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UPCOMING

ADA-INDIANA AUDIO CONFERENCE: Are you interested in learning more about the differences and best practices for service animals and their owners? If so, plan to attend the upcoming ADA audio conference entitled: Service Animals: Unraveling the Differences and Best Practices scheduled for Tuesday, January 19, 2010 from 2:00-3:30 p.m.

The rights of people with disabilities who use service animals vary, depending on which law applies. The Americans with Disabilities Act, the Air Carrier Access Act, and the Fair Housing Act each have different standards for service animals and their owners. Complicating the issue further is the issue of the definition of service animals, especially in relation to emotional support or therapy animals.

Attorney Jacquie Brennan, from the DBTAC-Southwest ADA Center, will provide information about the definition of service animals and the rights of service animal owners under the ADA, the ACAA, and the FHA. She will also discuss the differences in how the various laws treat service animals versus emotional support or therapy animals, as well as model service animal policies for educational institutions and healthcare facilities.

The audio conference will be held in Bloomington, Columbus, Evansville*, Fort Wayne, Gary, Indianapolis, Kokomo, Merrillville, Muncie, Terre Haute, Vincennes, West Lafayette*, and in Louisville, Kentucky.

For site location details, or for more information about this session, visit <http://www.adaindiana.org>, contact Matt Norris at (812) 855-6508, or e-mail adainfo@indiana.edu. The audio conference series is co-sponsored by ADA-Indiana, the Indiana Governor's Council for People with Disabilities, and the DBTAC: Great Lakes ADA Center. *Sites not sponsored by ADA-Indiana.

FREE ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING: The INDATA Project at Easter Seals Crossroads will host a one-day assistive technology training workshop on Friday, February 19, 2010 from 9:00-3:00 p.m. for anyone interested in learning more about the diagnosis of cerebral palsy, the different assistive technology devices available, resource for funding, and equipment evaluations.

This workshop is designed for parents, adults with disabilities, professionals, educators, and health care providers. Featured speakers include Chuck Dietzen, M.D., Medical Director of Easter Seals Crossroads, along with a representative from United Cerebral Palsy of Indianapolis and professionals in the fields of assistive technology and medical rehabilitation. In addition, several assistive technology vendors will be present with information on products and services.

Although this session is free and open to the public, pre-registration is requested. Visit eastersealstech.com or contact Sara Croft at (317) 466-2013 or 888-466-1314 for more information or to register.

PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT ON PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE FIRST STEPS, EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM: The State of Indiana is accepting public comment on proposed revisions to the Individuals with Disabilities Act, Part C Cost Participation Procedures, to allow the option to suspend services for families with a past due amount of 60 days or more.

Notice is hereby given that, on January 20, 2010, a public hearing will be held. Oral testimony will begin at 10:00 a.m., and will be limited to 10 minutes per person, to allow sufficient time for all interested parties to speak. Please bring a written copy of comments. If an accommodation is required to allow an individual with a disability to participate

in this hearing, please contact Cathy Robinson at (317) 233-6094 in advance if possible.

The hearing will be held at:

Indiana Government Center South (IGCS) Auditorium
402 West Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Proposed revisions are on file with the Bureau of Child Development Services (BCDS). Interested persons may download copies via the "What's New" section at www.firststeps.in.gov, or review them at First Steps System Point of Entry (SPOE) offices.

If interested parties cannot attend the hearing, written comments will be accepted beginning immediately and until January 27, 2010 (postmark or email date). They should include the name, title, and address of commenter, specific concerns, and recommended actions to be taken. Mailing address is: First Steps Early Intervention System, Bureau of Child Development Services, 402 West Washington Street, Room 364, MS-51, Indianapolis, IN 46204, Attn: FS Cost Participation. E-mail submissions can be sent to firststepsweb@fssa.in.gov.

ACROSS THE COURTYARD

STAFFORD AUTHORS BOOK: With the first of the Baby Boom generation well into midlife, the number of Americans at or nearing retirement age is both unprecedented and expanding, notes Phil Stafford, Director of the Indiana Institute's Center on Aging and Community and Community in his recently published book *Elderburbia: Aging with a Sense of Place in America*.

Stafford, who is also an adjunct professor in the IU Bloomington Department of Anthropology, writes that, with so much emphasis being given to helping retirees maintain good health and active lifestyles, it also is important to think about where they live and how to make those homes and communities elder-friendly.

Stafford's book argues that aging is not about time and the body, but about place and relationships. Drawing on the multidisciplinary field of ethnography, it gives readers a deeper understanding of how the aging experience is shaped by where people call home, as well as a look at what makes a place well-suited for post-retirement living.

Elderburbia combines cutting-edge scholarship with practical advice and provides an introduction to pivotal research on the broad subject of aging and place, including studies of migration and relocation. It also takes readers inside innovative, elder-friendly community planning around the United States, particularly AdvantAge - an initiative to help counties, cities and towns prepare for the growing number of older adults who are "aging in place," as opposed to moving to retiree-only communities. *Elderburbia: Aging with a Sense of Place in America* is published by [Praeger Publishers](http://www.praegerpublishers.com). To learn more about the aging experience in Indiana and nationally, visit <http://www.agingindiana.org/index.html>.

ACROSS THE STATE

ARC OF INDIANA 2010 CALENDAR: The Arc of Indiana is pleased to offer for purchase, a 2010 calendar with a focus on employment of people with disabilities. The 2010 calendar features wonderful photos of people with developmental disabilities at their places of employment. Calendars are only \$5.00 and are available for purchase on-line by visiting <http://www.arcind.org/index/News-and-Events/PurchaseTheArcofIndianas2010Calendar.asp>.

LIBRARY CORNER

NEW ITEMS

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.

Grigal, M., & Hart, D. (2010). *Think college!: Postsecondary education options for students with intellectual disabilities*. Baltimore, MD: Paul H. Brookes Publishing Co.

Katovitch, D. M. (2009). *The power to spring up: Postsecondary education opportunities for students with significant*

disabilities. Bethesda, MD: Woodbine House, Inc.

Reiff, H. B. (2007). Self-advocacy skills for students with learning disabilities: Making it happen in college and beyond. Port Chester, NY: Dude Publishing.

- See more at: <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/index.php?pagelId=40&newsId=210&newsType=2#sthash.uPRibenN.dpuf>