

# FYI Newsletter May 2, 2011

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## UPCOMING

**OPEN QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WITH ACCESS BOARD ACCESSIBILITY SPECIALISTS:** This is your chance to get answers to your “burning” questions about either the 2010 ADA Accessibility Standard or the Architectural Barriers Act Accessibility Standard. Session participants are requested to submit questions in advance. Accessibility specialists will answer questions submitted in advance during the first half of the session, leaving time in the second half to answer questions in the live session.

Date and Time:

Thursday, May 5th, 2:30 - 4 p.m. (eastern). Speakers from the U.S. Access Board include Marsha K. Mazz, Dave Yanchulis, Peggy H. Greenwell, and Bill R. Botten.

To Register, visit <http://www.accessibilityonline.org> (click on the “Registration” web link in the Menu Navigation to start the process). The session is free but registration is required.

**INDIANA RESOURCE CENTER FOR AUTISM SUMMER INSTITUTE:** Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Institute’s Indiana Resource Center for Autism’s Summer Institute on Evidence-Based Practices scheduled for June 6-10, 2011 and held at the Indiana Institute in Bloomington.

The Indiana Resource Center for Autism has been an implementation site for the National Professional Development Center on Autism, a grant project funded through the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), focusing on applying evidence-based practices in public school settings.

Summer Institute outcomes will provide participants with:

- Tools to evaluate classrooms;
- Validate outcomes of programming; and
- Implement evidence-based practices.

Registration fee is \$400.00 per person. Certificates of attendance will be available to use for Professional Growth points and three hours of Indiana University graduate credit will be offered. Attendees will enroll for graduate credit on Monday, June 6, 2011.

For more information on Institute content, contact Cathy Pratt ([prattc@indiana.edu](mailto:prattc@indiana.edu)) at (812) 855-6508. For registration information, contact Donna Beasley ([dbeasley@indiana.edu](mailto:dbeasley@indiana.edu)) or call (812) 855-6508.

## ACROSS THE COURTYARD

**THE AUTISM HOUSE - VISUAL SUPPORTS FOR THE HOME:** Learn strategies to use in your home to help individuals on the autism spectrum with their daily routines. The Autism House -Visual Supports for the Home is a resource for families who live with the daily challenges of autism. The open house will feature a living room, bedroom, dining room/homework area, kitchen, bathroom, and outdoor area set up with visual supports to aid individuals on the autism spectrum as they go about their daily routines at home. Helpful information from a variety of sources will be available.

When: May 12, 2011

5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Where: Conner Learning Center  
1700 East Conner Street, Noblesville, Indiana

The Autism House is sponsored by Rent-A-Center, Indiana Resource Center for Autism, Westfield Washington Schools, Noblesville Schools, Hamilton Boone Madison Special Services, Carmel Clay Schools.

## ACROSS INDIANA

**IDENTIFYING CRITICAL BARRIERS:** Indiana Protection and Advocacy Services (IPAS) is seeking input from the disability community about what people feel are the greatest barriers that should be considered in targeting their advocacy efforts. IPAS believes that with appropriate services and supports, people with disabilities can live, learn, work, and participate in all aspects of the community. Because resources are limited, however, IPAS must focus its work on areas where its advocacy efforts and case selection may have the greatest impact.

To gather the information and determine their priorities, IPAS has commissioned the Institute's Center for Planning and Policy Studies to implement an online survey. To respond to the Critical Barriers Survey, simply go to this website at <http://www.thepollingplace.org>.

If you would like a print copy of the survey or other alternative formats, please contact Vicki Pappas or Jeffrey Chait at the Institute at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail [cpps@indiana.edu](mailto:cpps@indiana.edu).

**CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS AT SAI CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS:** Self-Advocates of Indiana (SAI) is seeking Workshop Presentations for its 2011 Conference, Celebrate Self Advocacy at the 2011 SAI State Fair Conference, scheduled for August 11-12, 2011, at the Marten House, 1801 West 86th Street, Indianapolis, IN.

Share your experience, expertise, knowledge and success with Self-Advocates. The conference program has been designed to provide 60 minute workshop/breakout sessions on Thursday, August 11 and Friday, August 12. 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 others. We hope YOU will submit a proposal.

SAI hopes your group will submit at least one proposal. We know groups are doing great things for self-advocates; share what you are doing with everyone from around the state! The deadline to submit the form is May 16. Submit the Workshop Proposal Form with any additional information to:

Mark Kevitt  
The Arc of Indiana  
107 North Pennsylvania Street, Suite 800  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Proposals may be e-mailed to [mkevitt@arcind.org](mailto:mkevitt@arcind.org). Please submit the proposal in either a Word file or PDF file. Proposals may be faxed to (317) 224-0273. Only one copy needs to be submitted.

**SUMMER 2011 CAMPS AND PROGRAMS IN INDIANA:** The Institute's Indiana Resource Center for Autism has compiled a comprehensive directory of summer camps and programs for persons with disabilities. The Indiana Resource Center for Autism does not endorse any particular activity or organization on this list. Parents are advised to investigate these summer opportunities to determine the appropriateness of each. Visit <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/index.php?pageId=32/> to access the directory listing.

## 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](mailto:cedir@indiana.edu), or visit us at 2853 East Tenth Street in Bloomington.

Hall, S. L. (2011). Jumpstart RTI: Using RTI in your elementary school right now. Thousand Oaks, Calif: Corwin. (Call Number: 32 .H3)

Hull, T. H., Balka, D., & Miles, R. H. (2011). Visible thinking in the K-8 mathematics classroom. Thousand Oaks, Calif:

Corwin. (Call Number: 44 .H8)

Kabot, S., Reeve, C. E., & Heflin, J. (2010). Setting up classroom spaces that support students with autism spectrum disorders. Shawnee Mission, Kan: AAPC Pub. (Call Number: 40.3 .K13)

- See more at: <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/index.php?pageId=40&newsId=303&newsType=2#sthash.iKgG8JT0.dpuf>