

FYI Newsletter March 5, 2012



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UPCOMING



SECONDARY TRANSITION WEBINAR TO FOCUS ON STUDENT INVOLVEMENT: The Institute's [Indiana Secondary Transition Resource Center](#), in collaboration with the East Cadre of Transition Leaders, will host a FREE, [two-part webinar](#) March 19, from 1-3:15 p.m. Self-determination: Involving Students in Transition Planning will cover teaching self-determination skills, writing self-determination goals, and supporting students as they actively participate and/or lead their transition case conferences.

The webinar agenda is:

- 1-2 p.m. Self-determination: A Tool Kit for Teachers, presented by Liza Bates, Special Education Director, East Central Indiana Special Services
- 2-3 p.m. Self-advocacy Leading to Student-Led Annual Case Reviews, presented by Mandi Walker, Teacher, Alexandria Monroe Junior Senior High School
- 3-3:15 p.m. Transition Tips, Wrap-up

Certificates of completion will be available to participants who complete an online survey following the webinar. The webinar is free, but participants must [register](#). The registration deadline is Wednesday, March 14. A link and instructions on how to connect the day of the webinar will be sent to participants upon registering. For questions, contact Susan Henning-Harris via e-mail at skharris@indiana.edu, or call (812) 855-6508.



ADA-INDIANA AUDIO CONFERENCE: Recent revisions to the regulations implementing Title II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) have raised increased focus on the issue of service animals in a variety of settings. Postsecondary institutions face unique challenges around these issues when it comes to their policies and procedures regarding service animals in student housing, classroom, and public spaces.

No Pets Allowed: Service Animals and Postsecondary Institutions

Tuesday, March 20th

2:00-3:30 p.m. EASTERN

[11 Indiana Locations](#)

Free and Open to the Public

This session will explore the different scenarios that often play out in postsecondary education, and discuss the interplay between laws governing non-discrimination in housing versus equal access to programs and services. The panel of presenters will include representatives from the U.S. Department Housing and Urban Development (HUD), U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), and a postsecondary institution. For more information, contact Matt Norris at (812) 855-6508, or e-mail adainfo@indiana.edu.



2012 INDIANA BENEFITS INFORMATION NETWORK (BIN) LIAISON WORKSHOPS: The Institute's [Center on Community Living and Careers](#) is offering [basic and advanced training workshops](#) for Benefits Information Network Liaisons.

BIN 4-day basic training is required for first-time certification or second-year recertification for those who have been certified less than two years. Training will include four full days of instruction, training exercises, competency tests, and a field assignment. All parts of the training are required for certification.

Training dates and locations:

April 18-19 and May 16-17, 2012 (reg. deadline is April 16)
Spring Mill Inn State Park, Mitchell, IN

July 25-26 and August 22-23, 2012 (reg. deadline is July 23)
Honeywell Center
Wabash, IN

October 17-18 and November 14-15, 2012 (reg. deadline is October 11)
Fort Harrison State Park Inn, Indianapolis

[Registration](#) fee is \$210.00 per person. Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be available.

BIN advanced training is an online interactive course. It is self-directed and self-paced with instructors who are available to answer questions about the material presented. BIN advanced is for individuals who have been certified for more than two years.

Training dates (online):

June 11-22, 2012 (reg. deadline is May 28)

September 10-21, 2101 (reg. Deadline August 27)

Registration fee is \$210.00 per person. Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be available. For questions, contact Susan Henning-Harris via e-mail at skharris@indiana.edu, or call (812) 855-6508.



INDIANA HEALTH SCIENCE LIBRARIANS ASSOCIATION 2012 MEETING: Fort Harrison Inn, Indianapolis will be the site for the 2012 [Indiana Health Science Librarians Association](#) meeting, April 19-20, 2012. [Christina Wray](#), Librarian with the Institute's [Center for Disability Information and Referral](#), has organized this two-day meeting designed to provide strategies to connect and communicate better with library patrons.

[Cate Hart Hyatt](#), Research Associate with the Institute's [Center on Education and Lifelong Learning](#), will be a featured presenter. Hart Hyatt's presentation is titled Making Connections: Creating Better Experiences and Deeper Connections will All Patrons.

Registration fee is \$100.00 for Association members, \$130.00 for non-members, and \$50.00 for students. A One day fee are also available. For more information, contact Christiana Wray at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail ccwray@indiana.edu.



WORKSHOPS ON SOCIAL SECURITY AND OTHER FEDERAL AND STATE BENEFITS: Understanding the complexities of federal and state benefits can be challenging for social service professionals, family members, and people with disabilities. The [Center on Community Living and Careers](#) is offering a [2-day workshop](#) designed to help participants understand benefit programs and learn how to navigate them when supporting beneficiaries. Since many benefit programs also offer incentives for individuals going to work, workshop attendees will also explore the various

work incentive opportunities available through various Indiana and federal agencies.

