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Upcoming

Regional Workshops on Asset Development and Financial Literacy: The Institute's Center for Community Living and Careers will host a series of regional workshops about asset development and financial literacy for individuals with disabilities. These workshops are designed to help community rehabilitation programs and financial stability organizations begin collaborating and to assist as they reach out to their disability communities with training and education activities designed for their special information needs.

Training dates and locations include:

October 13, 2010
Valparaiso University
Valparaiso, IN

October 14, 2010
Indiana Wesleyan University
Fort Wayne, IN

October 19, 2010
Vincennes University
Vincennes, IN

October 20, 2010
Indiana Community Action
Indianapolis, IN

October 21, 2010
City Hall
Columbus, IN

These workshops are being made available at no cost to attendees. However, registration is required. To register, visit <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/index.php?pagelid=18> and download the registration form. For registration questions, contact Sherry Redman (sredman@indiana.edu) at (812) 855-6508. For content inquiries, contact Ron Smith at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail ronsmith@indiana.edu. Asset Development workshops are sponsored by the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, Medicaid Infrastructure Grant in conjunction with Assets for Independence Disability Project, Office of Community Services, Administration on Children and Families.

Structured Teaching Strategies Workshop: Seats are limited for the Indiana Institute's Indiana Resource Center for Autism's two-day workshop on Structured Teaching Strategies, presented by Catherine Davies, October 19-20, 2010, at the Indiana Institute in Bloomington.

Research consistently indicates that individuals with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) respond favorably to a structured environment. This workshop will provide participants with an understanding of how and why to implement

structured teaching strategies, such as visual schedules, work systems and deliberately designed work materials.

Day one of the workshop will provide a rationale for using structured teaching and outline of the different types of structure. Within each category participants will be shown a variety of examples (video, photographs) of structured teaching in existing classrooms/situations.

Day two will focus on a more in-depth presentation of ways to use the strategies to accurately assess where to begin teaching, develop social communication skills, learn strategies for students, and develop proactive strategies for decreasing challenging behaviors.

This workshop is geared for general and special education teachers, administrators, autism consultants, speech therapists, psychologists, and any other professionals working with individuals with a diagnosis of an autism spectrum disorder.

Registration fee is \$350.00 per person and registration is limited to 30 attendees. Certificates of attendance will be provided for free and can be used for Professional Growth Plan points. CEUs will be available on-site. Administrative fee is \$15.00 made payable to Indiana University.

For questions regarding conference content, contact Catherine Davies at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail [daviesc@indiana.edu?subject=Structured Teaching Strategies](mailto:daviesc@indiana.edu?subject=Structured%20Teaching%20Strategies). For registration queries, contact Donna Beasley at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail [dbeasley@indiana.edu?subject=Structured Teaching Strategies](mailto:dbeasley@indiana.edu?subject=Structured%20Teaching%20Strategies).

Employment Specialist Training Workshop for November/December, 2010: The Indiana Supported Employment Training Team (ISETT) will host the last of its 2010 training for first year employment specialists on November 2-4 and December 7-9 at the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community Bloomington, IN.

EST attendees learn best practice in job and career development, employment support planning, ecological analysis, follow-along, and emerging industry trends. EST is a six-day training split into two sessions which are held one month apart. An exit test is required for participants seeking certification. Individuals who attend all days of both sessions and successfully complete the exit test receive a competency-based certificate from Indiana University. CEUs and CRUs are available.

Act now and receive a \$200.00 per participant discount toward the \$300.00 registration fee while supplies last. Coming soon: 2011 training schedule... For more information or to register, contact Kay Moore at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail moorel@indiana.edu.

OC Forum Follow-Up

OC Forum 2010: Over 200 attendees participated in the Sixth National Organizational Change Forum: Employment First! The Audacity of Change, held in Indianapolis on September 22-23, 2010.

Attendees representing 24 state teams, from California to Maine, converged on Indy to be a part of discussions to establish a national agenda on employment first for individuals with disabilities and organizational change.

