

FYI Newsletter March 15, 2010

QUICK SCAN:

- Autism Expo
- Hearings by the Indiana Bureau of Rehabilitative Services (BRS)
- Jackson County Transition Fair
- Daviess-Martin Special Education Cooperative Transition Fair
- Family Resource and Information Fair
- The Arc of Indiana Announces New Campaign
- Library Corner

UPCOMING

AUTISM EXPO: Easter Seals Crossroads in partnership with the Autism Society of America will host Autism Expo 2010 on Saturday, March 20, 2010 from 10:00-1:00 p.m. at the Fountains Banquet and Conference Center in Carmel, Indiana. The Expo is free to attendees and will include over 100 vendors and a KidzKorner area just for kids. For more information, contact Katy at (317) 466-3087 or visit www.eastersealscrossroads.org.

PUBLIC HEARINGS BY THE INDIANA BUREAU OF REHABILITATIVE SERVICES (BRS): The Indiana Bureau of Rehabilitative Services (BRS) is holding a series of public hearings about the annual revisions to the State Plan for Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VRS) and the Policy and Procedure Manual (PPM). If you have ideas about how BRS or VRS can improve, now is your chance to share them.

To view the VRS State Plan, visit the Family and Social Services Administration website at <http://2.gp/k3s>. All hearings will be held from 10:00 to 12:00 noon local time. Dates and locations include:

Tuesday, April 6, 2010 (CDT)
Michigan City, IN
Michigan City Public Library
Meeting Room
100 East Fourth Street

Tuesday, April 6, 2010 (EDT)
Indianapolis, IN
IN Government Center South
Conference Center, Room A
402 West Washington Street

Wednesday, April 7, 2010 (EDT)
Sellersburg, IN
IVY Tech Community College of Indiana
Room P12A
8204 Highway 311

Wednesday, April 7, 2010 (EDT)
Fort Wayne, IN
League for the Blind and Disabled
Meeting Room A
5621 South Anthony Boulevard

Friday, April 9, 2010 (CDT)
Evansville, IN
Evansville Vanderburgh Library
Browning Events Room B
200 East Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard

If you are unable to attend one of these meetings, you can send your comments, ideas, and suggestions to the

Bureau of Rehabilitation Services, MS 20, P.O. Box 7083, Indianapolis, Indiana 46207-7083, fax to (317) 232-6478 or e-mail Kathy.Sodeman@fssa.IN.gov. Comments must be received by Monday, April 19, 2010.

JACKSON COUNTY TRANSITION FAIR: Seymour High School will be the location for the First Jackson County Transition Fair, scheduled for Thursday, April 15, 2010 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Students with disabilities, their families, and teachers who want to learn more about resources available to students as they transition from school to the community should plan to attend!

Students from five area high schools including Seymour, Brownstown Central, Crothersville, Medora, and Trinity High School will be in attendance. For more information, contact Yvonne Willhite at Achieva Resources at (812) 522-6100 or (812) 521-6748 (cell).

DAVISS-MARTIN SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE TRANSITION FAIR: Washington High School, Washington Indiana will be the site host for the Daviess-Martin Special Education Cooperative Transition Fair, scheduled for Thursday, April 29, 2010 from 9:00-8:00 p.m.

Navigating Life's Highway is the Fair's theme with the goal of pairing students with disabilities and their families with the resources needed to map their journey to success. Representatives from Vocational Rehabilitation, Bureau of Developmental Disabilities, Four Rivers, Daviess-Martin Special Education Co-Op, the National Guard, Vincennes University, and Ivy Tech will be in attendance. Gordon Homes, a Special Needs Financial Planner will be holding a workshop during the fair from 6:30-7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Monica Wagler at (812) 254-1530, Ext. 103.

FAMILY RESOURCE AND INFORMATION FAIR: The Westside Special Needs Network of Speedway United Methodist Church, 5065 West 16th Street, Indianapolis, will be holding a Family Resource and Information Fair on Saturday, April 24, 2010 from 10:00-2:00 p.m. Approximately 50 exhibitors will share free information about services available to individuals with disabilities and their families in central Indiana. Enjoy information along with a free mini carnival, an optional lunch, and free child care while you visit the exhibits. Find all you need in one place! For more information: visit www.speedway-umc.org/specialneeds or leave your question at 317-971-2619 for a return call.

ACROSS THE STATE

THE ARC OF INDIANA ANNOUNCES NEW CAMPAIGN: THE Arc of Indiana is excited to announce a new initiative, Building Pathways to Empowerment - a campaign designed to take a fresh look at Indiana's system of programs and services for people with developmental disabilities and their families, and begin to redesign and redefine that system to one that provides what people want and need in the most sensible way possible.

[Visit a new page on our web site](#)

[Watch a video message from Executive Director John Dickerson](#)

[Listen to a special "A View from My Window" audiocast](#)

[Read John Dickerson's blog](#)

The Arc of Indiana is excited about this opportunity and what it can mean to people with developmental disabilities, their families, and communities throughout Indiana. We welcome you to learn more and join us in this important as we work together - Building Pathways to Empowerment.

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.

Davis, K., & Dixon, S. (2010). When actions speak louder than words: Understanding the challenging behaviors of young children and students with disabilities. Bloomington, IN: Solution Tree Press.

Hemenway, S. (2009). The autism mom cooks gluten-free casein-free classic American cuisine. [S.I.]: Stephanie Hemenway.

Lauren, J. (2008). *Succeeding with LD: True stories about real people with LD*. New York: Star Bright Books.

Rustad, M. E. H. (2010). *Algunos niños tienen autismo = Some kids have autism*. Mankato, MN: Pebble Books/Capstone Press.

- See more at: <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/index.php?pagelId=40&newsId=229&newsType=2#sthash.hsx1BMan.dpuf>