

# FYI Newsletter April 26, 2010

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## SURVEY OPPORTUNITY

**ADA IMPLEMENTATION SURVEY:** How do people with disabilities in Indiana rate their community's implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act? 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 – ADA Implementation in Your Community.

The ADA has been in effect since 1990 – twenty years have passed for communities to remove physical, programmatic, and attitudinal barriers that prevent people with disabilities from becoming active participating citizens. A great deal of progress has been made, but there is still need for further compliance. The 2010 Disability Poll on Implementation of the ADA asks Indiana citizens to identify how they view their community's current implementation. There is also opportunity to provide opinions and ideas about how accessibility can be improved. Once the survey is complete, the Institute will work with ADA-Indiana to use the results to issue the third Indiana Report Card on Implementation of the ADA in Indiana's Communities this July 26th in conjunction with the 20th Anniversary of the Signing of the ADA!

The survey is available online at <http://www.thepollingplace.org>. People with disabilities, their family members, and their advocates are invited to complete the survey so that their voices are heard when accessibility issues are being addressed in their communities! 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: 1-800-825-4733 or e-mail [beheard@indiana.edu](mailto:beheard@indiana.edu). The Disability Poll is a project of the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community, in conjunction with the Great Lakes ADA Center, the Governor's Council for People with Disabilities, and Indiana Protection and Advocacy Services. The Poll's purpose is to provide a place where voices of people with disabilities, family members, and advocates can be heard. Each year, a specific topic is selected.

The Disability Poll is conducted by staff from the Institute's Center for Planning and Policy Studies. Dr. Vicki Pappas, Director of the Center, serves as Director of the project.

## UPCOMING

**INDIANA FAMILY TO FAMILY WEBINARS:** Upcoming webinar topics for April 28 and May 6, 2010 were not correct in last week's edition of the FYI.

For Wednesday, April 28, 2010 from 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Advocacy is NOT a Bad Word: Developing Effective Parent-Provider Relationships Using Positive Advocacy. Advocacy is a tool for families as they seek solutions and resources for their children with disabilities. While people often associate advocacy with negativity, advocacy can and should be approached positively. This training focuses on three components of advocacy: knowledge, skills, and confidence.

For Wednesday, May 6, 2010 from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Introduction to Special Education: What happens after your child leaves First Steps and still needs support to make educational progress? This session is designed to help answer common questions parents and family members may

have about the special education process, including case conference participation and writing the Individualized Education Program (IEP).

Visit <http://www.inf2f.org/> and complete the registration form online. An e-mail will be sent to those who have registered with more detailed instructions on how to connect. For more information, contact Betsy Traub at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail [etraub@indiana.edu](mailto:etraub@indiana.edu).

## COMINGS AND GOINGS

**GROSSI KEYNOTES NEW MEXICO AUTISM CONFERENCE:** Teresa Grossi, Director of the Indiana Institute's Center on Community Living and Careers, was the Keynote Speaker at a conference held in Albuquerque, New Mexico on April 15-16, 2010.

The Conference titled Pathways to Adulthood: Coming of Age with Autism Spectrum Disorders was sponsored by The Autism Programs and the New Mexico Autism Society. Grossi's Keynote address titled I'm On My Way, But Don't Know Where I'm Going, addressed secondary transition-focused education. Additionally, Grossi presented a breakout session entitled Getting Ready for a Career: Person-Centered Career Planning.

**DAVIS KEYNOTES AT CONFERENCE ON AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS:** Kim Davis, Research Associate with the Institute's Indiana Resource Center for Autism, was the Saturday featured Keynote Speaker at the Cincinnati Collaborative Conference on Autism Spectrum Disorders, on Saturday, April 24, 2010.

Davis' presentation was titled A Challenge to Reframe Our Thinking: The Impact of Movement Difference and Sensory Challenges on the Abilities of Individuals with Autism. The conference was sponsored by the Kelly O'Leary Center at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, the Autism Society of Greater Cincinnati, and Families for Effective Autism Treatment (FEAT) of Greater Cincinnati.

## AROUND THE STATE

**ARC OF INDIANA MEDICAID WAIVER WORKSHOPS:** The Arc of Indiana will host a series of Medicaid Waiver Trainings in the month of May. Attendees will learn about the program and how to apply. Hands-on assistance in completing the application will be offered during the sessions.

May 4, 2010  
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
Evansville Central Library  
Browning Event Room B  
200 South East MLK Jr. BLVD.  
Evansville, IN

May 5, 2010  
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
Hamilton Southeastern Administration Building  
13485 Cumberland Road  
Fishers, IN

May 6, 2010  
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Bloomington South High School  
Large Group Meeting Room  
1965 South Walnut Street  
Bloomington, IN

May 19, 2010  
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.  
and  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
HBM Co-Op Building  
400 South Guilford Road  
Carmel, IN

See the Arc of Indiana calendar for more dates by visiting <http://www.arcind.org/calendar>. For more information, see

the Arc of Indiana Medicaid Waiver page at <http://2.gp/jyt> or contact The Arc of Indiana at <http://www.arcind.org/contact-us/>.

## **LIBRARY CORNER**

### **NEW ITMES**

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.

Connor, L. (2008). *Waiting for normal*. New York: HarperCollins Publishers.

Luecking, R. G. (2009). *The way to work: How to facilitate work experiences for youth in transition*. Baltimore: Paul H. Brookes Publishing.

Parker, R. A. (2008). *Piano starts here: The young Art Tatum*. New York: Random House Children's Books.

- See more at: <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/index.php?pagelD=40&newsId=239&newsType=2#sthash.im6gt6ST.dpuf>