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Transition IEP: New Regulations and Rules Workshops

Parents and educators, the Institute's Center on Community Living and Careers, in conjunction with the Indiana Department of Education, Division of Exceptional Learners, will host a series of regional workshops focusing on the new regulations and rules for transition services for young adults based on IDEIA and the proposed Article 7. Monitoring expectations of the Transition IEP will also be addressed.

Workshop dates and locations:

Thursday, October 11

Holiday Inn Airport

Evansville, IN

Tuesday, October 23

Pike Township Training Center

Indianapolis, IN

Wednesday, October 24

Holiday Inn Select - City Center

Lafayette, IN

Thursday, October 25

Strongbow Inn

Valparaiso, IN

Tuesday, October 30

Holiday Inn Lakeview

Clarksville, IN

Wednesday, October 31

Holiday Inn

Richmond, IN

Thursday, November 1

Landmark Conference Center

Ft. Wayne, IN

Friday, November 2
Valle Vista Golf Club and Conference Center
Greenwood, IN

Thursday, November 8
The Mayfields Ballroom
Bloomington, IN

There is no registration fee associated with these trainings. For content questions, contact Nancy Zemaitis at (317) 232-0570 or e-mail zemaitis@doe.state.in.us or Teresa Grossi at (812) 855-6508 or tgrossi@indiana.edu. To register, contact Susan Harris at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail skharris@indiana.edu.

2007 Brain Injury Association of Indiana Annual Conference

The Brain Injury Association of Indiana (BIAI) announces the 2007 annual brain injury conference to be held on October 11 and 12, 2007 at the Radisson Hotel at the Indianapolis Airport.

Keynote Speakers include NASCAR favorite, Ernie Irvan, and combat medic, Patrick Campbell. Irvan will speak about his own personal story of triumph after sustaining two traumatic brain injuries and his Race2Safety Foundation (<http://www.race2safety.com/>) which promotes head injury awareness and safety. Campbell will share his experience as a combat medic and how traumatic brain injury has become the "signature injury of the Iraq War."

Conference objectives are to:

- Develop a thorough understanding as to how executive functioning impacts community Integration;
- Identify contrasts between traditional "behavior management" and contemporary "Personal Intervention;"
- Learn what neuropsychopharmacological strategies enhance and disrupt executive functioning; and
- Provide survivors and family members with strategies for coping with fatigue, vision impairments, substance abuse, and assistance with addressing challenges with various state agencies such as Social Security, Medicaid, etc.

Attendees new to the field of brain injury will learn how brain injury impacts a person's functioning from time of injury and throughout their lifetime. Specialized training will be provided to Indiana State Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors to assist with their management of clients who have sustained a brain injury.

Specialized training and examination will be provided for the Certification of Brain Injury Specialist (CBIS) program in a joint partnership with the American Academy of Certified Brain Injury Specialists (AACBIS). For more information, contact Stacy Payne at (317) 356-7722 or e-mail Stacy.Payne@biai.org.

Classroom Management Regional Workshops

The Institute's Center on Education and Lifelong Learning, in conjunction with the Indiana Department of Education, will sponsor a series of regional introductory workshops on classroom management.

Research on effective disciplinary practices demonstrates that schools over-rely on reactive and punitive consequences to change behavior. Effective classroom management involves:

- Clarifying and teaching procedures and rules;
- Educators providing strong guidance and clear purpose, including effective instruction, high rates of students engagement, and adequate supports;

- A balanced set of disciplinary interventions;
- A particular teacher "stance" involving active supervision and a calm demeanor; and
- Explicit teaching of responsibility and self-management.

Classroom teachers, including general and special area and education teachers, instructional assistants and paraprofessionals, and building administrators who wish to support teachers with classroom management should plan to attend.

Training dates and locations include:

November 14, 2007
Clarksville, Indiana
Holiday Inn

December 3, 2007
Jasper, Indiana
Southern Indiana Education Center

December 6, 2007
Greenwood, Indiana
Valle Vista Gold Club and Conference Center

January 16, 2008
Highland, Indiana
Northwest Indiana Education Center

January 18, 2008
Columbia City, Indiana
Marshall Community Center

There is no registration fee associated with these workshops. If you attend an introductory regional workshop, you will be eligible to enroll in the Classroom Management "Summer Camp," to be held for three consecutive days in June/July 2008. Graduate credit will be available for "Summer Camp" attendees. Contact Trish Merida at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail pmerida@indiana.edu.

Emergency Planning and Disaster Publication for People with Disabilities

I am Citizen Prepared is a publication for people with disabilities and the people who support them. Emergency preparedness is a topic that is on the minds of many Americans these days in light of the 9-11 tragedy and subsequent terrorist attacks all over the world. There is much written about the subject, but not in a format that is accessible to people with intellectual/developmental disabilities.

I Am Citizen Prepared, written by Maribeth Mooney, Research Associate, with the Indiana Institute's Center on Aging and Community, is designed to provide information that does not focus on the scary aspect of disasters and emergencies. It offers the reader suggestions on how to prepare oneself in the event that an emergency does arise. The reader is encouraged to think of emergency preparedness as a project rather than a reaction to an unexpected and frightening event. I am Citizen Prepared is 49 pages and opens with Adobe Acrobat. Visit <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/cac/pdf/emerguide.pdf> to download.

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 us at 1-800-437-7924, send e-mail to cedir@indiana.edu, or visit us at 2853 East Tenth Street in Bloomington.

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- See more at: <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/index.php?pagelId=40&newsId=54&newsType=2#sthash.k3yDdQ2W.dpuf>