

# FYI Newsletter July 28, 2008

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## MAAP Services Annual Conference

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MAAP Services, in conjunction with the Institute's Indiana Resource Center for Autism, will present its annual conference on October 1-2, 2008 at the Sheraton Hotel and Suites, Indianapolis.

The conference, entitled Knowledge is Power, will provide attendees with information on the following topics:

- Perspectives, experiences and advice of several adults who have ASD;
- Evaluating available therapies;
- Teaching social skills to people with ASD of ALL ages;
- Coping with fathers' issues;
- Enhancing an Asperger marriage (for non-spectrum spouses);
- Asperger marriage from the Asperger perspective;
- Financial and estate planning for people with special needs;
- Advocating for your child or adult;
- Peer awareness;
- Adapting social rules to different environments;
- Current research in ASD;
- Medications information;
- Understanding the source of anger in people with ASD;
- Anger management in adolescents, self-monitoring techniques;
- Perspectives to assist the child or adult with behavior difficulties; and
- Recommended reading on ASD.

Registration fee is \$220.00 per person. For each additional family member, add \$175.00. For persons with autism, the registration fee is \$125.00. Certificates of attendance will be provided. CEUs and CRUs will be available on-site. For information on Consumer Investment Funds for family members or individuals with disabilities in Indiana, contact the Indiana Governor's Council for People with Disabilities at (317) 232-7770. Also, family members of individuals birth to 21 with disabilities in Indiana can contact the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community at 1-800-825-4733 (<http://www.inf2f.org/F2F-FIF.htm>) for Family Involvement Funds. In Illinois contact STARNET at (800)227-7537 or Arc of IL at (708) 206-1930. Funds are available on a limited basis.

Registration questions should be directed to Kelly Doyle at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail [keadoyle@indiana.edu](mailto:keadoyle@indiana.edu). For content questions, contact Cathy Pratt ([prattc@indiana.edu](mailto:prattc@indiana.edu)) at (812) 855-6508 or MAAP at (219) 662-1311.

MAAP Services for Autism and Asperger Spectrum is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing information and advice to families of More advanced individuals with Autism, Asperger's syndrome, and Pervasive developmental disorder (PDD). Through its quarterly newsletter, The MAAP, the organization provides the opportunity for parents

and professionals to network with others in similar circumstances and to learn about individuals within the autism spectrum who are more advanced. Visit <http://www.maapservices.org/> for more information.

## School of Continuing Studies Helps Students with Disabilities Succeed

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Students with special needs due to a physical or cognitive disability can benefit by taking courses through the Indiana University School of Continuing Studies (SCS) distance education program. SCS offers a wide variety of educational options, including high school and undergraduate courses, a high school diploma, an associate and bachelor's degree in general studies.

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.

For more information about the options available from the IU School of Continuing Studies, contact Disabilities Coordinator Eileen Balliet at [scs@indiana.edu](mailto:scs@indiana.edu) or 1-800-334-1011.

## 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](mailto:cedir@indiana.edu), or visit us at 2853 East Tenth Street in Bloomington.

Flanagan, M. A. (2008). Improving speech and eating skills in children with autism spectrum disorders. Shawnee Mission, KS: Autism Asperger Publishing Company.

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Hyson, M. (2008). Enthusiastic and engaged learners. New York: Teacher College Press.

- See more at: <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/index.php?pagelId=40&newsId=17&newsType=2#sthash.CWLcUxva.dpuf>