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Upcoming

ADA-Indiana Audio Conference: Parents of children with disabilities are often faced with limited choices when it comes to locating appropriate after school and day care programs to meet the needs of their children. Some day care and after school providers are reluctant to accept children with disabilities into their programs based on the fear that they are not able to provide the child with the services that they need.

On Tuesday, August 17 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. Eastern, Dr. Ruth Wolery, Assistant Professor of the Practice of Special Education at Vanderbilt University, and Director of the Susan Gray School, and Guest Moderator, Shelly Kaplan, Director of the Southeast ADA Center, will discuss how the Americans with Disabilities Act is applied to these programs. They will also present best practices and resources to assist providers and parents.

This free audio conference will be held at the following locations:

Bloomington, Columbus, Evansville, Fort Wayne, Gary, Indianapolis, Kokomo, Merrillville, Muncie, Terre Haute, Versailles, Vincennes, and West Lafayette. Visit the [ADA-Indiana](#) website for more information about these site locations. For more information about this session, contact Matt Norris at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail 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.

Help Share Indiana's Disability Plan: The Indiana Governor's Council for People with Disabilities is gearing up to prepare Indiana's State Disability Plan for 2012-2016. The completed plan will be used to guide the work of the Council, including its training and dissemination activities, the events it sponsors, and the projects it funds.

Here is your chance to participate in the process! The Council is hosting Town Meetings in eight areas of the state. The purpose of these Town Meetings is to gather ideas from individuals with disabilities and family members about the priorities that should be addressed in the upcoming State Disability Plan. To assist them in facilitating these Town Meetings, the Council has commissioned the Institute's Center for Planning and Policy Studies.

The first of these Town Meetings will be held in Indianapolis on Monday, August 30th from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the American Red Cross, 441 East 10th Street. The Council asks that people with disabilities and family members sign up and register for this Town Meeting by visiting www.cwlab.org.

Across the Courtyard

Artists, Artisans, Writers, Performers and Others Pursuing Creative Careers: Do you have a physical or mental challenge or disability? Are you interested in increasing opportunities for artists with challenges and disabilities? ArtsWORK Indiana is forming a new regional affiliate for South Central Indiana with monthly meetings in Bloomington. Join us to promote supportive networking and build arts career-related skills. Help us set the direction of this new organization, share refreshments and make new friends!

All are invited to our first meeting on Thursday, September 2, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. at the Bloomington City Hall, Hooker Conference Room (2nd floor), 401 North Morton Street. Parking is free and the meeting space is fully accessible.

The mission of ArtsWORK Indiana is "...to facilitate access to careers in the arts for people with disabilities through awareness, education, and encouragement." AWI is an informal, statewide group with a diverse membership of people with and without disabilities. ArtsWORK Indiana's collaborating partners include the Indiana Arts Commission (IAC), Vsa arts of Indiana and the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community. Local partners include the Indiana Institute and the City of Bloomington.

For more information visit www.artsworkindiana.org and click on About ArtsWORK, "Satellite Groups" or e-mail Brown County Artist Susan Showalter, South Central ArtsWORK Indiana Facilitator, at HandsandSpirits@aol.com. This program is sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Arts and Disability Center at the University of California in Los Angeles.

Across the State

The Arc of Indiana 2010 Awards Program: The Arc of Indiana invites you to nominate outstanding individuals, businesses, and organizations for awards to be presented at The Arc of Indiana's Appreciation Luncheon, November 9, 2010. The luncheon is part of The Arc's 2010 Conference, Building Pathways to Empowerment. Mapping a New Course.

Awards will be presented in the following categories:

- Employment
- Media
- Education
- Cathleen Clark Professional Service/Direct Support Professional
- Community Living
- Outstanding Professional Achievement
- Innovation
- Citizenship/Self-Advocate
- Development of the Arc
- Sycamore/Life-Time Achievement
- Public Policy

Please note that nominations must be received by The Arc of Indiana on or before the close of business on September 17, 2010. Nominations can be mailed to The Arc of Indiana, 107 N. Pennsylvania Street., Suite 800, Indianapolis, IN 46204 or e-mailed to the arc@arcind.org. Visit The [Arc of Indiana](http://www.arcindiana.org) to download a nomination form.

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.

Martin, N. R. M. (2010). Supporting the IEP process: A facilitator's guide. Baltimore: Paul H. Brookes Pub.

McWilliam, R. A. (2010). Routines-based early intervention: Supporting young children and their families. Baltimore: Paul H. Brookes Pub.

Metcalfe, L. (2010). Solution-focused RTI: A positive and personalized approach to response to intervention. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.

Pianta, R. C., & Howes, C. (2009). The promise of pre-K. Baltimore: Paul H. Brookes Pub.

- See more at: <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/index.php?pagelid=40&newsId=265&newsType=2#sthash.Et3tdHRx.dpuf>