

# FYI Newsletter March 1, 2010

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## UPCOMING

**FREE WEBINAR ON ACCESSIBLE TOILET AND BATHING FACILITIES:** The U.S. Access Board and the ADA National Network are offering a free webinar focusing on Accessible Toilet and Bathing Facilities on Thursday, March 4 from 2:30-4:00 p.m. (Eastern time). This session is part of their collaborative webinar series, AccessibilityOnline. There will be a webinar session each month on topics related to the Built Environment, Information and Communication Technologies, and Transportation.

Access to toilet and bathing facilities is the subject of many technical inquiries received by the Board. This webinar will review scoping and technical requirements for toilets and bathrooms. Illustrations and diagrams will be used to explain how various specifications apply and relate, including those for clear floor space, required clearances, fixtures and doors, and turning space.

The Webinar is free but registration is required. To register visit [www.accessibilityonline.org](http://www.accessibilityonline.org) (click on the "Registration" web link to start the process). AIA continuing education credits are available for this session (there is a fee for processing). If you are interested, look for details on the website.

There are a few Indiana organizations hosting the webinar for the public. Please visit the ADA-Indiana website if you are interested in attending at one of those locations: [www.adaindiana.org/webinars](http://www.adaindiana.org/webinars).

**ADA-INDIANA AUDIO CONFERENCE - HOW TO CONDUCT ACCESSIBILITY SURVEYS:** When conducting effective accessibility surveys, the most commonly asked questions tend to be: What to measure, how to measure, who is qualified to do a survey, and what tools are available to conduct the survey. If you are interested in learning more about this topic, please plan to attend the 2-part series on conducting accessibility surveys. The first part will be held on Tuesday, March 16th from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

In Part I of this 2-part series, expert panelists will explore the requirements to conduct accessibility surveys by business, government and educational institutions to ensure they meet the requirements of the ADA. They will also share their "lessons learned" and tricks of the trade.

Audio conference site locations include Bloomington, Columbus, Evansville\*, Fort Wayne, Gary, Indianapolis, Kokomo, Merrillville, Muncie, Terre Haute, Vincennes, and West Lafayette\*, and Louisville, KY. For more specific information about these site locations, please visit the ADA-Indiana website at [www.adaindiana.org/audio](http://www.adaindiana.org/audio). For more information about this session, contact Matt Norris at (812) 855-6508, or email [adainfo@indiana.edu](mailto:adainfo@indiana.edu).

The Indiana ADA Audio Conference program is sponsored by ADA-Indiana, Great Lakes ADA Center, and the Indiana Governor's Council for People with Disabilities. \*Sites not sponsored by ADA-Indiana.

**VIDEO SELF-MODELING INTERVENTIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM WORKSHOP:** The Institute's Indiana Resource Center for Autism will host a workshop for parents and practitioners on video self-modeling for individuals on the autism spectrum on Friday, April 9, 2010 at the Indiana Institute complex in Bloomington.

The purpose of this half-day workshop is to teach parents and practitioners how to implement effective video self-modeling (VSM) interventions. VSM is an evidence based approach for addressing the social, communication, emotional, and behavioral functioning of individuals on the autism spectrum. The presentation will examine the

research on video modeling and VSM, and discuss why these strategies are particularly beneficial to individuals on the autism spectrum. Obstacles to implementing VSM will be discussed and solutions will be offered. Numerous applied examples of how to implement these interventions with children on the autism spectrum will be covered and a special emphasis will be placed on outlining easy to implement VSM interventions. During this small group workshop, participants will receive hands-on training in the implementation of VSM, including training on how to produce and edit video clips.

Scott Bellini, Assistant Director of the Indiana Resource Center for Autism will be the featured presenter. Bellini is an Assistant Professor of School Psychology at Indiana University, Bloomington. He is also the Director of the Social Skills Research Center (SSRC), a university-based center specializing in developing and empirically examining the outcomes of social skill interventions for youth with ASD. He is a licensed psychologist in the state of Indiana and an endorsed Health Services Provider in Psychology.

This workshop is geared for general and special education teachers, administrators, early intervention providers, family members, and those interested in learning more about supporting individuals on the autism spectrum.

Registration fee is \$50.00 per person. Registration is limited to 30 participants. If you have content questions, contact Scott Bellini at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail [sbellini@indiana.edu](mailto:sbellini@indiana.edu). For registration queries, contact Donna Beasley at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail [dbeasley@indiana.edu](mailto:dbeasley@indiana.edu).

For information on Consumer Investment Funds for family members or individuals with disabilities in Indiana, contact the Indiana Governor's Planning Council for People with Disabilities at (317) 232-7770. Also, family members of individuals birth through 5 years with disabilities in Indiana can contact the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community at 1-800-825-4733, [fif@indiana.edu](mailto:fif@indiana.edu), or <http://www.inf2f.org> for Family Involvement Funds.

## **AUTISM AWARENESS**

**AUTISM AWARENESS LICENSE PLATES:** You may now order autism awareness license plates through the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles. Proceeds will raise awareness about Autism in Indiana, as well as assist in sustaining the Autism Society. Plates can be ordered at your normal renewal time using your renewal form or by visiting <http://tinyurl.com/yjbv23a>.

## **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.

Crist, J. J., & Verdick, E. (2010). *Siblings: You're stuck with each other, so stick together*. Minneapolis, MN: Free Spirit Publishing.

Laakso, B. (2009). *Enjoy life's cupcakes for everyone! : 150 delicious treats that are safe for most anyone with food allergies, intolerances, and sensitivities*. Beverly, MA: Fair Winds Press.

Melillo, R. (2009). *Disconnected kids: The groundbreaking brain balance program for children with autism, ADHD, dyslexia, and other neurological disorders*. New York: Penguin Group.

- See more at: <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/index.php?pagelId=40&newsId=224&newsType=2#sthash.SwnjO5jm.dpuf>