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UPCOMING



ADA-Indiana Webinar

Disability harassment, retaliation, and constructive discharge are emerging workplace issues affecting employees with disabilities and presenting unique challenges to employers.

Presenters Barry Taylor and Alan Goldstein, attorneys from Equip for Equality (the Illinois Protection and Advocacy program), will review how the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) addresses disability harassment, retaliation, and constructive discharge, as well as review recent case law decisions on these issues. They will also provide practical tips for navigating these complex areas of the law.

Emerging ADA Issues: Disability Harassment, Retaliation and Constructive Discharge

Free Webinar

Wednesday, September 19th
2:00 - 3:30 p.m. EASTERN

It's free, but REGISTRATION is required to participate in the Webinar.

Interested in Continuing Education Credits? The webinar provider is offering University of Illinois at Chicago CEU and a Certificate of Attendance for this session. There is no cost for the CEU credits. [Click](#) to register to start the process.



New Autism WebShare Series

The Institute's [Indiana Resource Center for Autism](#) (IRCA) is excited to announce a new series of information sharing sessions on autism via the web called WebShare Series. These WebShare Series sessions are free and designed for parents and caregivers to learn information about:

Autism and Puberty
Helping Your Child Develop Communication Skills
Visual Schedules: How & Why To Use Them At Home
How To Use Social Narratives To Help Your Son or Daughter Understand the World
Behavior Strategies for Home
IEP: Becoming Informed
How Movement Difference Impacts Individuals with ASD
Creating a Circle of Support

Sessions will be presented by the staff of the IRCA. Links to the recorded sessions will be available on the [IRCA website](#). When sessions become available, an announcement will be distributed via the IRCA Reporter E-Newsletter, the Institute's FYI Newsletter, Facebook, Twitter, and other resources. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in a question and answer session for the WebShare session. Each WebShare will be approximately 1 hour in length.

The first WebShare Series session is scheduled for October 17, 2012. Melissa Dubie, Educational Consultant, will present on the topic: Autism and Puberty. This will be a live session with the recorded session available by October 19, 2012. For more information and registration, visit the [IRCA website](#).

SAVE THE DATES

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

Upcoming Events by the Indiana Resource Center for Autism

April 26, 2013 - Michelle Garcia Winner workshop - details to be announced.

June 17 - 21, 2013 - TEACCH® 5 Day Training workshop - details to be announced.

INDIANA INSTITUTE MAKING NEWS



Collaborative Partnerships with IU Center Result in Significant School Improvement Gains for Kokomo Center Schools

The first year of a partnership between the [Center on Education and Lifelong Learning](#) (CELL) at Indiana University Bloomington and Kokomo-Center Schools has resulted in significant gains for students with special needs.

The [Indiana Department of Education](#) has set expectations for schools to educate at least 60 percent of students with disabilities in the general education environment. Kokomo schools began the 2010-11 school year with a 14 percent rate of inclusion. During the 2011-12 school year, Kokomo schools exceeded the state target.

In addition, students with disabilities demonstrated growth on Indiana's ISTEP-Plus mathematics and English/language arts exams in 2011-12 when compared to the previous year, including:

4th grade passing rate for English/Language Arts increased by 17 percent
4th grade passing rate for mathematics increased by 21 percent
5th grade passing rate for math increased by 31 percent
7th grade passing rates increased by 5 percent in math and 18 percent in English/language arts
8th grade passing rate in math increased by 31 percent.

“Kokomo-Center Schools has always recognized the role that quality professional development plays in the success of our teachers and schools,” Superintendent Jeff Hauswald said. “I am very proud of the achievements made, in part, from our collaborative partnership with CELL at Indiana University. Professionals at CELL have brought expertise, research, and an approach to school improvement that has allowed our district to continue to grow and improve.”

The partnership is supported by a grant from the Indiana Department of Education that focuses on providing teacher professional development around best practices in assessment and instruction. Center on Education and Lifelong Learning staff have spent a year training a cadre of Kokomo teacher leaders to support their colleagues to develop skills in Universal Design for Differentiated Instruction (UDDI), an instructional design framework focused on developing rigorous units of study that respect learner differences.

In addition, all Kokomo schools have established Instructional Consultation Teams (IC Teams), which provide one-on-one support for teachers to design instruction that meets the needs of individual students, small groups, and/or whole classes.

The Center on Education and Lifelong Learning is Indiana's only licensed IC Teams training center and has worked with more than 50 schools in six Indiana districts to implement the model. For more information on the center's work, contact Sandi Cole, Director of the Center on Education and Lifelong Learning, at cmcole@indiana.edu.

CENTER NEWS



Psst... We Have a Tip for You

School is back in session and Indiana teachers, transition coordinators, administrators, and other transition professionals across Indiana are again being tipped off. Every week, they receive "Tuesday's Transition Tips for Teachers," a short, but informative message from the Indiana Secondary Transition Resource Center at the Institute's Center on Community Living and Careers. Tips cover topics such as quality and compliant Transition IEPs, transition assessments, drop-out prevention strategies, work-based learning, academic and life skill instruction, family involvement, working with Vocational Rehabilitation Services and much more.

If you'd like to receive Tuesday's Transition Tips each week via e-mail, contact Susan Henning-Harris at skharris@indiana.edu. Tuesday's Tips and the resources associated with many of the tips are also available online at the [Indiana Secondary Transition Resource Center website](#), where they're archived on the Tuesday's Tips page.

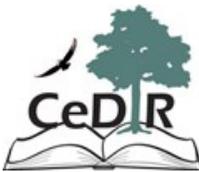


Institute Interdisciplinary Trainee to Present at 140th APHA Annual Meeting

Ritika Bhawal, Ph.D. candidate in the IU School of Public Health and Interdisciplinary Trainees at the Indiana Institute, will present a session at the 140th American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Expo, scheduled for October 27-31, 2012 in San Francisco, CA.

Bhawal's presentation is titled "An Educational Intervention Regarding the Gynecological Exam to Educate Women with Developmental Disabilities." Bhawal is a physician and has worked in the area of woman's health. She has been working in research for the Institute's Center on Aging and Community since 2005 as an Interdisciplinary trainee and successfully defended her research proposal to her doctoral thesis committee last summer. The focus of her research is the reproductive health and healthcare access for women with developmental disabilities.

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.

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