Training dates and locations include:

May 23-24, 2012 (reg. deadline May 21)
Spring Mill State Park, Mitchell, IN

October 15-16, 2012 (reg. deadline October 11)
Fort Harrison State Park Inn, Indianapolis, IN

Registration fee is \$110.00 per person (there is no cost to VR Services Personnel). For questions, contact Susan Henning-Harris via e-mail at skharris@indiana.edu, or call (812) 855-6508.

ACROSS THE COURTYARD



Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority

COMMUNITIES FOR A LIFETIME ANNOUNCES PLANNING GRANT RECIPIENTS: Lt. Governor Becky Skillman announced three recipients of a pilot grant to study how to make their communities friendly for residents of all ages. Communities for a Lifetime, a collaborative effort among state agencies, educational institutions, and non-profit organizations, encourages cities and towns to welcome, value, and support the meaningful participation of people of all abilities across the entire lifespan.

The winning communities who will receive \$16,000 planning grants include:

- Huntington
- Linton
- Valparaiso

"Communities for a Lifetime is truly a collaborative and innovative effort for Indiana," said Lt. Governor Becky Skillman, who chairs the [Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority](#). "For the first time communities are looking at their long term sustainability and determining what solutions will ensure their residents are invested and thriving in their communities of choice for years to come."

Through a competitive process, three of the nine communities who submitted a letter of interest were selected to participate in this pilot program. They will receive grants to complete a 5-month planning process that will include determining their local need and walkability to food, medical care, and amenities. Other aspects will include setting safety standards, finding ways to locally promote intergenerational interactions and civic engagement, and maximizing independence for their residents.

"This initiative puts Indiana at the leading edge of the growing age-friendly community movement," said [Dr. Phil Stafford](#), Director of the Center on Aging and Community at the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community. "We look forward to path-breaking work by these three communities."

The Communities for a Lifetime initiative has grown from several years of groundwork by the Center on Aging and Community at the Institute and a growing list of local and state partner organizations. Stafford chairs the Community for a Lifetime Committee established by the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority in 2011. It also includes Suellen Jackson-Boner, Director of the Governor's Council for People with Disabilities and Deborah McCarty, Director of the Back Home in Indiana Alliance, both familiar to readers of FYI.

Planning grant recipients will present implementation plans in August of 2012 in anticipation of partial support for community infrastructure improvements in affordable, accessible housing and economic development activities. It is hoped that three successful pilots will set the stage for future growth and development of more inclusive Hoosier

communities.

The [Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority \(IHCDA\)](#), chaired by Lt. Governor Becky Skillman, creates housing opportunities, generates and preserves assets, and revitalizes neighborhoods by investing financial and technical resources in the development efforts of qualified partners throughout Indiana. IHCDA believes that growing Indiana's economy starts at home.

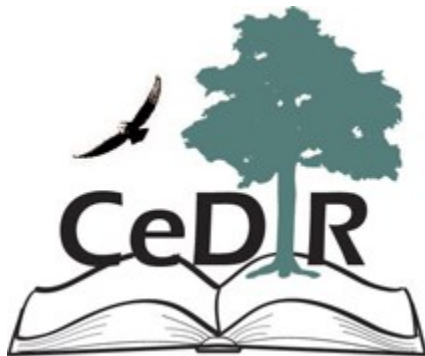


PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ON EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES IN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2012-2013: During the past four years, the Institute's [Indiana Resource Center for Autism](#) staff have worked intensely in 16 different school districts in the state to create sustainable change using coaching and training strategies.

Schools receive support in implementing evidence-based practices (EBP) with fidelity with a focus on student outcomes. Unintended outcomes of this project has been that practices focused on students on the autism spectrum have been universally adopted in some places to benefit all students (universal design), and strategies have been used to promote educating students in general education settings alongside non-disabled peers (inclusion).

This [application](#) is to articulate the expectations of participation in this project and to highlight what will be provided through the Indiana Resource Center for Autism. Again, this project is based on the work of the National Professional Development Center in Autism Spectrum Disorders, an OSEP project. Contact Cathy Pratt at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail prattc@indiana.edu with questions.

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, visit us at 2853 East Tenth Street in Bloomington.

Aune, B., Burt, B., & Gennaro, P. (2011). More behavior solutions in and beyond the inclusive classroom: [A must-have for teachers and other educational professionals!]. Arlington, TX: Future Horizons. (Call Number: 53 .A81)

Henderson, B. (2011). The blind advantage: How going blind made me a stronger principal and how including children with difficulties made our school better for everyone. Cambridge: Harvard Education Press. (Call Number: 31 .H46)

Karten, T. J., & Corwin (Firm). (2011). The best of Corwin: Inclusive practices. Thousand Oaks, CA: Corwin. (Call Number: 31 .K3)

Laud, L., Chapman, C., & Corwin (Firm). (2011). The best of Corwin: Differentiated instruction in literacy, math, & science. Thousand Oaks, CA: Corwin. (Call Number: 30 .L37)

- See more at: <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/index.php?pagelD=40&newsId=346&newsType=2#sthash.Uv57Qih9.dpuf>