

# FYI Newsletter: July 13, 2009

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## UPCOMING

**ADA-INDIANA AUDIO CONFERENCE:** Celebrate the 19th anniversary of the ADA by joining ADA-Indiana's audio conference featuring John Wodatch from the U.S. Department of Justice and Sharon Rennert from the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission as they provide an update on their ADA litigation, technical assistance, and enforcement efforts over the past year. Participants will have an opportunity to pose questions to the presenters regarding issues in their own workplace or community.

The audio conference will be held on Tuesday, July 21st from 2:00-3:30 p.m. Eastern in ten Indiana locations (visit [www.iidc.indiana.edu/cpps/ada/audio/](http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/cpps/ada/audio/) for location information). ADA-Indiana's Audio Conference Series is an efficient way to learn or maintain your knowledge of the ADA. Speakers allow time for questions and answers with the audience. The full schedule is available for download as a PDF and Word document. The July 21 session will be of interest to employers, local and state government officials, businesses, disability advocates, and other interested community members. No pre-registration is required. The session is free and open to the public at the locations publicized by ADA-Indiana.

Currently, there are 10 locations that are free and open to the public. ADA-Indiana and the DBTAC: Great Lakes ADA Center provide sponsorships to seven Indiana communities: Bloomington, Columbus, Corydon, Gary, Indianapolis, Richmond, and Terre Haute. The sites in Evansville and West Lafayette are hosted by organizations that make their sites available to the public. The new Muncie location is funded through a grant from ADA-Indiana and the Indiana Governor's Council for People with Disabilities.

The audio conference provider, DBTAC: Great Lakes ADA Center, offers CRC continuing education credits for this session. Please sign-up to receive the documentation letter at the site you attend. 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).

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**STRUCTURED TEACHING STRATEGIES WORKSHOP (TEACCH®):** The Institute's Indiana Resource Center for Autism will sponsor a two-day workshop entitled Structured Teaching Strategies (as developed by the TEACCH® Program) presented by Catherine Davies, on September 16 and October 21, 2009 at the Indiana Institute, in Bloomington.

Day one of the workshop will focus on the rationale for using structured teaching and outline the different types of structure.

Day two will involve discussions, sharing (participants will be encouraged to bring photographs and materials), and problem solving around the implementation of structured teaching in participants' individual situations.

Follow-up consultation is optional. Participants will have the opportunity to apply their techniques in their settings. Follow-up will be tailored to the situation and will include a brief discussion of the issues, an observation, a meeting with teacher/key staff, and a written summary of recommendations.

Catherine Davies is an Educational Consultant with the Indiana Resource Center for Autism. She has over 20 years experience working with children and adults with autism spectrum disorders and was a special education teacher, school and clinical psychologist.

Registration fee is \$300.00 per person. Certificates of attendance will be provided free. CEUs (Continuing Education Units -general education) and CRUs (Certification Renewal Units) will be available on-site. For information on

Consumer Investment Funds for family members or individuals with disabilities in Indiana, contact Indiana's Governor's Council for People with Disabilities at (317) 232-7770. Also, family members of individuals birth to 21 with disabilities in Indiana can contact the Indiana Institute at 1-800-825-4733 (<http://www.inf2f.org/F2F-FIF.htm>) for Family Involvement Funds.

For content questions, contact Catherine Davies at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail [daviesc@indiana.edu](mailto:daviesc@indiana.edu). To register, contact Kelly Doyle at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail

## **AROUND THE COURTYARD**

TEACCH® TRAINING WRAP-UP: The 2009 TEACCH® 5-Day Classroom Training Program, (presented by Division TEACCH® and Indiana Resource Center for Autism in collaboration with Monroe County Community School Corporation) was held at Jackson Creek Middle School in Bloomington on June 22-26.

Participants included Parents, Administrators, Special Education Teachers, Speech-Language Pathologists and School Psychologists from 11 counties in Indiana and Canada. The training combined hands-on classroom experience (including setting up the classroom for real students and working with these students), lectures on topics related to working with students with autism and group discussions of activities. Five students (all attend schools within the Monroe County Community School Corporation) with ages ranging from 8 to 16 years attended the training classroom. Their parents also shared their perspectives in a parent panel and interview session.

Participants' comments about the strengths of the workshop included the following:

"Best workshop I've ever attended - practical strategies that I can use immediately"

"Taught me how to teach my students to do things independently"

"This training was very powerful in showing how and why TEACCH® methods work with students with autism"

"I now know how to set up my classroom to enable my students to learn and be successful"

For more information about future Structured Teaching and TEACCH® workshops contact Catherine Davies, Educational Consultant at the Indiana Resource Center for Autism at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail [daviesc@indiana.edu](mailto:daviesc@indiana.edu).

## **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](mailto:cedir@indiana.edu), or visit us at 2853 East Tenth Street in Bloomington.

Hasselbeck, E. (2009). *The G-free diet: A gluten-free survival guide*. New York: Center Street.

Tessmer, K. A. (2009). *Tell me what to eat if I have celiac disease: Nutrition you can live with*. Franklin Lakes, NJ: New Page Books.

Wolfberg, P. J. (2009). *Play and imagination in children with autism*. New York: Teachers College Press.

- See more at: <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/index.php?pagelid=40&newsId=174&newsType=2#sthash.yqK5vYsl.dpuf>