

FYI Newsletter June 21, 2010

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IN-AFP EMPLOYMENT SURVEY

INDIANA AFP EMPLOYMENT SCORECARD SURVEY: The National Alliance for Full Participation (AFP) is interested in how Indiana is doing on the path to the ambitious goal of 50% employment of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in five years. They have created a “scorecard” of possible benchmarks for state Alliances.

This scorecard was created to help Indiana review the state policies, practices, and strategies that impact on opportunities for integrated employment. The answers on this scorecard will help Indiana identify priorities and set goals for employment initiatives and outline a strategy for doubling our state’s rate of integrated employment by the year 2015.

Please take a moment to complete this survey by visiting <http://surveys.cwlab.org/s-a2r0d-265617>. For information on the Scorecard, contact Joel Fosha at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail foshaj@indiana.edu. For more information on the National Alliance for Full Participation, visit <http://www.allianceforfullparticipation.org/>. For information on the work of the Indiana Alliance, visit their webpage at <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/?pageId=7&newsId=218&newsType=0>. To access the Indiana Alliance Facebook page visit <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Indiana-Alliance-for-Full-Participation-State-Team/168304808253>.

UPCOMING

WHEN ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS WORKSHOP: The Institute’s Indiana Resource Center for Autism in collaboration with the Early Childhood Center is hosting a one-day workshop entitled When Actions Speak Louder than Words on Tuesday, August 3, 2010 at the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community, Bloomington.

The intent of When Actions Speak Louder than Words is to build an understanding of how different behaviors are communicative, to understand what their messages might be and how to begin to interpret those messages, and to provide positive approaches for supporting behavior. Thinking about behavior as communication presents a different perspective to support our development of strategies that encourage positive behaviors. This is crucial information to consider so that when an individual “misbehaves” we can learn to pause and ask “What is this individual saying?”

This workshop is geared for early childhood education providers, preschool and day care providers, early elementary teachers (both special and general education), parents, SLPs, OTs, PTs, and developmental therapists.

Registration fee is \$90.00 per person and is limited to 30 attendees. For questions, contact Kim Davis (davisk@indiana.edu) or Sue Dixon (sudixon@indiana.edu) at (812) 855-6508. Certificates of attendance will be provided free. CEUs (Continuing Education Units - general education) and CRUs (Certification Renewal Units) will be available on-site. An administrative fee of \$15.00 made payable to Indiana University will be assessed.

For information on Consumer Investment Funds for family members or individuals with disabilities in Indiana, contact the Indiana Governor’s 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 or via e-mail at fif@indiana.edu, or Family Involvement Funds.

ACROSS THE STATE

NEW ORGANIZATION FOR DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS: Direct Support Professionals of Indiana (DSPIN), a new organization creating positive change and building a qualified workforce of direct support

professionals, is holding their first Statewide Member Meeting on July 12 at Easter Seals Crossroads, Indianapolis from 10:00-2:00 p.m. All Indiana direct support professionals are invited to attend!

This one-day meeting will provide opportunities for networking, education and professional development. The meeting is free and you don't have to be a member of DSPIN to attend. Lunch will be available for \$5. Registration is REQUIRED by July 7. For more information, contact JoAnna Moskal at joanna@inarf.org or Shannon Gilbert at sgilbert.mail@gmail.com.

SELF-ADVOCATES OF INDIANA ANNUAL PICNIC: Join in the fun at this year's Self-Advocates of Indiana's Annual Picnic, celebrating 20 years of SAI and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). There will be Lunch, Bingo, Photography, Carnival Games and music by D.J. Shawn Fulton.

What: Self-Advocates of Indiana's 20th Anniversary Picnic
When: July 16th, 2010, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (EST)
Where: Eagle Creek Park in Eagle's Crest Group Picnic Area, 7201 Fishback Road, Indianapolis, IN 46278
Cost: \$7 per person
To register: [visit http://www.arcind.org/news/?naid=41](http://www.arcind.org/news/?naid=41)

IN BLOOMINGTON

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTERS MEETING: COADs (Community Organizations Active in Disasters) are an efficient way to coordinate responses during long-term disaster recoveries. The Monroe County Long Term Recovery Committee, United Way of Monroe County, and the Monroe County Emergency Management Agency invite you to a discussion about COADs at the Monroe County Public Library Auditorium, from 3:00-4:30 p. m. on Thursday June 24th, 2010.

The news headlines are daily reminders that communities like ours need to be prepared for the immediate and long-term aftermath that follows a manmade or natural disaster. All interested agencies, neighborhood groups, business owners, government departments, and community leaders interested in learning more about community disaster collaboration are invited to attend.

This session will feature speakers from several state and local disaster agencies: Indiana Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (INVOAD), Indiana Department of Homeland Security, Monroe County Emergency Management Agency (EMA), Red Cross, 2-1-1, and Monroe County Long Term Recovery Committee (MCLTRC) and will be facilitated by Barry Lessow, Executive Director of United Way. Following the presentation, audience members will have a chance to ask clarifying questions, discuss issues that impact their constituents, and share information or resources.

The Monroe County Public Library Gallery on the first floor is displaying a series of data, maps and photographs documenting the MCLTRC's rebuilding efforts following the June flood and September hurricane disasters of 2008.

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.

Espeland, P., & Verdick, E. (2005). *Doing and being your best: The boundaries and expectations assets*. Minneapolis: Free Spirit Pub.

Espeland, P., & Verdick, E. (2006). *Knowing and doing what's right: The positive values assets*. Minneapolis: Free Spirit Pub.

Espeland, P., & Verdick, E. (2005). *Loving to learn: The commitment to learning assets*. Minneapolis, MN: Free Spirit Pub.

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