

# FYI Newsletter September 6, 2010

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## UPCOMING

**WEBINAR ON CREATING ACCESSIBLE VIDEOS FOR YOUR WEBSITE:** Video has become a common means of sharing information about everyday activities and events. Yet, this technology remains largely inaccessible to people with sensory impairments. While there are tools available to facilitate the creation of accessible video content, the availability and use of these tools is not widely known and/or understood.

On Wednesday, September 8 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. eastern time, ADA-Online Indiana will host a free webinar addressing the key features of accessible video including what steps to consider when planning and developing accessible video content and demonstrations on how these techniques can be utilized.

Marsha Swanke, a Web Developer with the Southeast ADA Center, will be the featured speaker. Swanke has eight years of experience in designing, programming, testing, and managing content-rich, database-driven web applications that maximize accessibility and usability based on “best practices” research and established guidelines, such as the W3C Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) and Section 508.

This webinar is free of charge but you must register to participate. To register, visit <http://www.ada-audio.org/Webinar/AccessibleTechnology/> and click on the “Register” web link to start the process. There are a few Indiana organizations hosting this webinar for the public. Visit <http://www.adaindiana.org/webinars> if you are interested in attending at one of those locations.

**MORE TOWN MEETINGS!** The next Town Meeting to gather input for Indiana’s State Disability Plan will be held on September 20th in Fort Wayne. This is the second of eight Town Meetings sponsored by the Indiana Governor’s Council for People with Disabilities. 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 a chance for individuals with disabilities and family members in the Fort Wayne area to participate in the process! For more information and to register for the meeting, visit [www.cwlab.org](http://www.cwlab.org). Please register by Friday Noon, September 17th.

Other Town Meetings will be held during September, October, and November in Terre Haute, Richmond, Merrillville, South Bend, Evansville, and New Albany. See [www.cwlab.org](http://www.cwlab.org) for details and to register for these meetings, too.

The Governor’s Council has commissioned the Institute’s Center for Planning and Policy Studies to conduct these Town Meetings and to gather other input for the State Plan. For further information about this project, contact Vicki Pappas at (812) 855-6508 or [cpps@indiana.edu](mailto:cpps@indiana.edu).

**REGIONAL WORKSHOPS ON APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS:** The Institute’s Indiana Resource Center for Autism will host seven regional workshops starting in October through December, 2010 focusing on applied behavior analysis.

Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) include strategies and techniques that have years of proven research. With the increasing use of this technology, there is often misunderstanding about how and when strategies can be used. In truth, these are proven strategies that can be embedded into any classroom, school, community, or home setting. In these workshops, strategies associated with ABA will be described and examples provided that can be used in a

range of settings. The ultimate goal is to provide individuals with tools they can use immediately to decrease problematic behaviors and to teach appropriate alternative skills.

These workshops are geared for early childhood providers, general and special education teachers, administrators, autism consultants, speech therapists, psychologists, family members, and any other professionals working with individuals with a diagnosis of an autism spectrum disorder.

Workshop dates and locations:

October 13, 2010  
Merrillville High School  
Merrillville, IN

November 10, 2010  
IU East  
Richmond, IN

November 12, 2010  
Area 30 Career Center  
Greencastle, IN

November 23, 2010  
Wayne Township Preschool  
Indianapolis, IN

November 30, 2010  
Anthis Career Center  
Fort Wayne, IN

December 8, 2010  
Greater Clark Administration Building  
Jeffersonville, IN

Registration fee is \$90.00 per person. Content questions should be directed to Cathy Pratt at [prattc@indiana.edu](mailto:prattc@indiana.edu) or (812) 855-6508. For questions regarding registration, contact Donna Beasley at [dbeasley@indiana.edu](mailto:dbeasley@indiana.edu) or (812) 855-6508. Visit the Indiana Resource Center website at <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/index.php?pagelid=32> to download a flyer.

Certificates of attendance will be provided free and can be used for Professional Growth Plan points. CEUs (Continuing Education Units - general education) will be available on-site. There is an administrative fee of \$15.00.

For information on Consumer Investment Funds for family members or individuals with disabilities in Indiana, contact the Indiana Governor's Planning Council for Persons with Disabilities at (317) 232-7770. Also, family members of individuals, birth to 21, with disabilities in Indiana can contact the Indiana Institute at 1-800-825-4733, e-mail [fif@indiana.edu](mailto:fif@indiana.edu) or visit <http://www.inf2f.org> for information on Family Involvement Funds.

**SCHEDULE A TRAINING WORKSHOP ON UNDERSTANDING SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES FOR WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES:** The Institute's Center on Community Living and Careers has made available the opportunity for organizations that play a role in guiding parents or advising people with disabilities about Social Security benefits, to schedule a training workshop designed to deliver clear, understandable information around SSDI, SSI, eligibility, SSI benefits and work incentives, and resources and supports.

Training can be scheduled throughout the state of Indiana through May 2011. There are a limited number of training opportunities available. For more information, or to schedule a training, contact Larry Schaaf ([ljschaaf@indiana.edu](mailto:ljschaaf@indiana.edu)) or Brian Ketzner ([bketzner@indiana.edu](mailto:bketzner@indiana.edu)) at (812) 855-6508.

## **ACROSS THE COURTYARD**

**PODCAST ON ELDERBURBIA ON THE BIOETHICS CHANNEL:** Phil Stafford, Director of the Institute's Center on Aging and Community talks about his book Elderburbia and issues related to aging and place with the Bioethics Channel. Stafford's interview is about 17 minutes.

Visit <http://www.facebook.com/l.php?u=http%3A%2F%2Fmedia.libsyn.com%2Fmedia%2Fmedicalchannelonline%2>

[FFINAL.Stafford.073010.mp3&h=4364c](#) to listen to the podcast.

The Center for Practical Bioethics is a nonprofit, free-standing and independent organization nationally recognized for its work in practical bioethics. Since 1984, the Center has helped patients and their families, healthcare professionals, policymakers and corporate leaders grapple with ethically complex issues in medicine and research. For more info, visit <http://www.practicalbioethics.org/cpb.aspx?pgID=866>.

**GROSSI KEYNOTES AT APSE MISSOURI EMPLOYMENT SUMMIT:** Teresa Grossi, Director of the Indiana Institute's

Center on Community Living and Careers, was the featured keynote speaker at APSE Missouri's 10th Annual Employment Summit, held August 11-13, 2010 in Columbia. The Summit featured local and national speakers who shared cutting edge best practice information and strategies designed to support career development for people with disabilities.

Grossi's keynote presentation titled Life is Like a Box of Crayons: The Power of Choice and Career Planning focused on the notion of choice for individuals with disabilities and what we can learn about the individual as their career goals, preferences, and circumstances change over time.

### **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.

DuFour, R. (2010). Raising the bar and closing the gap: Whatever it takes. Bloomington, IN: Solution Tree Press.

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Marzano, R. J. (Ed.). (2010). On excellence in teaching. Bloomington, IN: Solution Tree Press.

Muhammad, A. (2009). Transforming school culture: How to overcome staff division. Bloomington, IN: Solution Tree Press.

- See more at:

<http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/index.php?pageId=40&newsId=269&newsType=2#sthash.P5KmGvuA.dpuf>