

# FYI Newsletter October 27, 2008

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## Free Webinar: Performance/Conduct Issues and an Overview of the ADA Amendments Act

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ADA-Indiana introduces its 2008-2009 Legal Webinar series on Employment and the Americans with Disabilities Act. The topic of the first session will be Performance and Conduct Issues and an Overview of the ADA Amendments Act.

Guest speaker Sharon Rennert, Senior Attorney Advisor for the EEOC, will discuss the EEOC's recently issued Question-and-Answer Guide which illustrates how the ADA applies to a wide variety of performance and conduct issues. She will also provide an overview of the newly-enacted ADA Amendments Act of 2008.

The Webinar will be held on Tuesday, October 28, from 2:00-3:30 pm at five following locations:

Bloomington, IN  
Indiana Institute on Disability and Community, Building L  
2853 East Tenth Street

Indianapolis, IN  
Indiana Government Center  
402 West Washington Street  
Teleconference Media Center

Indianapolis, IN  
Indiana Protection and Advocacy Services  
4701 North Keystone Avenue, Suite 222

Evansville, IN  
University of Southern Indiana  
8600 University Boulevard  
Science Center Room 1212

West Lafayette, IN  
Purdue University  
American Railway Building, 500 Third Street  
Stewart Room 204

Law professionals, human resource personnel, employers, businesses, local government officials, advocates, people with disabilities, and other interested community members are encouraged to attend. If you would like additional information about the 2008-2009 Legal Webinar series, or would like to request an accommodation, contact Matt Norris or Trina Sterling at 855-6508 or e-mail [adainfo@indiana.edu](mailto:adainfo@indiana.edu). The Webinar series is co-sponsored by ADA-Indiana, the Governor's Planning Council for People with Disabilities, and the DBTAC: Great Lakes ADA Center. For more information about this or any other ADA training event, please visit the ADA-Indiana website at [www.adaindiana.org](http://www.adaindiana.org).

## Bloomington Fall Caregiver Conference

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The Alzheimer's Association and Bloomington Hospital are sponsoring a one-day conference entitled The Journey of Care Giving on Friday, November 7, 2008 from 8:30-2:30 p.m. on the Ivy Tech Main Campus, Lamkin Hall in Bloomington.

Session topics include:

- Namaste Care
- Legal and Financial Planning
- The Care Givers Spiritual Journey
- A Ray of Hope for the Persons with Dementia and their Care Partner

A suggested donation of \$10.00 is appreciated to attend the conference. For more information, visit <http://www.alz.org/indiana/>.

## Summit on Economic Development, Employment, and Disability

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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](mailto:sredman@indiana.edu).

## Differentiated Instruction: An Introductory Workshop

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The Indiana Institute's Center on Education and Lifelong Learning, in conjunction with the Indiana Department of Education, will host three regional workshops on differentiated instruction in April, 2009.

Research on effective curriculum and instruction shows that "one size fits all" instruction does not address the diverse learning profiles of students. Differentiated Instruction: An Introductory Workshop is designed to build awareness and conceptual understanding of:

- Principles of Differentiated Instruction;
- Understanding by Design principles as the basis for quality curricular design;
- Ongoing assessment; and
- Strategies to actively engage learners in meaningful learning experiences.

General and special education classroom teachers and building administrators who wish to encourage teachers' efforts to implement differentiated instruction should make plans to attend.

Workshop dates and locations include:

April 15, 2009  
Indianapolis, IN

April 22, 2009  
Columbia City, IN

April 29, 2009  
Charlestown, IN

There is no registration fee associated with this workshop. Attendees will be eligible to enroll in the Differentiated Instruction "Summer Camp" to be held in June/July. Graduate credits from Indiana University will be available to Summer Camp attendees. For questions or to register, contact Trish Merida at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail [pmerida@indiana.edu](mailto:pmerida@indiana.edu). Visit <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/cell/> for additional information.

## New Indiana Institute Project - Information Series for Families

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The Institute's Early Childhood Center is pleased to announce a series of five trainings for families and service providers is now available as a CD.

The five sessions include:

An Introduction to Special Education: Designed to answer common questions parent and family members have about special education including the case conference and IEP.

Turning Three: Ready, Set, Transition: Assists parents in understanding the process involved in moving from First Steps to public school preschool, and other community programs.

Locating and Navigating Community Resources: Provides information to help families understand the multitude of resources available for their child and family.

Medicaid Waivers: The Medicaid Waiver session focuses on accessing financial support for children with special needs.

Behavior as Communication: Assists families to understand out-of-the ordinary behaviors and ways to guide positive interaction skills.

Each of these five learning opportunities is available as a web link or part of the CD series available for purchase. All sessions are less than an hour in length and contain slides and notes and handouts for participant access. Order online at the Indiana Institute's e-store by visiting <https://www.iidc.indiana.edu/estore/>. The cost is \$5.00 plus shipping and tax. To view the series online, visit <http://www.inf2f.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 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.

Chez, M. G. (2008). *Autism and its medical management: A guide for parents and professionals*. London: Jessica Kingsley.

Long, L. (2008). *A dog who's always welcome: Assistance and therapy dog trainers teach you how to socialize and train your companion dog*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley.

Sandall, S. R., & Schwartz, I. S. (2008). *Building blocks for teaching preschoolers with special needs*. Baltimore: Paul H. Brookes Pub.

Welkes, T. R. (2008). *SAT strategies for students with learning disabilities*. Hauppauge, NY: Barron's Educational Series.

- See more at: <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/index.php?pageld=40&newsId=40&newsType=2#sthash.FxyN7Hio.dpuf>