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## UPCOMING



### ADA-Indiana Audio Conference

Law enforcement plays a critical role in our communities. This month's ADA Audio Conference will address the obligations of law enforcement agencies under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to understand and meet the needs of people with disabilities.

ADA and Law Enforcement: Understanding the Issues  
Tuesday, January 15th  
2:00-3:30 p.m. EASTERN

9 Indiana Locations  
Free and Open to the Public

Discussion will revolve around the obligation to conduct a self-assessment addressing physical barriers in facilities, policies, and procedures to ensure non-discrimination on the basis of disability, and the steps needed to ensure that the agency is communicating effectively with people with disabilities.

Participants will also learn about what role an ADA Coordinator may play in a law enforcement agency, including various strategies for conducting outreach into the disability community to raise awareness of the law enforcement services, and how the community may help the agency in meeting their obligations under the ADA.

Site locations in Indiana include Bloomington, Fort Wayne, Gary, Indianapolis, Muncie, Rockport, Terre Haute, Versailles, and West Lafayette. [Click](#) for more specific information about these site locations (If you can't make it to one of the hosted locations, visit our website to find out more about other options, some are available at no cost.).

For more information, contact Matt Norris at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail [adainfo@indiana.edu](mailto:adainfo@indiana.edu). The Indiana ADA Audio Conference program is sponsored by [ADA-Indiana](#), [Great Lakes ADA Center](#), and the [Indiana Governor's Council for People with Disabilities](#).



### **FREE Webinar on Employment for Ex-offenders and Individuals with Co-occurring Disorders**

The Indiana Institute's [Center on Community Living and Careers](#) will sponsor a free webinar on Tuesday, January 29, from 10:30-11:30 a.m., Eastern Time. Licensed clinical addictions counselor and Centerstone project manager Jennifer Fillmore will guest host this session titled Overcoming Employment Obstacles for High Risk Individuals.

Employment specialists, job developers, community employment and disability service providers, mental health providers, and VR counselors are encouraged to participate in the webinar, which will help professionals identify specific challenges and provide solid strategies for helping ex-offenders find jobs and improve their employment outlook.

The deadline for registration is Tuesday, January 22. [Click](#) for more information.

### **Save the Date**

Mark your calendars for April 25-26, 2013 and plan to attend the first annual statewide conference titled [Beyond Compliance: Embracing Teacher Appraisals](#), to be held at the Hilton Indianapolis North hotel. Hear national speakers and participate in breakout sessions that will highlight:

Best practices in creating and implementing quality teacher appraisal systems

Indiana Year 1: Status of implementation

Lessons learned and key successes from Indiana districts

Participants will have an opportunity to network with others from across the state and receive valuable resources to take home to their district. This conference is for school administrators, teachers, policy makers, and professional learning consultants. For more information, contact Sandi Cole at the Institute's [Center on Education and Lifelong Learning](#) at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail [cmcole@indiana.edu](mailto:cmcole@indiana.edu).





## Workshop on Developing Nuance-Based Social Learning Activities

The Institute's [Indiana Resource Center for Autism](#), in conjunction with [Avon Middle School](#) North, will host a one-day training focusing on developing nuance-based social learning activities that connect to select Common Core Standards. Additionally, this training will explore how to work with individuals who struggle with self-regulation, social anxiety, and depression (Nuance Challenged Social Communicator).

Sessions will explore how teaching lessons related to social nuance differs from teaching social "rules." Individuals in this group may represent a range of diagnoses such as: ADHD, Asperger's, PDD-NOS, ODD, OCD, NVLD, etc.

The training date is April 26, 2013 with sessions being held at Avon Middle School North in Avon, Indiana. Registration fee is \$125.00 for the public and \$100.00 for autism leaders. Certificates of attendance for 5.25 instructional hours will be available for free and can be used for:

Professional Growth Plan points;  
Indiana Professional Licensing Agency for occupational therapists and occupational therapist assistants licensing requirements;  
Category I Continuing Education for Social Worker, Clinical Social Worker, Addiction Counselor, Marriage and Family Therapist, Mental Health Counselor, and Clinical Addiction Counselor; and  
Request for ASHA CEUs have been submitted.

All registrations are processed online through Indiana University (IU) Conferences. All registration payment questions should be directed to IU Conferences at 800-933-9330 or to Melissa at [tjuconfs@indiana.edu](mailto:tjuconfs@indiana.edu). [Click](#) to register. If you have questions about the workshop content, please contact Cathy Pratt at [prattc@indiana.edu](mailto:prattc@indiana.edu) or (812) 855-6508. All other questions regarding registration should be directed to Donna Beasley, [dbeasley@indiana.edu](mailto:dbeasley@indiana.edu) or (812) 855-6508.

