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TRANSPORTATION SURVEY

TRANSPORTATION SURVEY FOR HOOSIERS WITH DISABILITIES CONTINUES: What ideas do people with disabilities in Indiana have about transportation issues? The Indiana Institute on Disability and Community, in conjunction with the Governor's Council for People with Disabilities and Indiana Protection and Advocacy Services, is conducting a survey to find out the answer to this question!

Accessible and reliable transportation is an important issue for Indiana's citizens with disabilities. Transportation is a necessary support for seeking and maintaining employment, for accessing health care services, and for participating in community activities. The 2009 Disability Poll on Transportation asks Indiana citizens to identify how they view the current state of transportation in Indiana. There is also opportunity for them to provide opinions and ideas about how to improve transportation in their communities.

People with disabilities, their family members, and their advocates are invited to complete the survey so that their voices are heard when transportation issues are being addressed in their communities! The survey is available online at <http://www.thepollingplace.org>. Print copies and alternative formats are available on request.

To request the survey in an alternative format, or for additional information, contact Dr. Vicki Pappas by phone at 1-800-825-4733 or e-mail beheard@indiana.edu.

The Disability Poll is an annual project of the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community, the Governor's Council for People with Disabilities, and Indiana Protection and Advocacy Services. The Poll's purpose is to provide a place where the voices of people with disabilities, their family members, and their advocates can be heard. Each year, a specific topic of interest is selected. The Disability Poll is being conducted by staff from the Institute's Center for Planning and Policy Studies.

UPCOMING

2009 DOWN SYNDROME FAMILY CONNECTION BUDDY WALK IN BLOOMINGTON: Bryan Park in Bloomington will be the site for the 2009 Down Syndrome Family Connection Buddy Walk. Lace up your shoes for Sunday, October 4 (rain or shine)... Registration starts at 1:00 p.m. with the walk (accessible route) beginning at 2:00 p.m. There will be music, fun activities, and more. All are welcome!

You can register as an individual, family, or form your own team. The team that raises the most money will be featured on the website and announced at the Buddy Walk.

Visit <http://buddywalk.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=324200>. For more information, e-mail buddywalk@downsyndromefamilyconnection.org or call (812) 720-9603.

VOICES OF KATRINA, VOICES OF SERVICE: The Indiana Institute's Center on Education and Lifelong Learning will be offering a service-learning course for the spring semester (February 23-March 30, 2009) titled Voices of Katrina, Voices of Service (Education F401/W505).

The course will meet at the Indiana Institute on February 23, March 2, 9, 23, and 30 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. and will travel to New Orleans, LA.

Sessions will focus on:

- Social justice issues relating to poverty, homelessness, and place;

- During spring break week, the class will assist in the rebuilding efforts in New Orleans; and
- The class will host a public forum to present reflections, insights, and lessons learned from the New Orleans trip.

Regular three hour course undergraduate and graduate credits will be offered. Undergraduate and graduate fees apply. Travel arrangement will be provided by Indiana University. Lodging will be arranged with the New Orleans partners.

Registration is limited to 15 persons. There are no registration fees. The registration deadline is February 1, 2010. For more information, contact Cate Hart at the Indiana Institute at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail camhart@indiana.edu.

ACROSS THE COURTYARD

VIM AT THE COLLABORATIVE WORK LAB! Staff of the Institute's Collaborative Work Lab facilitated a planning retreat with the Board of Directors of Volunteers in Medicine (VIM) last week. Board members and VIM staff engaged in some brainstorming – how they envisioned VIM in the Year 2015. Then they identified and prioritized goals to reach that vision. Last, they developed potential activities to achieve their goals. Following the half-day session, the participants reacted to their Collaborative Work Lab experience with comments such as the following:

- "I love the interaction with the computers and I wasn't sure that I would. Very helpful and I think it has helped us to get on the right track. It was a great start!"
- "...an excellent process that gave us a lot of information in a very short period of time"
- "I liked the computer involvement, because it made things 'right now'."

The Collaborative Work Lab is a resource of the Institute's Center for Planning and Policy Studies. For further information, contact Vicki Pappas at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail her at cwlab@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, or visit us at 2853 East Tenth Street in Bloomington.

Nichols, S., Moravcik, G. M., & Tetenbaum, S. P. (2009). *Girls growing up on the autism spectrum: What parents and professionals should know about the pre-teen and teenage years*. London; Philadelphia: Jessica Kingsley Publishers.

Ron, M. (2009). *Diary of a crazy woman: One woman's fight to help her son with autism find a place in the world*. Mustang, Okla: Tate Pub. & Enterprises.

Uhlenkamp, J., & Adreon, D. (2009). *The guide to dating for teenagers with Asperger syndrome*. Shawnee Mission, Kan: Autism Asperger Pub.

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<http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/index.php?pageld=40&newsId=188&newsType=2#sthash.H9KMLLM.dpuf>