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Assistive Technology Training

Indata (Indiana Assistive Technology Act) will sponsor a one-day training session focusing on assistive technology for persons who are blind or visually impaired on Friday, May 23 from 9:00-4:00 p.m. at Easter Seals Crossroads in Indianapolis.

Persons who are blind or visually impaired, vocational rehabilitation counselors, teachers, parents, occupational and physical therapists, speech language pathologists, advocates, and anyone interested in assistive technology products for individuals who are blind should plan to attend this free training.

Sessions topics will include:

- Mobile Devices for Individuals who are Blind
- The KNFB Reader
- Other Talking Computers
- Screen Reader Showdown

Continuing Education Units will be offered at no charge via the ACC Institute. Visit <http://www.aacoinstitute.org> for more information. You may register via the Web at <http://www.eastersealstech.com> or contact June White at (jwhite@eastersealscrossroads.org) at (317) 466-2013 or 1-888-466-1314 (toll free). Seating is limited so log on or call to register today!

Summer Institute on Autism Spectrum Disorders

Mark your calendars for June 16-20, 2008 and plan to attend the Institute's Indiana Resource Center for Autism's five-day Summer Institute entitled Educating and Supporting Individuals Across the Autism Spectrum.

Topics addressed will include:

- Introduction to autism spectrum disorders;
- The role of movement disorders;
- Person-centered planning;
- Functional behavioral assessments;
- Communication programming;
- Visual supports;

- Social skills assessment and programming;
- Instructional strategies; and
- Structured teaching.

Registration fee is \$350.00 per person. All sessions will be held in Bloomington at the Indiana Institute. Three hours of Indiana University graduate credit will be offered. Graduate credit fees are determined by Indiana University and will be in addition to the registration fee. Those taking this Institute for graduate credit will enroll on the first day of the event. For registration questions, contact Kelly Doyle (keadoyle@indiana.edu) or Donna Beasley (dbeasley@indiana.edu) at (812) 855-6508. For content questions, contact Cathy Pratt (prattc@indiana.edu) at (812) 855-6508. Visit <http://www.indiana.edu/irca> for additional information.

Ninth Annual Self-Advocacy Conference

Self-Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE), a national self-advocacy organization, will host the ninth national self-advocacy conference titled Rev Up Your Engines for Indianapolis: Self-Advocacy's Got the Fever, scheduled for September 4-7, 2008 in Indianapolis.

Self-advocates are invited to be a part of what promises to be an exceptional conference program by submitting proposals to be a part of over 70. Call for Presentation forms are available at the SABE website, visit <http://www.sabe2008.org>. The deadline for nominations is May 1, 2008.

SABE's mission is to ensure that people with disabilities are treated as equals and that they are given the same decisions, choices, rights, responsibilities, and chances to speak up to empower themselves; opportunities to make new friends; and to learn from their mistakes.

Disability Poll - Tell Us About Voting in Indiana!

The 2008 Indiana Disability Poll, conducted by the Institute's Center for Planning and Policy Studies, is focusing on the timely topics of voting and civic participation this year. We want to hear from people with disabilities and their family members about important topics such as voting, barriers to voting, the accessibility of polling places, volunteering for political parties, and participation in other community policymaking activities. Once all the responses are collected, they will be summarized and used to assure that the voices of people with disabilities are heard during the fall elections and that their vote counts!

Please go online and respond to this year's Disability Poll: A Survey on Voting and Civic Engagement at <http://www.thepollingplace.org>. If you would prefer a paper-and-pencil version of the Disability Poll or one in alternative formats, please contact Vicki Pappas at cpps@indiana.edu or by calling (812) 855-6508. The Indiana Disability Poll is a joint annual activity of the Governor's Planning Council for People with Disabilities, the Indiana Protection and Advocacy Services Commission, and the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community.

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.

Gallo, D. R. (2008). *Owning it: Stories about teens with disabilities*. Cambridge, MA: Candlewick Press.

Parish, R. (2008). *Embracing autism: Connecting and communicating with children in the autism spectrum*. San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass.

Prater, M. A., & Dyches, T. T. (2008). *Teaching about disabilities through children's literature*. Westport, CT: Libraries Unlimited.

Shirley, D., & Stead, J. (2008). *Best friend on wheels*. Morton Grove, IL: Albert Whitman & Co.

- See more at: <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/index.php?pagelId=40&newsId=27&newsType=2#sthash.iJrM4qU3.dpuf>