## COMINGS AND GOINGS



### Davis Retires

Kim Davis, Educational Consultant, with the Institute's Indiana Resource Center for Autism has retired after 34 Years! Davis began her career as a middle and high school physical education teacher before moving on to complete her master's degree in adapted physical education. In that work, she found her niche supporting young children, including children with disabilities. Davis began her career as a middle and high school physical education teacher before moving on to complete her master's degree in adapted physical education. In that work, she found her niche supporting young children, including children with disabilities.

Davis served as an Educational Consultant with the IRCA providing assistance to teachers regarding positive behavior supports and classroom programming. Her areas of expertise included autism, movement difference, person-centered planning, and recreation. In 2010, Davis co-authored a book with the Institute's Sue Dixon titled *When Actions Speak Louder than Words: Understanding the Challenging Behaviors of Young Children and Students with Disabilities*. Davis' inspiration came from the words of the late Herb Lovett, who instilled in her a belief in the value of all people and the importance of building relationships through active listening and clear



communication. That inspiration helped her become a better advocate for those children whose behaviors may be misunderstood, and who may not always be heard. Good luck in retirement Kim!

### Stafford to D.C.

[Phil Stafford](#), Director of the Institute's [Center on Aging and Community](#) will attend a meeting of the grantees of [Grantmakers in Aging AGEnda](#) initiative in Washington D.C. this week. Five sites around the U.S. have been selected to participate, including Indiana. In Indiana, three communities are undertaking plans to become age and disability friendly... what in Indiana we call lifetime communities. The Indiana cities include Huntington, Indianapolis, and Bloomington.

## IN INDIANA

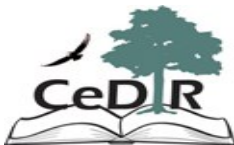
### Access Indy

The IUPUI Museum Studies Department and the Museum Studies Club will host a training roundtable on January 15, 2013 titled Universal Design: Applying Principles to Exhibit Development. Guest speakers Sherrill York and Ray Bloomer, of the National Center on Accessibility, will present on the topic of universal design and how its principles can be applied to create accessible and inclusive museum experiences. Sherrill and Ray each have 30+ years of experience and are national leaders on access and inclusion in the fields of recreation and tourism. The [National Center on Accessibility](#) is located in Bloomington, Indiana, with a focus on universal design and practical accessibility solutions for people of all abilities.

The training runs from 11:00 to 12:00 noon and will be held at the IUPUI Campus Center, Room 148, 420 University Blvd, Indianapolis. Please RSVP to Kris Johnson ([kmj20@iupui.edu](mailto:kmj20@iupui.edu)) if you are planning to attend.

Access Indy is a movement to unite museum and cultural arts professionals as they work toward improving access and inclusion for visitors with disabilities. This event is free and open to museum staff and volunteers, as well as students majoring in Museum Studies, or related disciplines.

## LIBRARY CORNER



### Library Corner

The following new materials may be borrowed by Indiana residents from the [Center for Disability Information and Referral \(CeDIR\)](#) at the Institute. To check out materials, call the library at 800-437-7924, send e-mail to [cedir@indiana.edu](mailto:cedir@indiana.edu), or visit us at 2853 East Tenth Street in Bloomington.

Buron, K. D. (2012). Social behavior and self-management: 5-point scales for adolescents and adults. Shawnee Mission, KS: AAPC Pub.

Cohen, K. (2011). Seeing Ezra: A mother's story of autism, unconditional love, and the meaning of normal. Berkeley, CA: Seal Press.

Gerhardt, P. F., & Crimmins, D. B. (2013). Social skills and adaptive behavior in learners with autism spectrum disorders. Baltimore, MD: Paul H. Brookes Pub.

Kern, P., & Humpal, M. E. (2012). Early childhood music therapy and autism spectrum disorders: Developing potential in young children and their families. London: Jessica Kingsley Publishers.

Leach, D. (2012). Bringing ABA to home, school, and play for young children with autism spectrum disorders and other disabilities. Baltimore, MD: Paul H. Brookes Pub.

Rosenblatt, A. I., Carbone, P. S., Scherer, W., & American Academy of Pediatrics. (2013). Autism spectrum disorders: What every parent needs to know. Elk Grove Village, IL: American Academy of Pediatrics.

- See more at: <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/index.php?pageld=40&newsId=414&newsType=2#sthash.UsBBDhXk.dpuf>