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Online Medicaid Waiver Survey

All interested stakeholders are invited to help define the design of future Medicaid Waivers for people with developmental disabilities in Indiana. One way to provide input is to complete the online Medicaid Waiver Survey, currently being conducted by the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community for the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA). This is part of the FSSA's commitment to soliciting broad-based input for the waiver renewal process.

How to Participate

If you are a person with a disability currently receiving waiver supports, on the waiting list, a family member, or a provider of waiver services, you are invited to submit your ideas to the conversation via the online survey. Visit the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community's website at <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu> to view a video explaining the waiver input process and take the survey. You'll find the link under the "Institute Spotlight" section.

The survey is also available in print form. Copies are available to download on the above website. For alternative formats, please email the Indiana Institute at beheard@indiana.edu or call (812) 855-6508.

There are also two remaining "Medicaid Waiver Conversation" face-to-face meetings available for input later this month. Last week, the first of these meetings occurred for Indianapolis area participants. The upcoming Conversations are:

New Albany - Holiday Inn Express, 411 West Spring Street

February 16, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. for persons with disabilities and family members

February 17, 10:00 a.m. - Noon for service providers

Fort Wayne - The League for the Blind, 5821 South Anthony Boulevard

February 23, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. [note time change] for persons with disabilities and family members

February 24, 10:00 a.m. - Noon for service providers

For more information, contact Vicki Pappas or Joel Fosha at the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community at 812-855-6508 or via e-mail: beheard@indiana.edu.

ADA Audio Conference for February

ADA-Indiana continues its seven-part employment issues training series this month with an audio conference entitled Implications for Employers: Unraveling the differences and similarities regarding leave, light duty, reassignment, and return to work issues.

In this session, guest speakers will provide clarification regarding when leave is required, the process that an employer should use to determine if the leave falls under the ADA vs. FMLA or both, and how to differentiate between an obligation under Worker's Compensation law and the ADA.

The audio conference will be held Tuesday, February 17, from 2:00-3:30 pm, Eastern Time, at six Indiana locations:

Bloomington, IN (2:00-3:30 p.m. EST)
Indiana Institute on Disability and Community
2853 East Tenth Street, Building L
(812) 855-6508

Indianapolis IN (2:00-3:30 p.m. EST)
Indiana Government Center, Room 2
402 West Washington Street
(317) 232-4145

Gary, IN (1:00-2:30 p.m. CST)
ARC Bridges
2650 West 35th Avenue
(219) 884-1138

Corydon, IN (2:00-3:30 p.m. EST)
The Harrison County Community Foundation
Conference Room 1523 Foundation Way
(812) 738-4196

Columbus, IN (2:00-3:30 p.m. EST)
123 Washington Street Meeting Hall
(812) 376-2570

Richmond, IN (2:00-3:30 p.m. EST)
IU East 2325 Chester Blvd.,
Hayes Hall Room 254
(765) 973-8308

Terre Haute (2:00-3:30 p.m. EST)
The WILL Center
4312 South Seventh Street
(812) 298-9455

For additional information about this or future ADA-Indiana trainings, or to request an accommodation, contact Matt Norris at (812) 855-6508, or e-mail adainfo@indiana.edu. You can also visit our website at <http://www.adaindiana.org>.

Exploring the Intimacies Among Memory, Movement, and Sound

Mark your calendars and plan to attend a day of Exploring the Intimacies among Memory, Movement, and Sound on Monday, February 23, 2009 at the Fountain Square Ballroom in downtown Bloomington.

A free panel discussion, featuring Jacobs School of Music Distinguished Professors Violette Verdy and Janos Starker, a film screening and discussion session exploring bodily memory and Alzheimer's, and a community dance workshop with the Liz Lerman Dance Exchange will be featured. This event is part of "Bringing Worlds Together Around the Genome: Campus and Community Conversations Across the Arts, the Sciences, and the Field of Ethics." For more information, contact Phil Stafford at (812) 855-6508, e-mail staffor@indiana.edu, or visit <http://www.indiana.edu/~anthro/explore/labs/events.html>.

Low Vision Expo

The Wabash Independent Living and Learning Center, Inc. will host a Low Vision Expo on Thursday, February 26, 2009 from 10:00 to 2:00 p.m. at the Meadows Banquet and Conference Center, 3 Meadows Shopping Center, Terre Haute, IN.

Outcomes of the Expo will be to provide resources targeted to assist persons with vision loss to remain independent. The Expo will feature:

Free admission

Free \$5.00 gift certificates to first 175 persons

Free vision screening (provided by The Lions Club of District 25 -CF-201D)

INDATA available to discuss assistive technology

Loan program

Presentation on container gardening for the visually impaired

15 Agencies from the Wabash Valley will present information and materials on the services they provide

Door Prizes

For more information contact: Danny Wayne Beemer at (812) 298-9455 or e-mail dannywayne@thewillcenter.org.

Back Home in Indiana Alliance Seeking One Additional Team for Housing Self-Advocacy Work

The Back Home in Indiana Alliance (Back Home) is pleased to announce an opportunity for a team of people with disabilities and older adults to work together to increase the availability of integrated, affordable, and accessible housing locally and across the state.

Guided by Steve Gold, a nationally recognized civil rights and disability rights attorney, the Back Home in Indiana Alliance is offering a public housing education and community action initiative. It is the intent of this effort to address the unfortunate experience of many people with disabilities and older adults, who have had few opportunities to access good housing.

Back Home is seeking one additional team comprised of older adults (62 and older) and people from across the disability community to participate in the project. Five teams are currently in place representing counties in southeastern, east central, central, northeastern and west central Indiana. All costs for participation are covered and a stipend of up to \$500 each is available for participants. Three or four people are needed to form a team.

Make a difference today and in the future of your community and Indiana. For more information call Deborah McCarty at (317) 638-2392 or send e-mail to d1mccart1@aol.com. Back Home is made possible due to the generous support of the Governor's Planning Council for People with Disabilities, Indiana Protection and Advocacy Services, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis, and the assistance of the members of the Back Home in Indiana Alliance Steering Committee.

Library Corner

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.

Jennings, M. (2009). Before the special education referral: Leading intervention teams. Thousand Oaks, CA: Corwin Press.

Leaf, R. B., Taubman, M. T., McEachin, J., & Driscoll, M. (2008). It's time for school!: Building quality ABA educational programs for students with autism spectrum disorders. New York: DRL Books.

Richards, M. (2009). Caresharing: A reciprocal approach to caregiving and care receiving in the complexities of aging, illness or disability. Woodstock, VT: SkyLight Paths Pub.

Wehman, P., Smith, M. D., & Schall, C. (2009). Autism and the transition to adulthood: Success beyond the classroom. Baltimore: Paul H. Brookes Pub.

- See more at:

<http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/index.php?pagelId=40&newsId=103&newsType=2#sthash.Cw2kFmWj.dpuf>