

FYI Newsletter October 11, 2010

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Upcoming

Evansville Town Meeting and Future Meetings: Come share your ideas about how you would like services and supports to be improved for you and your family, and for your community!

On Monday, October 18th, the Institute's Center for Planning and Policy Studies will facilitate the fourth of eight Town Meetings being sponsored by the Indiana Governor's Council for People with Disabilities in Evansville, IN. The purpose of these meetings is to gather information about what changes in services and policies people with disabilities and family members feel are needed. The information will be used by the Governor's Council to develop Indiana's State Disability Plan.

The Evansville Town Meeting will be held from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. at the Deaconess Health Sciences Building in Evansville, IN. People with disabilities and family members from Evansville and the surrounding areas are invited to attend! Please RSVP before noon on Friday, October 15th by going to www.cwlab.org.

Times and places of four other Town Meetings are now available. They will be held in the following areas:

October 25, 2010
Gary, IN
4:30 – 7:00 p.m. Central Time
Gary South Shore Rail Cats

October 26, 2010
South Bend, IN
6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Ramada Plaza

November 8, 2010
Richmond, IN
6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Reid Hospital and Healthcare

November 15, 2010
New Albany, IN
6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Holiday Inn Express

You can also register for these now by visiting www.cwlab.org. For those unable to attend a Town Meeting and for service providers, there will be a State Plan Survey available for additional input. Stay tuned for more information about this way of participating in Indiana's State Plan process! You can also keep up-to-date about all State Plan activities by periodically checking the State Plan website at www.cwlab.org. For further information about any of these opportunities for consumer input, contact Dr. Vicki Pappas, Project Director, at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail her at cpaps@indiana.edu. You may also contact Christine Dahlberg at the Governor's Council at (317) 232-7774 or e-mail cdahlberg@gpcpd.org.

ArtsWORK Indiana: 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 next meeting scheduled for:

Tuesday, October 26, 2010
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Bloomington City Hall
401 North Morton Street
McCloskey Conference Room, 1st floor (Fully accessible ~ Free parking)

There will be a special presentation by Eric Freeman of Indiana Artisan. Indiana Artisan supports entrepreneurs who create high quality art, crafts, and value added foods. A venture of the Indiana's Office of Tourism Development, Office of Community and Rural Affairs, the Indiana Arts Commission, and the Indiana State Department of Agriculture, the program was launched in 2008 to raise awareness about locally crafted products, establish a brand for Indiana made goods, provide artisans access to entrepreneurial support, and more.

For more information, visit www.artsworkindiana.org and click on About ArtsWORK, "Satellite Groups" or contact Jane Harlan-Simmons at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail jeharlan@indiana.edu.

Comings and Goings

ICASE Fall Conference: The Indiana Institute was well represented at the Indiana Council of Administrators of Special Education (ICASE) Fall Conference, held September 29-October 1, 2010 at the Indianapolis Marriott East.

Cathy Pratt, Director of the Institute's Indiana Resource Center for Autism, presented a session entitled Applied Behavioral Analysis: Ethical Expectations for Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs). Teresa Grossi, Director of the Center on Community Living and Careers and Sandi Cole, Director of the Center on Education and Lifelong Learning, participated on a lunch panel presentation by the Indiana Resource Network. Grossi's presentation focused on transition to adulthood and Cole's focus was effective assessment and instruction. The mission of ICASE is to serve and represent special education administrators in Indiana. Visit <http://www.icaso.org/index.htm> for more information.

CommunityMatters' 10 Conference: Phil Stafford, Director of the Indiana Institute's Center on Aging and Community presented a session at the CommunityMatters' 10 conference held October 5-8, 2010 in Denver, Colorado. Stafford's presentation entitled The Elephant in the Community, focused on holistic community planning, acknowledging the existing connections between local groups and the opportunities each create to develop cooperative solutions.

In Bloomington

City of Bloomington Announces Special Needs Database for First Responders: The City of Bloomington has announced a new voluntary citizens with disabilities registration system now available for use by first responders, providing immediate access to disability-specific information in emergency situations.

The Bloomington/Monroe County Special Needs Database for First Responders gives dispatch, police, firefighters, and emergency medical technicians visual-, hearing-, and mobility-impairment information for those who have registered with the database.

"Anything that can help emergency personnel provide the highest level of care as quickly as possible is a big win for everyone," said Mayor Mark Kruzan. "This really is a great initiative that can only affect the community in a positive way."

Individuals with disabilities or family members of people with disabilities who would like to be included in this database may register at <http://bloomington.in.gov/specialneedsdispatch>. The registration form also may be completed and mailed to: Bloomington/Monroe County Special Needs Database, 220 East 3rd Street, Bloomington, IN 47401. Those who need assistance completing the form may call 349-3429 or e-mail human.rights@bloomington.in.gov. After registration, a City representative will contact registrants every six months to ensure the information is up to date.

"This database is an extremely important step toward effective emergency preparedness for individuals with disabilities in Monroe County," said Katie Herron, Chair of the City of Bloomington Council for Community Accessibility. "Information gathered in this database will allow first responders to maximize the effectiveness and quality of care provided. Having disability-specific information prior to arriving at the scene of an emergency could mean the difference between life and death." For more information, contact Barbara McKinney at (812) 349-3429 or e-mail human.rights@bloomington.in.gov.

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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- See more at: <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/index.php?pagelId=40&newsId=273&newsType=2#sthash.waP56hss.dpuf>