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UPCOMING



Employment Specialist Training to Begin November 6th

Registration is underway for the final Indiana Employment Specialist Training for 2013. This six-day, face-to-face training in Indianapolis guides job developers, employment specialists and other professionals as they train, place, and include individuals with disabilities in the workplace. Participants must attend and complete both parts of the training (all six days) to obtain nationally-approved [ACRE](#) certification. Training will take place at Easter Seals Crossroads, 4740 Kingsway Drive, Indianapolis. Dates are:

Part One: November 6-8
Part Two: December 3-5

Subjects covered include:

Person-Centered Planning;
Job Development;
Worksite Analysis;
Assistive Technology; and
Job Supports.

Employment Specialist Training instructors are members of the Indiana Supported Employment Training Team, which has now trained over 3,000 Indiana employment specialists. The trainings are coordinated by Indiana Institute's Center on Community Living and Careers.

[Click](#) for a flyer and registration form. The registration deadline for this training is Friday, October 25th.

ACROSS THE COURTYARD



Partner to Host Monthly ADA-Indiana Audio Conference Series

ADA-Indiana is seeking to partner with community organizations in Indiana to host a monthly series of Audio Conferences related to the implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). [ADA-Indiana](#) intends to support up to eight site locations for the 2013-2014 ADA Audio Conference Series, which runs from October 2013 to September 2014.


Why become an Audio Conference Site Location?

The ADA Audio Conference program presents an easy-to-attend training about implementation issues related to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). National guest speakers make presentations each month on topics varying from employment to accessible design, to discussion of recent Supreme Court decisions, and other legal cases. The 90-minute audio conferences are usually held on the third Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m., Eastern. The new program season will begin next month in October and will continue through September 2014.

One of the benefits in hosting (and attending) the ADA Audio Conference session at a HOSTED site location is that it provides an opportunity for advocates to connect with others in their own community.

Last year, ADA-Indiana partnered with the Arc Northwest Indiana (Gary), Muncie Human Rights Commission, Fifth Freedom Network (Fort Wayne), the WILL Center (Terre Haute), Indiana Department of Natural Resources (Indiana Government Center), and the Southeast Indiana Independent Living Center (Versailles).

How to apply to be an Audio Conference Site Location

Organizations wishing to become a local host site for the 2013-2014 ADA Audio Conference series should submit a "letter of intent" by October 4th via an [online application](#). An  [application packet](#) is available as a PDF download from ADA-Indiana's website. The packet includes more information about ADA-Indiana's ADA Audio Conference program and contains the instructions on how to apply by mail or fax if desired.

Part of ADA-Indiana's sponsorship support includes payment of registration fees and other publicity support for sponsored site locations (see "Policies" section in application packet). Sites will be selected from various areas of the State. Community organizations eligible for sponsorships may include, but are not limited to, United Ways, local government entities, Chambers of Commerce, local businesses, advocacy organizations, schools, institutions of higher education, Centers for Independent Living, and other community organizations. For more information, visit the "Become a Site Location" webpage on the ADA-Indiana website at <http://www.adaindiana.org/index.php?pagelD=114>.

For further information about ADA-Indiana's Audio Conference program, contact [Matt Norris](#) at (812) 855-6508, or e-mail adainfo@indiana.edu.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Conference Presentations at SCIAEYC

The [South Central Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children](#) will host a one-day conference to be held on September 21, 2013 at Ivy Tech Community College in Bloomington. [Alice Frazier Cross](#), Research Associate, with the Institute's [Early Childhood Center](#) will present a session titled "Designing Effective Transitions to Kindergarten." [Sue Dixon](#), Program Trainer, also of the Early Childhood Center, will present a session focusing on "Teaching Strategies that Support Children's Thinking." The [Indiana Resource Center for Autism](#) will also be in attendance with an exhibit table.



IN BLOOMINGTON



3rd Annual Hoosier Buddy Run

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 3, 2013 and plan to participate in the [3rd Annual Buddy Run](#). This Mag 7 Series 5K race will take place rain or shine beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Karst Farm Park in Bloomington. Registration fee is \$15.00 (online registration in advance) and \$20.00 onsite.



6th Annual Buddy Walk

The [Down Syndrome Family Connection](#) will sponsor the organization's [6th Annual Buddy Walk](#) on Sunday, October 6, 2013 in Bloomington. Registration opens at 1:30 p.m. and the walk begins at 3:00 p.m. at Bryan Park. This event also includes a carnival, music, and, more. The Walk will take place rain or shine.

IN EMPLOYMENT



Supported Employment-Focused Training

The Minnesota Employment Training and Technical Assistance Center (MNTAT) is offering two training opportunities in the coming weeks. The first is a 2 and 1/2 day Customized Employment Immersion Training, "Linking Discovery and Job Development." This workshop will be presented on September 16-18 at the Woodbury VRS Training Room (6043 Hudson Road, Suite 170, Woodbury, MN 55125). Registration is \$175.00 per person and includes all training materials and refreshment breaks. The trainer for this workshop is Bob Niemiec.

The second event is "Customized Self-Employment: Linking Discovery with a Solid Business Plan." This all-day workshop will be presented by Cary Griffin, Senior Partner, Griffin-Hammis Associates, LLC. How do we make the decision to move forward with business ownership? How do we create an enterprise that compliments the owner's unique talents, skills, and interests? What information is crucial to crafting the business model? How do we amalgamate funding and anticipate sales revenue? How do we clearly articulate the quality of our products and services to the community? This workshop is appropriate for individuals starting a business, family members & advocates, rehabilitation counselors, employment specialists, school transition staff, veterans specialists, workforce personnel, and mental health practitioners. Workshop location is the Northwest Area Foundation, 60 West Plato Boulevard, St. Paul, MN 55107. Registration is \$75 per person which includes materials and light refreshments.

Additional information about these events can be found on the [MNTAT website](#) or by contacting Bob Niemiec (bniemiec@griffinhammis.com). There is limited space for both events so act quickly. To register, contact Meg Hammis (mhammis@griffinhammis.com) at (319) 885-4850.

NEW LIBRARY COLLECTION ITEMS



Library Corner

Cohen, K. T. (2013). Creating effective programs for gifted students with learning disabilities. Waco, TX: Prufrock Press.

Colker, R. (2013). Disabled education: A critical analysis of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. New York: New York University Press.

Karten, T. J. (2013). Inclusion coaching for collaborative schools. Thousand Oaks, CA: Corwin.

Morris, L. (2013). RTI meets writer's workshop: Tiered strategies for all levels of writers and every phase of writing. Thousand Oaks, CA: Corwin.

Oslund, C. (2013). Succeeding as a student in the STEM fields with an invisible disability: A college handbook for science, technology, engineering, and math students with autism, ADD, affective disorders, or learning difficulties and their families. London: Jessica Kingsley Publishers.

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