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UPCOMING



Building Leadership Series

Indiana needs new voices and more leadership from people with intellectual/developmental disabilities. After five years of remarkable success, the Building Leadership Series (BLS), presented by the Institute's [Center on Aging and Community](#), has expanded and now offers a new set of workshops.

[BLS 2](#) provides opportunities for participants to increase their knowledge, confidence, and leadership skills.

BLS graduates speak up more, ask for what they want, make more choices, take more control of their lives, and are more engaged in civic activities. Support staff/family members leave with a new sense of the persons they support and new skills to best provide support.

BLS 2 consists of three-two day workshops. This spring's training dates are:

March 20-21, 2013
April 24-25, 2013
May 22-23, 2013

Workshops focus on:

Relationships, Romance, and Intimacy;
Community Membership/Civic Engagement; and
Healthy Aging/Healthy Living.

Each workshop is designed to be highly interactive with opportunities for participant discussions, small and large group activities, role playing, brainstorming, and problem solving. A companion workbook follows the presentations and allows for notes and key ideas to be included. Only 20 participants from around the state are chosen each year and there are only a few spots left. Meals and lodging are provided for participants and support staff as needed.

For more information, and an application, contact [Jennie Todd](mailto:Jennie.Todd@indiana.edu) at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail jeptodd@indiana.edu. BLS2 is supported by the [Indiana Institute, Indiana Protection and Advocacy Services](#), the [Governor's Council for People with Disabilities](#), and the [Administration on Developmental Disabilities](#).



Coros ADA Community Grants

ADA-Indiana is accepting proposals for their [Coros ADA Community Grants program](#) through Friday, March, 1, 2013. The purpose of the Coros ADA Grants program is to promote increased implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Livable Communities in Indiana. Funding up to \$2,500 is available for projects submitted by social service agencies, local government entities, schools, businesses, or other community organizations.

The Request for Proposal is available by [clicking here](#). To receive information on how to apply for the grants, contact [Matt Norris](mailto:Matt.Norris@indiana.edu), Project Staff for ADA-Indiana, at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail at adainfo@indiana.edu.



Next to Normal Musical Coming in March to Bloomington

Next to Normal, is the story of a suburban mom's struggle with bipolar disorder and her family's heroic efforts to hold it all together! It is an emotional, funny, and ultimately hopeful musical that aims straight for the heart. Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, nominated for 11 Tony Awards and winner of 3 (including best score). Next to Normal is about honestly coming to terms with the past and bravely facing the future. The LA Times noted that, "like all good musicals, it breaks your heart without crushing your hope," while the New York Times called the show "a brave, breathtaking musical... a feel everything musical," and Rolling Stone said Next to Normal proves that the Broadway musical is "alive and rolling like thunder... it'll pin you to your seat!"

Directed by Cardinal Artistic Director Randy White, with musical direction by Dan Lodge-Rigal, and featuring a powerhouse cast of Bloomington, New York, and Chicago actors, Next to Normal runs March 22 - April 7 in the Ivy Tech Waldron Auditorium. [Click](#) for more information.

SURVEY OPPORTUNITY



Survey on Emergency Communications

The [Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center for Wireless Technologies](#) (Wireless RERC) is asking for individuals to take its new [online survey](#) on emergency communications. The survey questions address emergency services, public alerts and warnings, and social media use during emergencies.

The Wireless RERC conducted this survey once before, almost two years ago. Because technology is changing so rapidly and new government rules are being implemented, RERC think it's the right time to conduct the survey again. The data will be of great interest to regulatory authorities and other professionals working to improve emergency response and disaster relief for people with disabilities.

New to this version of the survey is the inclusion of a question for the respondent to identify if he/she is a caregiver. In this way, the RERC hopes to collect data on the caregiver experience as it relates to emergency communications technologies and behaviors, as well as the experiences of individuals with disabilities.

The Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center for Wireless Technologies (Wireless RERC) is funded by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) of the U.S. Department of Education. Their mission is to research, evaluate and develop innovative wireless technologies and products that meet the needs, enhance independence, and improve quality of life and community participation of people with disabilities.

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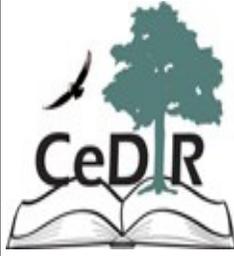
Stafford Receives Recognition Award

The Indiana Institute's [Center on Aging and Community](#) has been heavily involved with the 2012 Indiana Communities for a Lifetime initiative. [Philip B. Stafford](#), Center Director, was acknowledged for his contributions to the development of the program on the same day the communities of Linton, Valparaiso and Huntington received their funding awards on Friday, February 8, 2013, at the Indianapolis offices of the [Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority](#).

In 2013, The [Communities for a Lifetime Initiative](#) joins a \$1.3 million national initiative called Community AGEnda: Improving America for All Ages. Supported by Pfizer Foundation and Grantmakers in Aging, a national association of funders, the national effort is helping nonprofits in five U.S. regions accelerate local efforts to make towns and cities "age-friendly" – that is, great places to grow up and grow old.

The cities of Huntington and Indianapolis will receive consultation and support to enhance the growth of "naturally occurring retirement communities" where local planning efforts incorporate an age-friendly perspective, inclusive of all ability levels. Also, community leaders and policymakers in Bloomington will explore developing incentives to encourage age-friendly neighborhood development. For more information, contact Phil Stafford at staffor@indiana.edu or call (812) 855-6508.

LIBRARY CORNER



New Items

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 us e-mail at cedir@indiana.edu, or visit us at 2853 East Tenth Street in Bloomington.

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- See more at: <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/index.php?pageld=40&newsId=420&newsType=2#sthash.fRLXmjJq.dpuf>