga, the D.I.R./Floortime model and Sensory Integration.

For additional information or to register, email Karen Oosterhous at Oosterhous@rmu.edu.



Scholarship Information

Attention Special Education majors! The Trees Network provides scholarships for undergraduate students studying special education.

**Please contact Dr. Vicki Donne
(Donne@RMU.edu) for information and an application.**



***For more information about the Trees Network, contact
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