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CHAMPION YOUR FUTURE CONFERENCE: The Arc of Indiana and Families United for Support and Encouragement (FUSE) will host a one-day conference, on Saturday, September 12, 2009 at Stonybrook Middle School, Indianapolis, designed for middle and high school students with disabilities and their families focusing on life planning after school.

There will be workshops designed just for parents and workshops with a student focus. Exhibitors will provide information and resources for students and families as well. Nationally known Gold Medalist and Author Mike Schlappi will be the featured speaker. Schlappi dreamed of a career in sports. A gunshot wound to the chest challenged his dreams. He would never walk again. After months of physical therapy, he began playing basketball from his wheelchair and went on to become a standout athlete. Mike Schlappi's thought-provoking presentation challenges people of all ages to realize that despite difficult circumstances, you can take responsibility and be empowered.

Registration fee is \$15.00 per person. For more information, contact the Arc of Indiana at (317) 977-2375 or 1-800-382-9100 or FUSE at (317) 462-9064 or visit <http://www.arcind.org> or <http://www.fuse.org>. This conference is sponsored by the Governor's Council for People with Disabilities, the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community, IN*SOURCE, and R.A.I.S.E.

DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTION WORKSHOP: The Indiana Institute's Center on Education and Lifelong Learning will sponsor, in conjunction with the Indiana Department of Education, a one-day training titled Differentiated Instruction an Introductory Workshop on Thursday, September 24, 2009 in Greenwood, IN.

Research on effective curriculum and instruction informs us that "one size fits all" instruction does not address the diverse learning profiles of our students.

This initial overview session is designed to build awareness and conceptual understanding of:

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

Attendees will have opportunities to utilize skills/strategies demonstrated. Attendees are asked to bring their curricular standards. Professional educators interested in engaging all students in meaningful learning and administrators who wish to encourage teachers' efforts to differentiated instruction.

There is no registration fee but workshop registration is required and is limited to 40 participants. All materials, complimentary breakfast and lunch will be provided. To register, visit www.iidc.indiana.edu/cell or

http://www.surveymonday.com/s.aspx?sm=JY267CfMKd_2bRuuwFhJiFwg_3d_ed.

Attending the Introductory Regional Workshop means that you are eligible to attend the Differentiated Instruction two-day follow-up to be held this winter. More information will be forthcoming regarding that event. For additional information, contact Tricia Merida at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail pmerida@indiana.edu.

TRAINING DATE CORRECTION - THE ZIGGURAT MODEL: Please note that the October training dates for the October Ziggurat Model workshop listed in last week's edition of the FYI were incorrect. Please mark your calendars for October 1-2, 2009. For content questions, contact Cathy Pratt at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail prattc@indiana.edu. To register, contact Kelly Doyle at (812) 855-6508 or via e-mail to keadoyle@indiana.edu.

2009 MAAP SERVICES CONFERENCE: Knowledge is Power is the theme of the 2009 MAAP/AAPC Services Conference scheduled for October 10-11, 2009 at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown.

The conference will feature 11 breakout sessions focusing on empowering parents and educators with the tools to support individuals with high-functioning Autism/Asperger Syndrome. The Indiana Institute's own Cathy Pratt, Director of the Indiana Resource Center for Autism, will be a featured Keynote speaker along with Gary Mesibov, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Registration fee is \$180.00 for professionals or caregivers, \$350.00 for a family package (2 caregivers and one child over age 13), \$125.00 per student or individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders. For more information, contact Susan Moreno at (219) 662-1311 or visit www.maapservices.org.

SAVE THE DATE: The Institute's Center on Community Living and Careers is pleased to announce the dates for the 2010 Indiana Statewide Transition Conference. Mark your calendars for August 4-5, 2010 and plan to attend the conference to be held at the Sheraton Hotel and Suites Indianapolis.

SECOND CLASS OF DSPs GRADUATE: Last spring we told you about 43 direct support professionals (DSPs) who took center stage as they became the first graduates of Indiana's Direct Support Professional Development training and education program.

On Thursday, August 13, 2009, a group of 79 DSPs participated in graduation ceremonies honoring their hard work and dedication as they were the second class to complete both Foundations, an onsite orientation, and Ivy Tech Community College coursework, designed to give them more in-depth information on topics ranging from First Aid to positive behavior supports and person-centered planning. DSP graduates of the program earned their Human Services Certificate, college credit, and are eligible for national credentials.

In addition to local celebrations at agencies participating in the program, the day featured a short "virtual" graduation video with congratulations from state officials and experts in the field including Peter Bisbecos, Director of the Indiana Division of Disabilities and Rehabilitative Services (DDRS), Teresa Grossi, Director of the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community's Center on Community Living and Careers, Kim Opsahl, Vice President/External Affairs for INARF, Susan Newman-Borne, Executive Director of Curriculum Development, Ivy Tech Community College, and Mary Held, Project Director, Direct Support Professional Development Initiative. Visit <http://www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/3956.htm> to view the "virtual graduation video and visuals from provider agencies that had graduating DSPs.

The Direct Support Professional Development is an initiative created by a partnership of the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services, self-advocates and individuals with disabilities and their families, Ivy Tech, Indiana provider organizations and the Indiana Institute's Center on Community Living and Careers which coordinates the program. The collaborative effort focuses on improving quality of life for people with disabilities while improving professionalism and career opportunities for DSPs. For more information on Direct Support Professional Development or the virtual graduation ceremonies held in May, contact Mary Held at the Institute's Center on Community Living and Careers at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail maheld@indiana.edu.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

MANK KEYNOTES AT FLORIDA APSE STATE CONFERENCE: David Mank, Director of the Indiana Institute was the Keynote Speaker at the Florida Association for Persons in Supported Employment, held August 19-21, 2009 in Orlando. Mank's Keynote address was titled Some Things Old. Some Things New. Some Things Rediscovered. It's Time for Employment as the First Option.

KETZNER PRESENTS AT 2009 INDIANA EMERGENCY RESPONSE CONFERENCE: Brian Ketzner, Family Mentor, with the Institute's Indiana Resource Center for Autism, presented a concurrent session at the 2009 Indiana Emergency Response Conference held August 19-22, 2009 at the Indiana Convention Center, Indianapolis. Ketzner's presentation focused on the current training required for certification or recertification of First Responders in regard to autism training.

SOCIAL MEDIA

CHECK OUT INSTITUTE CENTERS AND ARTSWORK INDIANA ON FACEBOOK: The Institute's Center on Education and Lifelong Learning, Indiana Resource Center on Autism, as well ArtsWORK Indiana, all have a presence on Facebook. Take time to visit and connect with others who have interests in education, autism spectrum disorders, and improving arts-related professional opportunities and careers for people with disabilities. Also, don't forget to visit the Institute Facebook page as well!

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.

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