

# FYI Newsletter November 10, 2008

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## Meet SCS Representatives at Upcoming CHADD Meeting

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Meet SCS Representatives at Upcoming CHADD Meeting: Representatives from the Indiana University School of Continuing Studies (SCS) will speak at an upcoming meeting of Children and Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD) of Monroe County. The meeting will focus on the needs of adults with ADD.

SCS Disabilities Coordinator Eileen Balliet and SCS Assistant Dean Bruce Colston will be on hand to discuss, and answer questions about, the services available to special needs students who take SCS high school and undergraduate courses.

The meeting will take place on November 11, 2008, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Milestones Clinic, 550 South Adams Street next to New Tech High School in Bloomington.

Learn more about the School of Continuing Studies at <http://scs.indiana.edu/>, or contact the school at [scs@indiana.edu](mailto:scs@indiana.edu), (812) 855-2292 or (812) 855-5920 (TTY). For more information about CHADD, visit [www.chadd.org](http://www.chadd.org), e-mail [Monroe-county@chadd.net](mailto:Monroe-county@chadd.net), or call (812) 334-0171.

## Accessible University Roundtable

On Wednesday, November 19th, IUB's Disability Roundtable will be presenting this semester's third Accessible University session, entitled, Is Your Website Accessible? Guest presenter will be Stephanie Brown, the School of HPER's Web and Database Manager. The presentation and discussion will be held from noon until 1:00 p.m. in the Oak Room of the IU Memorial Union.

Brown will review what web accessibility is and why it is so important to everyone. Participants will examine the essential guidelines of web accessibility, as outlined by the W3C Web Accessibility Initiative. Finally, Brown will provide information about how to evaluate and make your own websites accessible.

The Accessible University series is a collaborative activity of IUB's Disability Roundtable, coordinated by Vicki Pappas of the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community 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 Pappas ([cpps@indiana.edu](mailto:cpps@indiana.edu)) or Voigt ([ajvoigt@indiana.edu](mailto:ajvoigt@indiana.edu)).

Requisitions 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 alternative format, please contact Alice Voigt at the National Center on Accessibility, [avoigt@indiana.edu](mailto:avoigt@indiana.edu), (812) 855-1091 (voice), or (812) 856-4421 (TTY).

## INAPSE 18th Annual State Conference

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Come join the Indiana Chapter of APSE: The Network on Employment and 300 key stakeholders from business, government, education, and disabilities organizations to promote employment for people with disabilities on December 9-11, 2008 at the Holiday Inn North, Indianapolis.

Conference participants will:

Share and obtain new information on tools and techniques utilized to enhance employment outcomes and the lives of people with disabilities;

Sharpen skills and reignite individual commitments to advancing disability employment in local communities; and

Gain new knowledge based on research and practical experience.

Indiana's conference is one of the largest statewide conferences dedicated to the employment of persons with disabilities in the nation. Participants include CEOs, employment providers, advocates, consumer and family members, program managers, direct service personnel, employment specialists, educators, WorkOne staff, mental health agencies, Vocational Rehabilitation counselors, and other state agency personnel.

Visit <http://www.inapse.org/styles/inapse/defiles/2008%20In-Apse%20Conference%20Final%20Registration%20Brochure.pdf> for registration fee, schedules, presenter information, and Training Fund opportunities.

## Indiana Institute in the News - Older Hoosiers Remain Politically Active

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In light of the election held this past Tuesday, a far-reaching survey of Indiana residents age 60 and older reaffirms the high level of civic activity engaged in by this population. Conducted by researchers at Indiana University, the telephone survey of 5,000 older Hoosiers revealed that 85 percent had voted in the previous local election. Moreover, nearly four out of 10 seniors had contacted a local representative to express a concern or state an opinion.

In Indiana, there are nearly 975,000 residents in the 60-plus age group. As participants were selected randomly, the findings can be seen as representative of the entire population in this age group.

While the majority of older Hoosiers took the time and energy to participate in civic life, a fairly high percentage, 25 percent, felt that local policymakers don't take into consideration the interests of older people, or even of all residents.

"Older Hoosiers contribute an incredible amount to the life of their communities," noted Indiana University researcher Phil Stafford, the Director of the survey project. "Eighty-nine percent of this group made a donation of money or goods to charity and 380,000 older Hoosiers volunteer on a weekly basis in their communities."

When asked about their primary goals, 94 percent indicated they would like to remain in their current residence for as long as possible, yet 39 percent were not very confident that they would be able to afford to do so. "Despite the Madison Avenue images of sun-seeking seniors flocking south, the vast majority of elders want to stay put. Given the

many, many contributions to their communities, it behooves us all to figure out ways to make that happen," said Stafford.

The survey, sponsored by the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration's Division of Aging, was conducted in the spring of 2008. The survey has been conducted nationally, in 30 U.S. communities, providing baseline comparisons around 33 different indicators of an "elder-friendly community."

The Indiana AdvantAge Initiative is the first statewide application of the planning model and has received additional funding from the U.S. Administration on Aging, Indiana Area Agencies on Aging, the Daniels Fund of Denver, Lilly Endowment Inc., and the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community's Center on Aging and Community. For more information about the survey and the AdvantAge Initiative project in Indiana, visit [www.agingindiana.org](http://www.agingindiana.org) or contact Phil Stafford at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail [staffor@indiana.edu](mailto:staffor@indiana.edu). Photo by Monty Howell, Herald-Times.

## 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.

Cooper, B., & Widdows, N. (2008). *The social success workbook for teens: Skill-building activities for teens with nonverbal learning disorders, Asperger's disorder, and other social-skill problems.* Oakland, CA: New Harbinger.

Hughes, C., & Carter, E. W. (2008). *Peer buddy programs for successful secondary school inclusion.* Baltimore: Paul H. Brookes Pub.

Larson, E. M., & Strand, V. (2008). *The chameleon kid: Controlling meltdown before he controls you.* Shawnee Mission, KS: Autism Asperger Pub.

Sarkis, S. (2008). *Making the grade with A DD: A student's guide to succeeding in college with attention deficit disorder.* Oakland, CA: New Harbinger Publications.

- See more at: <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/index.php?pagelD=40&newsId=84&newsType=2#sthash.gQGpiiNK.dpuf>