

# FYI Newsletter May 10, 2010

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## UPCOMING

**INDIANA FAMILY TO FAMILY WEBINAR FOR MAY:** The Institute's Early Childhood Center's Family to Family Project will host a free interactive webinar on Thursday, May 20 and again on Wednesday, June 16, 2010 titled Behavior as Communication: What is MY Child Saying?

Families are often challenged with understanding why their child seems to have out-of-the-ordinary behavior during different routines or times of the day. This session will assist families to better understand those behaviors and guide positive interaction skills.

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).

**BUILDING LEADERSHIP SERIES:** The Institute's Center on Aging and Community is pleased to announce the training schedule for the Building Leadership Series for 2010. Building Leadership provides a series of three two-day workshops over a three-month period designed to increase and enhance the self-determination and advocacy skills of persons with disabilities.

Training dates and topics include (Bloomington Convention Center):

- September 22-23: Choice: What Choices am I Really Making? What are My Rights and Responsibilities?
- October 20-21: Self-Determination/Self-Advocacy: I Hear These Words, What Do They Mean to Me?
- November 10-11: Person Centered Planning: What Does it Mean for Me and What is a Good Plan?

Building Leadership funds up to 20 participants. Funding includes meals, overnights, attendant care as needed, and a \$60.00 attendance stipend to offset lost wages. Participants are required to commit to the entire series of workshops and have the necessary staff/family support to attend and/or cover their personal business (work/appointments) while they are away.

For more information, contact Jennie Todd at (812) 855-6508, e-mail [jeptodd@indiana.edu](mailto:jeptodd@indiana.edu), or visit <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/cac/training/buildingleadershipseries08.htm>.

**SPEAK YOUR MIND! RATE YOUR COMMUNITY'S IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT!** People with disabilities, their family members, and their advocates are invited to complete the 2010 ADA Survey so that their voices are heard when accessibility issues are being addressed in their communities! We want to know what you have to say!

Nearly 20 years have passed since the signing of the ADA. Progress has been made in Indiana communities, but there is still need for further compliance. The 2010 Disability Poll on Implementation of the ADA asks citizens from

Indiana to identify how they view current implementation in their own communities. Here is your opportunity to provide opinions and ideas about where to improve accessibility!

The ADA Survey is available online at:

[www.ThePollingPlace.org](http://www.ThePollingPlace.org)

To request the ADA 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).

## ACROSS THE COURTYARD

**POSITION OPENINGS:** Indiana University is seeking to recruit Research Associates at the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community. Positions will involve community-based technical assistance, training, and research related to positive behavior supports and research relevant to Universal Design for Learning (UDL), differentiated instruction, school restructuring/reform, and special education.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Master's degree in education, special education, or related area preferred. Demonstrated knowledge of positive behavior supports and working knowledge of assessment, instruction and school improvement required. Demonstration of skills at communicating and working with school administrators, community agencies, teachers, and state departments is necessary. Travel to school sites around the state is necessary. For a complete job description in each field of work contact Harriet Figg (812) 855-6508 or e-mail [figgh@indiana.edu](mailto:figgh@indiana.edu). Positions will remain open until a qualified candidate is chosen. Submit resume and three letters of reference by June 1, 2010 to: David M. Mank, Director, c/o Harriet Figg, Indiana Institute on Disability and Community, Indiana University, 2853 E. 10th Street, Bloomington, IN 47408-2696. Indiana University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

**HELD CO-AUTHORS CHAPTERS IN BOOK:** Mary Held, Research Associate with the Indiana Institute's Center on Community Living and Careers, has co-authored two chapters in a recently published book entitled Getting the Most Out of IEP's: An Educator's Guide to the Student-Directed Approach by Colleen Thoma and Paul Wehman of Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA.

Student-directed IEPs are quickly gaining momentum in schools across the country — the proven benefits include higher academic achievement, enhanced student motivation, and increased communication and self-advocacy skills for students with disabilities. Getting the Most Out of IEP's: An Educator's Guide to the Student-Directed Approach provides elementary and high school educators in-depth how-to guidance on making student-directed IEPs work for students with a range of special needs.

Held, in collaboration with Pat Rogan and Mary Fisher, both Faculty within the School of Education at IUPUI, Indianapolis, penned two chapters entitled Student Involvement in Meeting Preparations and Student Involvement in IEP Meetings. For more information, visit <http://www.brookespublishing.com/store/books/thoma-69445/index.htm>.

## IN BLOOMINGTON

**DISABILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY AWARENESS POSTER COMPETITION:** The City of Bloomington Council for Community Accessibility (CCA) is calling for entries in its disability and accessibility awareness poster competition. The competition starts in April and runs through May. Prizes will be awarded to selected entries and announced at the July celebration of the 20th anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

All poster submissions should highlight a disability and/or accessibility issue and can include graphic design, drawing, painting, and photography. The contest is open to all ages. Entries must include a registration form. Information about the competition and registration forms are available at the Community and Family Resources Department, Suite 260, City Hall, Bloomington, or online at <http://bloomington.in.gov/cca>. For information, contact Craig Brenner at (812) 349-3471 or [brennerc@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:brennerc@bloomington.in.gov).

## ACROSS THE STATE

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS:** The Governor's Council for People with Disabilities invites workshop proposals for the 2010 Annual Conference for People with Disabilities scheduled for December 6-7, 2010 at the Hyatt Regency Indianapolis.

Completed proposals must be received by June 1, 2010. Proposals may be submitted using the online proposal

submission form (<http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/250299/proposals>) or e-mail to [ccrowe@gpcpd.org](mailto:ccrowe@gpcpd.org).

**FREE WEBINAR ON USING ASSISTIVE AND ACCESSIBLE TECHNOLOGY:** Mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 12 (2:00-3:00 p.m. Eastern) and plan to link to this free webinar session providing an overview of accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) with a focus on Assistive Technology. The webinar will highlight how assistive and accessible technology work together to create a successful working environment for people with disabilities.

The guest speaker will be David Dikter, Executive Director of the Assistive Technology Industry Association (ATIA). Dikter manages the overall mission of ATIA to bring assistive technology to people with disabilities. He also sits on the W3C-Web Accessibility Initiative Steering Council and works with diverse groups to promote Assistive Technology and the needs of individuals with disabilities.

The webinar is free but you must register to participate. Visit <http://www.ada-audio.org/Webinar/AccessibleTechnology/> (click on the "Register" web link to start the process). 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 at <http://www.adaindiana.org/webinars>.

## **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.

Norall, C. L. B., & Brust, B. W. (2009). *Quirky, yes--hopeless, no: Practical tips to help your child with Asperger's syndrome be more socially accepted*. New York: St. Martin's Griffin.

Oliver, M. (2009). *Understanding disability: From theory to practice*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

Pope, E. D., & Dixon, C. (2010). *Friends with a difference*. Terra Alta, WV: Headline Books.

Simons, J. A. (2010). *The down syndrome transition handbook: Charting your child's course to adulthood*. Bethesda, MD: Woodbine House.

- See more at: <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/index.php?pagelId=40&newsId=244&newsType=2#sthash.ju0ifomR.dpuf>