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ADA Audio Conference for March

ADA-Indiana will host the March edition ADA Audio Conference entitled The Nature and Scope of Discrimination in Hiring under ADA's Title I in Bloomington and Indianapolis on Tuesday, March 18th from 2:00-3:30 p.m. (EDT). This 90-minute session will feature Dr. Brian T. McMahon, a Professor and Researcher at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) and the Director of the Coordination, Outreach, and Research Center (CORC) for the Disability and Business Technical Assistance Centers. McMahon will discuss recent findings on disability discrimination using data collected from the EEOC. Over 20,000 allegations of workplace discrimination specific to hiring have been investigated and closed by the EEOC through 2005. McMahon and his research team at VCU have uncovered some surprising facts about the nature and scope of hiring discrimination related to characteristics of the charging parties, employers, and outcomes.

No pre-registration is required. SHRM and CRCC continuing education credits are available. The session is free at the locations sponsored by ADA-Indiana. If you are unable to attend, individuals and organizations can purchase access to the audio conference by visiting <http://www.ada-audio.org>. The cost is \$25.00 (for not-for-profits) and \$40.00 (for-profit entities).

Site locations include:

Bloomington, IN (2:00 - 3:30 p.m. EDT)
Indiana Institute on Disability and Community, Building L
2853 East Tenth Street

Indianapolis, IN (2:00 - 3:30 p.m. EDT)
Indiana Government Center, Conference Room 1
402 West Washington Street

For more information about this session or the 2007-2008 ADA Audio Conference Season, visit <http://www.adaindiana.org> or contact Matt Norris at 1-800-825-4733 (e-mail adainfo@indiana.edu).

Upcoming sessions include:

- April 15 - There are no IEPs in College
- May 20 - Employer Best Practices: Recruitment and Hiring of People with Disabilities
- June 17 - Accommodating Employees with Psychiatric Disabilities in the Workplace

Summer Camp for Teachers

The Indiana Institute's Center on Education and Lifelong Learning will host a week-long summer adventure designed for teachers, administrators, and school teams at all grade levels to hone the skills necessary to teach ALL kids! Mark your calendars for June 23-26, 2008 (Bloomington High School North) and plan to attend Summer Camp for Teachers!

Camp attendees will have the opportunity to choose a topic from three strand options. They include:

- Classroom Climate and Discipline
- Differentiated Instruction
- Collaboration and Co-Teaching

Registration fee is \$225.00 per person. Three Indiana University graduate credits will be offered to camp attendees (graduate credit fees are in addition to camp enrollment fees). For content or credit questions, contact Carrie Chapman at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail cechapma@indiana.edu. For registration questions, contact Kay Moore at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail moorel@indiana.edu. Visit <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/cell/> to download a Summer Camp brochure.

ArtsWORK Indiana Website Launched

ArtsWORK, Indiana's new Website and Directory has been launched! Find comprehensive online information on arts-related careers, with a focus on disability issues. Browse, or register and get your "ArtsWORK Connection" to network with other site users, promote your work, and add your own content. The site has received support from the National Endowment for the Arts, VSA arts, the National Arts and Disability Center, the U.S. Social Security Administration, as well as the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community, the Indiana Arts Commission, and VSA arts of Indiana. ArtsWORK's mission is "to facilitate access to careers in the arts for people with disabilities through awareness, education, and encouragement." It's an informal, statewide group that welcomes your participation. Visit the ArtsWORK site at <http://www.artsworkindiana.org/>.

Website Redesigned

The Institute's Center for Community Living and Careers is pleased to announce a redesign of the Disability Benefits and Work website. This website was conceived and developed through the efforts of Indiana's disability community. In 2004, numerous individuals with disabilities, family members, advocates, educators and rehabilitation providers, provided valuable recommendations on how to best develop informational materials.

Supported by Indiana's Family and Social Services Administration, Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning and funded through Indiana's Medicaid Infrastructure Grant, this website provides basic information on federal and state work

incentives and other resources that are helpful to individuals seeking employment. Please feel free to browse through several of our topics and resources at <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/disabilitybenefitsandwork/default.htm>.

IU School of Continuing Studies Helps Students with Disabilities Succeed

Students who have special educational needs as the result of a physical or mental disability, can work at their own pace by taking courses through the Indiana University School of Continuing Studies (SCS). Students may register year round, have up to one year to complete a course (extensions are available), and receive personalized feedback and support from their instructors.

In addition, SCS provides reasonable disability support services and/or auxiliary aids that facilitate the education of eligible students with temporary or permanent disabilities. The extent to which these services are supplied is based on individual needs as supported by documentation (IEP, 504 Plan, or psycho-educational evaluation), and on the academic requirements of the courses.

The Indiana University School of Continuing Studies offers a variety of distance education opportunities to students of all ages. These include online and correspondence high school courses with a diploma option, undergraduate courses and degrees available online and on campus, and the online Master of Science in Adult Education. To learn more about the School of Continuing Studies, visit <http://scs.indiana.edu/>, e-mail scs@indiana.edu, or call 1-800-0334-1011. For information specific to disabilities services, contact the disabilities officer at scs@indiana.edu or 1-800-334-1011.

Early Childhood Center Recognized

Last week, the Indiana Institute's Early Childhood Center, was one of 10 area businesses and organizations to receive recognition for outstanding contributions to the employment of people with disabilities by Stone Belt of Bloomington.

Jackie Dutkowski, Administrative Program Secretary, was on hand to receive the award in recognition of her support of George Kirles, Program Assistant with the Center. Bloomington Mayor Mark Krusan was in attendance and read a proclamation declaring March 4 as Disability Awareness Day. "Having employers who are willing and eager to partner with Stone Belt's Employment Services is extremely important in helping people with disabilities to achieve independence and inclusion in the community and be contributing members to the work force and economy," said Stone Belt CEO Leslie Green. "Many businesses in our community understand the value of hiring people with disabilities and have welcomed our clients with open arms."

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.

Arnold, R., et al. (2007). The key of G [DVD recording]. San Francisco, CA: Lateral Films.

Bondy, A., & Frost, L. (2008). Autism 24/7: A family guide to learning at home and in the community. Bethesda, MD: Woodbine House.

Daly, J. (2006). Where's Molly: A true story of those lost and found [DVD recording]. Larkspur, CA: SFO Productions.

- See more at: <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/index.php?pagelId=40&newsId=30&newsType=2#sthash.SnHUTu61.dpuf>