

# FYI Newsletter June 9, 2008

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## June ADA-Indiana Audio Conference

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Accommodating Employees with Psychiatric Disabilities in the Workplace will be the focus of ADA-Indiana's June 17th audio conference. Psychiatric conditions are the leading charge category for complaints filed with the EEOC. Data gathered by the National Institute of Mental Health indicates that more than one in five American adults experiences some diagnosable mental disorder in a given year. Employers are often concerned that accommodating individuals with psychiatric disabilities is more difficult and costly than accommodating those with physical disabilities. This session will address the realities of accommodating individuals with disabilities in the workplace and offer practical solutions for employers.

Employers, state and local government employers, human resource professionals, people with disabilities, and other interested community members should plan to attend. No pre-registration is required. CRCC continuing education credits will be available. The session is free at the locations sponsored by ADA-Indiana.

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

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

If you are not able to attend at one of ADA-Indiana's sponsored sites, 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). 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 or e-mail [adainfo@indiana.edu](mailto:adainfo@indiana.edu).

## Fundraiser for Citizen Advocacy of South-Central Indiana, Inc. (CASCI):

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Savor sterling silver Silpada jewelry, appetizers, champagne, and music on Sunday evening, June 22 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at tutto bene wine cafe, located at the corner of Rogers and Third Street in Bloomington.

Prepurchase tickets to have your name entered in a drawing for a tutto bene gift basket and Silpada jewelry and other door prizes! To purchase tickets call Dixie Patterson at 327-7823. Tickets are \$15 each.

Funds raised will benefit Citizen Advocacy of South-Central Indiana, which facilitates and supports one-to-one matches between citizens with disabilities and other members of the community for the purpose of friendship and advocacy.

## Best Buddies International Leadership Conference

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Best Buddies, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, dedicated to enhancing the lives of people with intellectual disabilities, will host its Annual Best Buddies International Leadership Conference, July 18-21, 2008, on the Bloomington campus of Indiana University.

Over 1,500 high school and college students with, and without, intellectual disabilities from around the world will participate in four days of fun, learning, and leadership development designed to create a solid foundation for Best Buddies chapters around the world. If you are interest in receiving more information on Best Buddies, contact Bridget Young at (317) 920-8623 or e-mail [bridgetyoung@bestbuddies.org](mailto:bridgetyoung@bestbuddies.org) for more information.

## Partners in Policymaking Academy

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Are you a parent of a child with a disability or a person with a disability? Would you like to see a barrier-free society where everyone is a valued member of their community? Are you interested in promoting change within your community? Within the state? If you answered YES! to these questions, you might be interested in becoming one of a growing number of over 500 people who are graduates of the Indiana Partners in Policymaking Academy.

Partners is a leadership-training program that provides eight weekends of training at no cost to participants, from October through May from noon on Friday through 4 p.m. on Saturday. A variety of national and state experts teach advocacy skills and best practice. Topics include the history of the disability rights movement, Indiana resources, community inclusion, legislation and lobbying, special education, social services, employment, community organizing, and more.

Partners is about systems change creating, working towards, and achieving a vision of shared values about people with disabilities. It is based on the belief that the most effective and enduring public policy decisions are made by the people who need and use services in partnership with policy makers. It is about becoming confident in yourself, competent in the knowledge and information you will receive, and comfortable in sharing the life experiences and expertise you bring to the program.

The program is open to a limited number of people. If selected, hotel, travel, child care and other related expenses will be covered. The application deadline has been extended to Monday, July 7, 2008. For more information, contact Partners in Policymaking, Governor's Council for People with Disabilities at (317) 232-7771 or (866) 234-1635 (voice mail). PIP e-mail inquiries may be directed to [PIP@gpcpd.org](mailto:PIP@gpcpd.org).

## 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.

Broyles, J. F. (2006). Coach Broyles' playbook for Alzheimer's caregivers: A practical tips guide. Fayetteville, AR: University of Arkansas.

Carley, M. J. (2008). Asperger's from the inside out: A supportive and practical guide for anyone with Asperger's syndrome. New York: Perigee.

Firestone, B. (2008). Autism heroes: Portraits of families meeting the challenge. London: Jessica Kingsley Publishers.

- See more at: <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/index.php?pagelid=40&newsId=22&newsType=2#sthash.XGPSA23e.dpuf>