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UPCOMING

HELP SHAPE INDIANA'S DISABILITY POLICY: Add your voice! Help identify priorities for improving services and supports for people with disabilities and their family members. The Governor's Council for People with Disabilities, Indiana Protection and Advocacy Services, and the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community invite you to participate in the 2011 Disability Poll. This year, the focus is on what should be Indiana's policy priorities for people with disabilities.

To respond, simply go to this website at www.thepollingplace.org. If you are going to the Governor's Disability Conference on December 6th and 7th, you can respond to the Disability Poll there, too. Just look for the tables with laptops set up in the main hallway!

The survey is also available in alternative formats. Call: 812-855-6508, Toll-free: 800-825-4733, or TTY: 812-855-9630. You may also email cpps@indiana.edu to request an alternative format.

The Disability Poll is conducted annually by the Institute's Center on Planning and Policy Studies, under the direction of Dr. Vicki Pappas. This is a joint project of the DD Network in Indiana: the Institute, the Governor's Council for People with Disabilities, and Indiana Protection and Advocacy Services.

SOUTH CENTRAL ARTSWORK MEETING: Artists, Writers, Performers and Others Pursuing Creative Careers, are you interested in increasing opportunities for artists with challenges and disabilities? Join South Central ArtsWORK Indiana to promote supportive networking and build arts career-related skills.

This month's presentation titled Bloomington Exhibition Venues for Emerging Artists will feature Miah Michaelsen, the City of Bloomington's Assistant Economic Development Director for the Arts. Michaelsen will talk about local exhibit spaces where emerging visual artists and photographers can show their work.

Meeting date, time, and location:

Tuesday, November 23rd, 2010
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Bloomington City Hall
McCloskey Conference Room
City Hall is fully accessible, with free parking after 5:00 p.m.

People with and without disabilities are welcome. Help set the direction of this new group, share refreshments, and make new friends! Sponsored by South Central ArtsWORK Indiana, a new regional affiliate of ArtsWORK Indiana. For additional information, contact Jane Harlan-Simmons at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail jeharlan@indiana.edu. Also, visit <http://www.artsworkindiana.org/>.

AAC-IN-ACTION PROJECT WORKSHOP: The IU School of Education's AAC-In-Action Project, will host a one-day workshop titled The Use of Core Vocabulary in the Classroom for Students with Little or No Speech, to be held

December 4, 2010 from 9:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the School of Education, Room 2101, in Bloomington.

Training content will include:

- A review of core vocabulary literature;
- An analysis of language samples according to Brown's Stages as a basis for ACC intervention;
- Icon sequences and the pronoun paradigm for Unity/Minspeak software;
- Assessment materials;
- Practical information and advice; and
- Question and answer session.

Professionals (teachers and speech-language pathologists) as well as AAC users and parents should plan to attend. There is no registration fee. Feel free to bring your own lunch and drinks. Parking is available in the Jordan parking garage close to the School of Education. To RSVP or for more information, contact Wenjing Zheng at zhengw@indiana.edu.

ACROSS THE COURTYARD

VETS SUCCESS STORY: The Corporation for National and Community Service has posted a retrospective of the Institute's Center on Education and Lifelong Learning's recently concluded project Voicing Experiences through Services (VETS). VETS supported young people as they built relationships with veterans and recorded oral histories of their service which were submitted to the Library of Congress. Read all about it by visiting http://servicelearning.org/success_stories/k-12-sector/voicing-experiences-through-service-vets. For more information, contact Cate Hart at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail camhart@indiana.edu.

IRCA CONTINUES TRAINING INDIANA'S FIRST RESPONDERS: The need for continued training for First Responders on the characteristics of individuals on the autism spectrum continues to stay in focus within the state of Indiana. Brian Ketzner, Family Mentor for IRCA, presented in Kokomo on Saturday, November 20 to Emergency Response agencies for Howard County including City of Kokomo and county dispatch.

Training topics addressed how to identify the "classic characteristics" of individuals on the autism spectrum and strategies on how to communicate with individuals with autism during a crises situation. The rising incidence rates of autism across our communities contribute to an increased likelihood of responders interacting with individuals on the autism spectrum. If you would like more information, contact Brian Ketzner at the Indiana Resource Center for Autism at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail bketzner@indiana.edu.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

PRATT PRESENTS AT AUCD CONFERENCE: Cathy Pratt, Director of the Institute's Indiana Resource Center for Autism, participated on a panel presentation at the Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD), held in Arlington, Virginia. Pratt's session titled Sustaining Statewide Change: Implementing Evidence-Based Practices in Autism Spectrum Disorders highlighted evidence-based practices and the process involved in enduring outcomes and fidelity of implementation. Pratt also attended AUCD's Special Interest Group (SIG) meeting on autism. SIGs are made up of individuals in the AUCD network that have common topical interest. SIGs, which are open to anyone in the network, serve as a mechanism for sharing information, engaging in dialogue, and generating new ideas.

ACROSS THE STATE

LET THE ARC OF INDIANA HELP WITH YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING: Holiday Shopping through The Arc is here! The Arc online auction runs from November 17, 2010 until December 1, 2010.

Bid on items through 8:00 p.m. on December 1st. The highest bid wins. The Arc will ship your items directly to you. It's never been easier to help! No long lines. No holiday crowds. No hassles. Auction items range from getaways to autographed memorabilia to family outings and much, much more. Bid on great items that will make fantastic holiday, hostess or birthday gifts. They can also be used for other occasions throughout the year.

The Arc of Indiana exists to help Hoosiers with developmental disabilities and their families realize their goals of learning, living, working and playing in the community. Established in 1956 by parents of children with developmental disabilities, The Arc's main focus is to provide resources for families to come together and help advocate for a better

life for their children. This auction is a great way for you to start or complete your holiday shopping while helping people with disabilities and their families. Visit <http://www.biddingforgood.com/arcind> to bid!

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?pageld=40&newsId=280&newsType=2#sthash.5oTgN0IB.dpuf>