

FYI Newsletter January 31, 2011

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UPCOMING

TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO RESPOND TO THE 2011 DISABILITY POLL – SHAPING INDIANA’S DISABILITY POLICY!

If you haven’t filled out the survey yet, please do so before February 5, 2011
Simply go to <http://www.thepollingplace.org>

We are especially requesting participation from these counties, where there are ZERO responses!

Crawford	Decatur	Fayette	Fountain
Jennings	Newton	Ohio	Posey
Pulaski	Putnam	Rush	Union
	Warren	Wells	

For print copies of the survey or for alternative formats, e-mail cwlab@indiana.edu or call (812) 855-6508, toll-free 1-800-825-4733, or TTY at (812) 855-9396.

FREE WEBINAR ON ACCESSIBLE TRANSIENT LODGING: The U.S. Access Board and the ADA National Network will offer a free webinar on Accessible Transient Lodging on Thursday, February 3, 2011 from 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. Eastern.

In addition to overnight accommodations, hotels, motels, and other places of transient lodging offer many different types of amenities, such as swimming pools, fitness facilities, spas, restaurants, and conference rooms.

This session will provide an overview of requirements for transient lodging facilities in the ADA and ABA Accessibility Guidelines, including those that address sleeping rooms, bathrooms, and other spaces and amenities.

Presenters will include Jim Pecht and Earleen Sesker, Accessibility Specialists from the U.S. Access Board. The Webinar is free but registration is required. Visit <http://www.accessibilityonline.org> (click on the “Registration Information” web link to start the process).

IMPROVING READING COMPREHENSION WORKSHOP: The Institute’s Indiana Resource Center for Autism will host a one-day workshop designed to assist attendees to understand the multiple developmental differences in autism spectrum disorders (ASD) that contribute to problems with reading comprehension. Effective methods for intervention specifically tailored to the needs of readers on the spectrum of all ages will also be addressed.

Drawing a Blank: Improving Reading Comprehension for Good Decoders with Autism Spectrum Disorders, will be held April 21, 2011 at the Noblesville Intermediate School, Noblesville, IN. Registration fee is \$90.00.

This workshop is designed for teachers, specialists, parents, and school staff who work with students on the spectrum. For content questions, contact Cathy Pratt at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail prattc@indiana.edu. To register or

for questions, contact Donna Beasley at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail dbeasley@indiana.edu.

Visit <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/index.php?pageId=32> to download a registration flyer. This workshop is a collaborative effort between the IRCA and Easter Seals Crossroads and the Noblesville Schools.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

OFFICE OF DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT POLICY (ODEP) MEETING IN D.C.: The Institute's Director, David Mank, spent time in D.C. last week attending a Forum focusing on Advancing Workplace Flexibility Policy and Practices, sponsored by ODEP.

Forum goals were to develop concrete recommendations for the advancement of workplace flexibility policy and practices for all employees, including individuals with disabilities. Objectives included:

- Create proposed recommendations for policies and best practices that support workplace flexibility;
- Recommend specific actions, resources, and next steps needed to advance workplace flexibility at the federal state, and local levels; and
- Build upon existing workplace flexibility policies and practices to include flexibility around job tasks and space and time.

For more information on ODEP, visit <http://www.dol.gov/odep/>.

ACROSS INDIANA

INARF ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Mark your calendars and plan to attend INARF's Annual Conference, scheduled for March 9-10, 2011 at the Sheraton Indianapolis Hotel and Suites. This year's conference will feature:

- A two-day program designed to better utilize your time at the conference and lessen your time away from the office;
- Additional sessions added to the agenda (five mini sessions) increasing the variety of topics from twenty to twenty-five;
- Peer-to-peer learning to facilitate sharing from peers; and
- Promising Practices Poster sessions.

Registration fee is \$229.00 (early bird registration through 2/4/2011 for INARF member). \$159.00 (one day early bird registration fee through 2/4/2011 for INARF member). \$329.00 (early bird registration though 2/4/2011 for non-member). \$250.00 (one day early bird registration fee through 2/4/2011 non-member). For more information or to register, visit <http://www.inarf.org>.

THE ARC OF INDIANA 2011 CALENDER: Don't delay, take a moment and visit The Arc of Indiana to purchase their 2011 calendar. The calendar features great photos taken by The Arc of Indiana's Executive Director John Dickerson. This year's theme highlights how people with developmental disabilities are contributing to their communities through paid employment, volunteer work, leadership activities, and much more thanks to the innovative programs and supports offered by local chapters of The Arc and other providers throughout Indiana. You can purchase a calendar for only \$10, including shipping! Check out a few of the photos by visiting <http://www.arcind.org/index/News-and-Events/PurchaseTheArcofIndianas2011Calendar.asp>.

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=287&newsType=2#sthash.DgiMATgG.dpuf>