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Inspiring Abilities Expo 2007

Families United for Support and Encouragement (FUSE) is hosting its first annual Inspiring Abilities Expo on Saturday, March 10, 2007, at the St. James Lutheran Church in Greenfield, Indiana.

Providing an opportunity for families to connect with service providers, non-profit and public services agencies, and vendors of products and services, is the focus of Abilities Expo 2007. Speakers will address issues such as:

- Special needs trusts;
- Public financial resources;
- Challenging behaviors; and
- Sensory integration.

Child care will be available for attendees. Lunch will be available for a nominal charge. For more information or to pre-register, contact Denise at (317) 462-9064 or e-mail fuseinc@insightbb.com.

Employment Conference for People on the Autism Spectrum

The Hyatt on Capitol Square, Columbus, Ohio, will be the site for a two-day conference, May 10-11, 2007, focusing on the employment of people on the autism spectrum presented by the Autism Society of America (ASA) and APSE: The Network on Employment.

Imagine%u2026 Everybody Works provides an opportunity for two associations to join as partners to advance employment for individuals with autism. The conference will offer multiple venues for participants to gain new knowledge based on research and practical experience. Attendees will enjoy quality speakers across 19 concurrent sessions, productive dialogues, formal and informal networking opportunities, and exhibits from vendors highlighting tools and techniques that can be utilized to enhance the employment outcomes and lives of those on the autism spectrum.

The Opening Keynote Speaker will be Cary Griffin, Senior Partner at Griffin-Hammis Associates, a full service consultancy specializing in building communities of economic cooperation, creating high performance organizations, and focusing on disability and employment. Griffin is also the Co-Principal Investigator of the U.S. Department of Labor's National Self-Employment Technical Assistance, Resources, and Training Project at Virginia Commonwealth University.

The Luncheon Keynote Speaker will be Peter Gerhardt, Ed.D., President of the Organizations for Autism Research, a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to fund applied research and disseminate relevant findings in support of learners with autism spectrum disorders.

Registration fee is \$250.00 per person. One Continuing Education Unit (CEU) will be offered to participants at a fee of \$15.00. For registration questions, contact Dianna Stille at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail dstille@indiana.edu.

Visit <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/irca/fconference.html> to download the conference brochure. Imagine%u2026

Everybody Works is also supported by the Indiana Resource Center for Autism and the Center on Community Living and Careers at the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community at Indiana University, Bloomington.

Social Security Fact Sheets

The Indiana Institute's Center on Community Living and Careers has assembled a number of Fact Sheets focusing on Social Security for download. The information contained in these Fact Sheets have been reviewed by the Social Security Administration, Office of Employment Support Programs for accuracy. However, the viewpoints of these Fact Sheets do not necessarily reflect the position of the Social Security Administration.

Visit http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/cclc/product_benefits.htm to access the Fact Sheets.

Library Corner

New Items: The following new materials may be borrowed by Indiana residents from the Center for Disability Information and Referral (CeDIR) at the Institute. To check out materials, contact the library at 1-800-437-7924, send e-mail to cedir@indiana.edu, or visit us at 2853 East Tenth Street in Bloomington.

Common ADA errors and omissions in new construction and alterations. (1997). Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice.

Commonly asked questions about the Americans with Disabilities Act and law enforcement. (2002). Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice.

Questions and answers: the Americans with Disabilities Act and persons with HIV/AIDS. (1996). Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice (Includes English and Spanish text!).

- See more at: <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/index.php?pagelD=40&newsId=77&newsType=2#sthash.gcclnjtH.dpuf>