Pat Rogan, Executive Associate Dean, IUPUI School of Education, and Forum Program Chair, welcomed attendees. Greg McAloon, Indiana Director of Rehabilitation Services, provided the opening remarks. Lynnae Rutledge, Commissioner, Rehabilitation Services Administration, Department of Education, was the featured Keynote Speaker. Dan O'Brian, Acting Associate Commissioner, Office of Employment Support Programs, Social Security Administration was the featured lunch speaker. Two Town Hall meetings focused on developing an employment first agenda for change. John Butterworth, Coordinator of Employment Systems Change and Evaluation, Institute for Community Inclusion at UMAS Boston, and the Indiana Institute's own Director, David Mank, facilitated the discussions. Karen Flippo, State Teams Liaison, Alliance for Full Participation (AFP), presented on the work of the national AFP. Special thanks to IN-APSE and Patti Sebanc and colleagues, for developing a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the employment of 100 individuals with disabilities in Indiana.

Sixteen breakout sessions were held across four tracks that included:

- Organizational Leadership and Management

- Inclusive Employment Best Practices
- Policy and Systems Change
- Transition - School to Career

Session handouts are being compiled on the OC Forum website. Visit <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/> and click on the OC Forum link to view event photos and access session materials. Our thanks to those agencies and organizations who helped sponsor the event. They include [APSE](#), [CESSI](#), [INARF](#), [Indiana Family and Social Services Administration Medicaid Infrastructure Grant \(MIG\)](#), [Indiana Institute on Disability and Community](#), [Institute for Community Inclusion University of Massachusetts, Boston](#), [Options](#), [TACE 5 Southern Illinois University Carbondale Rehabilitation Institute](#), and [TransCen](#). And finally, many thanks to the Event Chair, Pat Rogan, conference planning and marketing, Joel Fosha, the national and state planning teams, and the many volunteers that helped make this a successful event.

Across Indiana

Betty Williams Elected SABE President: Congratulations to Betty Williams on her election as President of Self-Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE). Betty is the President of Self-Advocates of Indiana and Consumer Education and Training Coordinator for The Arc of Indiana. SABE is the national organization representing self-advocates across the country. For more information on the work of SABE, visit <http://www.sabeusa.org/>.

In Bloomington

Public Invited to City of Bloomington Council for Community Accessibility Awards Ceremony: The City of Bloomington Council for Community Accessibility Annual Awards Ceremony will take place on Monday, Oct. 25 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Chapman's Banquet Center, 4506 East Third Street in Bloomington. The public is invited to attend and join in recognizing those who make our community better for people with disabilities.

The program consists of light hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and music at 6:30 p.m. followed by a keynote presentation by John Dickerson, Executive Director of The ARC of Indiana. The awards will be presented at 7:30 p.m., culminating in the presentation of the Mayor's Award, presented by Mayor Mark Kruzan and sponsored by Ivy Tech Community College.

"I encourage the community to come out to the ceremony and help recognize the people who help improve accessibility in our community," said Mayor Mark Kruzan. "They are big contributors to making Bloomington the great place that it is."

Those planning to attend should RSVP by October 20 to Craig Brenner, Special Projects Coordinator for the City Community and Family Resources Department, at 349-3471 or brennerc@bloomington.in.gov.

The awards ceremony is supported by Bloomington Hospital, Chapman's, the City of Bloomington Human Rights Commission, Cook Group Incorporated, Indiana University Credit Union, Ivy Tech Community College, Kiwanis Club of Bloomington, Inc., Barbara McKinney, Oliver Wine Company, Inc., Options, Southern Indiana Center for Independent Living, and Stone Belt Arc, Inc.

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.

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Lawrence, C. (2010). Successful school change and transition for the child with asperger syndrome: A guide for parents. London: Jessica Kingsley Publishers.

Reinertsen, S., & Goldsher, A. (2009). In a single bound: Losing my leg, finding myself, and training for life. Guilford, Conn: GPP Life.

- See more at: <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/index.php?pagelId=40&newsId=272&newsType=2#sthash.FIFXY82q.dpuf>