

# FYI Newsletter October 1, 2007

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## Regional Social Security and Benefits Planning Workshop

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The Indiana Institute's Center on Community Living and Careers, in conjunction with Vocational Rehabilitation Services, will offer a two-day training on Social Security and benefits planning for October 24-24, at Easterseals Crossroads, Indianapolis.

Those who work as case managers, VR counselors, family members, persons with disabilities, BDDS personnel, representative payees, independent living personnel, transition coordinators, mental health personnel, advocates, employment specialists, and residential staff should plan to attend.

Learning objectives of this training include:

- Basics of supplemental security income and social security disability insurance;
- Work incentives for SSI;
- Work incentives for SSDI trial work periods; and
- Other federal and state programs such as Medicare and Medicare Part D.

Registration fee is \$85.00 per person. There is no cost to VRS personnel. Seating is limited to 25 attendees per site. Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be available at the training. To register, contact Sherry Redman at (812) 855-6508, e-mail [redman@indiana.edu](mailto:redman@indiana.edu), or visit <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/cclc/> and click on News and Events for more information.

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## Employment Specialist Training (EST) for November 2007

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First year job coaches, teachers, job developers, parents, mental health professionals, vocational coordinators, state agency personnel, Work One Staff, and interested others, mark your calendars and plan to attend the Employment Specialist Training (EST) scheduled for November 13-15 and December 11-13, 2007 at the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community, Bloomington.

Attendees learn best practices in job and career development, employment support planning, ecological analysis, follow-along, and emerging industry trends. EST is a six-day training split into two sessions held one month apart. An exit test is required for participants seeking certification. Individuals who attend all days of both sessions and successfully complete the exit test receive a competency-based certificate from Indiana University. CEUs and CRUs are available. To date, EST training team has trained and certified over 2,000 employment specialists in the state of Indiana.

Registration fee is regularly \$300.00 per person. Act now and receive a \$200.00 discount! Questions, want to register? Contact Kay Moore via e-mail at [moorek@indiana.edu](mailto:moorek@indiana.edu) or call (812) 855-6508. Note: Because of construction of IU's new "Big Red" supercomputer, there are several different parking options at the Indiana Institute (visit <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/> - see "Construction Parking").

## Parent Group Meetings

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Schedule for 2007-2008: Throughout the school year, staff of the Institute's Indiana Resource Center for Autism presents information to parent support groups across Indiana. These parent support group meetings are free and open to the public. However, the content is geared toward family members of individuals who have a diagnosis along the autism spectrum. Information provided is developed for family members. If you are a professional and know of family members in your area that might benefit from attending such meetings, please forward the relevant information. For sponsor, dates, topic, and location information, visit <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/irca/conferences/parentsupport.html>.

## Article Published

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Pat Cole, Research Associate with the Institute's Early Childhood Center, has published an article in the September issue of Rural Roads, a publication of the National Rural Health Association. Cole's article, entitled Health and Early Education and Care Professionals in Rural Areas: Sharing the Goal of Healthy Young Children, focuses on the need for a partnership to ensure all children are healthy upon enrollment in early education and care programs. Additionally, the article focuses on best practice that ensures that early education and care programs support children's health and safety. Contact Pat Cole for further information at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail [pacole@indiana.edu](mailto:pacole@indiana.edu).

## Library Corner

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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](mailto: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=53&newsType=2#sthash.4sUAv1qG.dpuf>