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Free Webinar Series on Accessible Technology

The Indiana Institute's Center for Planning and Policy Studies, in conjunction with ADA-Indiana and the Great Lakes ADA Center, will host a five-part Webinar on Accessible Technology. The first Webinar will be held on Monday, January 12 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. in the Collaborative Work Lab, Building L, entitled Can You Create Accessible Websites Using Flash?

Adobe Flash is a multimedia technology used to add animation and interactivity to web pages. Flash Movies are used for everything from simple animations to complete interactive applications, and Flash Video has become the leading video format on the web. Adobe has been working hard to make sure Flash is accessible to people with disabilities, but the techniques are still new (and sometimes painful). This session will discuss what Flash technology is, how it can and should be used, and what you need to know to ensure that it is accessible to everyone.

Mike Scott, an assistive technology and accessibility specialist currently focusing on improving the accessibility of information systems for people with disabilities, will be the featured presenter. Scott works with a wide range of public- and private-sector clients to help assess the accessibility of existing systems, design and develop new accessible systems, and train staff on how to successfully implement accessibility in system design and development. He has spearheaded many accessibility initiatives, including development of the Illinois Web Accessibility Standards and the Illinois Information Technology Accessibility Act.

Future Webinar topics and dates include:

Captioning Video for the Internet
Monday, March 9, 2009

An Update of the 508 Accessibility Standards
Monday, May 11, 2009

The Why and How to Create Accessible PDFs
Monday, July 13, 2009

An International Perspective of Website Accessibility
Monday September 14, 2009

2009 Benefits Information Network Training (BIN)

Vocational Rehabilitation encourages all agencies with a Purchase of Services Agreement as well as Employment Networks to participate in the Benefits Information Network (BIN). In collaboration with the Indiana Institute, the Social Security Administration, the Indiana Medicaid Infrastructure Grant, and Indiana Works-Work Incentives Planning and Assistance Projects, BIN Liaisons support the employment and work incentive outcomes of Beneficiaries.

Candidates for this competency-based training are those who are familiar with supported employment services, enjoy networking, gathering information, eager to learn, have the ability to implement and track benefits information, and are able to provide support services to VRS customers throughout the next year.

Two types of training will be offered which include basic training (four days) and advanced training (two days).

Regional Training dates and locations include:

Southern Indiana

Basic Training

February 18-19 and March 18-19, 2009

Spring Mill Inn

Spring Mill State Park

Mitchell, Indiana

Advanced Training

April 14-15, 2009

Spring Mill Inn

Spring Mill State Park

Mitchell, Indiana

Central Indiana

Basic Training

April 16-17 and May 18-19, 2009

Plum Creek Golf Club

Carmel, Indiana

Advanced Training

May 20-21, 2009

Plum Creek Golf Club

Carmel, Indiana

Northern Indiana

Basic Training

July 29-30 and August 26-27, 2009

Swan Lake Resort and Lodge

Plymouth, Indiana

Advanced Training
September 23-24, 2009
Swan Lake Resort and Lodge
Plymouth, Indiana

Registration fee for either the basic or advanced training is \$80.00 per person. Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be available to all attendees. To register, contact Sherry Redman at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail sredman@indiana.edu. Visit <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/cclc/styles/cclc/defiles/BINregistration2009.pdf> to download the training brochure.

Stafford to Keynote Workshop in Elder Friendly Communities

Phil Stafford, Director of the Institute's Center on Aging and Community, will provide the keynote speech at a one-day workshop entitled Elder Friendly Communities: A Northwest Indiana Planning Project, on Friday, January 16, 2009 at the Radisson Star Plaza Hotel, Merrillville, Indiana.

During the years 2010 to 2015, Indiana's senior population will grow by 108,000 people. Communities must begin to plan for this population shift. The vast majority of seniors would prefer to remain in their homes and communities. Older Hoosiers contribute an incredible amount to the life of their communities. Given their many contributions, what strategies can be implemented to make these outcomes a reality?

Outcomes of the AdvantAge Initiative Survey, conducted in 2008, will be presented. AdvantAge is a national planning project that supports community planning for aging in 26 U.S. communities. Anyone with a stake in building strong communities that will enhance the quality of life for seniors, including direct service providers, state and local elected officials, community organizers, city planning officials, health care professionals, veterans service organizations, and interested others are encouraged to attend. This workshop is offered at no charge. For more information, contact Northwest Indiana Community Action at (219) 794-1829 or e-mail efcevent@nwi-ca.org.

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, or visit us at 2853 East Tenth Street in Bloomington.

Beckerleg, T. (2009). *Fun with Messy Play: Ideas and Activities for Children with Special Needs*. Philadelphia: Jessica Kingsley Publishers.

Gargiulo, R.M. (2009). *Special Education in Contemporary Society: An Introduction to Exceptionality*. 3rd ed. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, Inc.

Nielson, L.B. (2009). *Brief Reference of Student Disabilities: With Strategies for the Classroom*. 2nd ed. Thousand Oaks, CA: Corwin Press.

- See more at: <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/index.php?pageld=40&newsId=93&newsType=2#sthash.NTjsBbQk.dpuf>