

# FYI Newsletter March 28, 2011

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## UPCOMING

**FAIR HOUSING CONFERENCE:** The Indiana Civil Rights Commission, working with the Back Home in Indiana Alliance, Indiana Governor's Council for People with Disabilities, and the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community are hosting a Fair Housing Conference titled Fair Housing and Beyond Friday, April 8, 2011 at the Indiana Government Conference Center. The conference will focus on providing equal housing opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

Phil Stafford, Director of the Center on Aging and Community at the Indiana Institute will be the closing Keynote speaker. Stafford's Keynote is titled Communities for Life: Getting from House to Home. For more information, or to register call (317) 232-2651 or visit <http://www.in.gov/icrc/beyond.htm>.

The conference is free and open to the public! Food and parking will be provided. Please register early as space is limited!

**TEACCH® FIVE DAY TRAINING:** The Institute's Indiana Resource Center for Autism will host a five-day training for professionals who work with students with autism, June 20-24, 2011 at the Edgewood Early Childhood Center, Ellettsville, IN.

This intensive five-day workshop combines hands-on classroom experience (including setting up the classroom for five students), lectures on topics related to working with students with autism, and group discussions of classroom activities including:

- Supervised experience in a demonstration classroom setting;
- Hands-on experiences with students with autism of varying ages and functioning levels;
- Active learning; and
- Presentations and demonstration of working with students with autism.

Registration fee is \$1,990.00 per person. Attendance is required for all five days. Certificates of attendance will be provided and free to be used as Professional Growth Points. CEUs will be available on-site. An administrative fee of \$15.00 will be charged. Graduate course credit will also be offered on the first day. For information on Consumer Investment Funds for family members or individuals with disabilities in Indiana, contact the Indiana Governor's Council for People with Disabilities at (317) 232-7770.

For content questions, contact Catherine Davies at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail [daviesc@indiana.edu](mailto:daviesc@indiana.edu). For registration questions, contact Donna Beasley at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail [dbeasley@indiana.edu](mailto:dbeasley@indiana.edu).

## ACROSS THE COURTYARD

**NEW INFORMATION ON SCHOOL READINESS FOR BUSY PROFESSIONALS:** The Institute's Early Childhood Center announces a new product, A Working Paper: New Information on School Readiness (March 2011). Find out how recent research is changing the definition of what it means to be ready for school. The paper, authored by Alice Frazier Cross and Michael Conn-Powers, presents key ideas from the research in a readable format for busy professionals. Visit <http://iidx/index.php?pageId=15> and click on the New Paper by Cross and Conn-Powers link at the bottom of the homepage.

## ACROSS INDIANA

**REVIEW AND COMMENT ON GPC GOAL STATEMENTS:** The Indiana Governor's Council for People with Disabilities is in the process of developing the next Five-Year State Plan (FY 2012-2016). Because the Council values your perspective, we are seeking your review and comment on six proposed Goal statements which will guide the Council for the next five years.

The proposed Goal statements were developed by the Council board after considerable deliberation. These deliberations were based on the culmination of a series of activities spanning a two year period designed to collect and examine input via surveys, regional town hall meetings, data mining, analysis of state/national trends, presentations representing a number of different perspectives, and expansive conversations with advocates with disabilities and their families.

The Council sincerely appreciates your support of its work and would encourage you to set aside some time to provide comments on the proposed goals. The deadline for submitting your comments is Friday, April 8, 2011. Information resulting from public comments will be reviewed and considered by the Board in finalizing the Five-Year State Plan Goals. Comments can be submitted using the online form available at <http://council.stateplan.sgizmo.com>. Contact the Council office to obtain a public comment form in accessible format by calling (317) 232-7770 or e-mail [gpcpd@gpcpd.org](mailto:gpcpd@gpcpd.org).

**2011 LOW VISION EXPO:** On Wednesday, March 30 from 10:00 to 2:00 p.m., the Will Center will host its 2011 Low Vision Expo at the Meadows Banquet Center, Terre Haute, Indiana. Attendees can access free resources for all types of vision loss (assistive technology, low vision aids, talking books, transportation, and more). For more information, contact Danny Wayne Beemer at the Will Center, at (812) 298-9455 ext. 205 or e-mail [dannywayne@thewillcenter.org](mailto:dannywayne@thewillcenter.org).

**CALL FOR WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS AT SELF-ADVOCATES STATE CONFERENCE:** The Self-Advocates of Indiana (SAI) is seeking workshop presentations for its 2001 state conference, Celebrate Self-Advocacy, to be held August 11-12, 2011 at the Martin House, Indianapolis.

This opportunity is extended to SAI groups and its members and other groups affiliated with Aktion Clubs, Special Olympics, as well as other disability-related organizations and interested others. The anticipated audience includes persons with disabilities, family members, representatives from disability-related organizations, and individuals who support local self-advocacy groups.

Selection criteria include:

- Relevance to self-advocacy and the theme of Celebrating and supporting self-advocacy;
- Presentation led by and/or moderated by a person(s) with a disability;
- Clear purpose, objectives, learning outcomes;
- Creativity; and
- Panel, interactive, and unique presentations are a conference priority.

The submission due date is Monday, May 16, 2011. For questions, or for more information, contact Mark Kevitt at The Arc of Indiana at 1-800-977-2375 or (317) 977-2368 or e-mail [mkevitt@arcind.org](mailto:mkevitt@arcind.org).

**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.

- Endow, J., & Myles, B. S. (2010). Practical solutions for stabilizing students with classic autism to be ready to learn: Getting to go!. Shawnee Mission, KS: AAPC. (Call Number: 40.3 .E53)
- Iland, E. D., & Myles, B. S. (2011). Drawing a blank: Improving comprehension for readers on the autism spectrum. Shawnee Mission, KS: AAPC. (Call Number: 40.3 .I4)
- Shawn, A. (2011). Twin: A memoir. New York: Viking. (Call Number: 20.3 .S531)  
- See more at: <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/index.php?pagelId=40&newsId=297&newsType=2#sthash.M3jAxkso.dpuf>