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Accommodating Students with Disabilities

On Wednesday, September 16, Indiana University Bloomington's Disability Roundtable will present this semester's first Accessible University Series entitled Inclusion on Campus: The Top 10 Accommodation Needs for Students with Disabilities.

Martha Engstrom, Director of IU Disability Services for Students, will be the featured speaker from Noon to 1:00 p.m. at the Indiana Memorial Union's Georgian Room. Whether you teach a class or coordinate special events on campus, this session is sure to provide you with more insights about planning inclusively for students with disabilities.

This is the first generation of youth with disabilities to fully experience the implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act near college-age, and their expectations for access are far greater than previous generations. This session will highlight the 10 most frequently requested accommodations for students with disabilities. A brief history of disability services in higher education, as well as a discussion of the process of accommodation at Indiana University, Bloomington (from physical access to note-takers and adaptations of the classroom environment), will be addressed.

The Accessible University series is a collaborative activity of Indiana University's Disability Roundtable, coordinated by Vicki Pappas of the Indiana Institute and Alice Voigt of the National Center on Accessibility. For further information about the Accessible University series or the Roundtable, please feel free to contact Vicki Pappas cpaps@indiana.edu or Alice Voigt ajvoigt@indiana.edu.

Requests for Accommodations: If you plan to attend this session and require a sign language interpreter, real time captioning, assistive listening system, other auxiliary aid or information in alternate format, please contact Alice Voigt at the National Center on Accessibility at (812) 856-4422 (voice), or (812) 856-4421 (TTY) or e-mail ajvoigt@indiana.edu.

Brain Injury Association of Indiana 2008 Annual Conference

The Ramada Inn, Indianapolis will be the location for the Brain Injury Association of Indiana's Annual Conference, October 2-3, 2008.

Attendees will:

Acquire strategies for prevention, education, support, and advocacy related to brain injury;

Learn approaches that are specific to their interests, including professionals, persons with disabilities, and representatives of state and public agencies; and

Participate in interactive and facilitated participatory sessions to promote implementation and follow-up on action strategies derived from presentations.

Visit http://www.biausa.org/Indiana/docs/biai_2008_conference.PDF for registration options.

Visit <https://app.etapestry.com/hosted/BrainInjuryAssociationofIn/OnlineRegistration.html> to register on-line. Early registration will be accepted through September 26, 2008. After September 26, you can register the day of the event with an added \$20.00 to your registration fee.

The Brain Injury Association is a nonprofit service organization comprised of people with brain injury, their families, and concerned stakeholders who are dedicated to creating a better future by reducing the incidence and effects of brain injury through public and professional education, advocacy, support, and by facilitating inter-agency commitment and collaboration.

Summit on Economic Development, Employment, and Disability

The Indiana Institute's Center on Community Living and Careers, in conjunction with the Family and Social Services Administration, Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning, will host Indiana's Summit on Economic Development, Employment, and Disability on November 19-20, 2008 at the Adams Mark Airport Hotel, Indianapolis.

Join key stakeholders from business, government, education, and disability organizations to explore issues around economic development and diversity in the workforce. Now, more than ever before, opportunities exist for businesses and organizations to capitalize on recruiting, hiring, and retaining employees with disabilities. Attendees will enjoy quality speakers, productive dialogues, opportunities to network, and a variety of exhibits.

Early bird registration fee (before October 31, 2008) is \$95.00. After October 31, \$120.00. The registration deadline is November 10, 2008. Visit <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/cclc/styles/cclc/defiles/Summit.pdf> to download the brochure and registration information. To register, contact Sherry Redman at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail sredman@indiana.edu.

Journal Article Published

Alberto Migliore, University of Massachusetts, Teresa Grossi, David Mank, Indiana Institute on Disability and Community, and Patricia Rogan, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, co-authored a journal article entitled Why Do Adults with Intellectual Disabilities Work in Sheltered Workshops in the Journal of Vocational Rehabilitation, Volume 28, Number 1, 2008.

Abstract: The literature shows that many adults with disabilities and their families prefer integrated employment. Federal and state policies promote participation of individuals with disabilities in the general labor market, yet the majority of individuals with intellectual disabilities attend facility-based programs. The purpose of this paper is to determine what factors influence adults with intellectual disabilities and their families in choosing between sheltered workshops and integrated employment. To this end, adults with intellectual disabilities (210), families (185), and staff members in sheltered workshops (224) were surveyed. Findings showed that, when deciding about day services,

some adults with intellectual disabilities and their families had concerns about safety, transportation, long-term placement, work hours, disability benefits, social environment, and work skills issues. Long-term placement and safety play a relatively minimal role in encouraging adults with intellectual disabilities and their families to pursue integrated employment, and in some cases, professionals have even encouraged adults with intellectual disabilities and their families to choose sheltered workshops. Recommendations are provided for advancing the transition of adults with intellectual disabilities from sheltered workshops to integrated employment.

Visit <http://www.iospress.nl/loadtop/load.php?isbn=10522263> for more information.

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.

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Gast, C. & Krug, J. (2008). Caring for myself. Philadelphia: Jessica Kingsley Publishers.

Morton, D. (2008). Nolo's guide to social security disability: getting and keeping your benefits. Berkley: Nolo.

- See more at: <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/index.php?pagelid=40&newsId=14&newsType=2#sthash.0uwzRmpZ.dpuf>