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UPCOMING



Community Accessibility Awards

The City of Bloomington [Council for Community Accessibility](#) awards ceremony recognizing individuals and groups who make our community a better place for people with disabilities, will be held on Monday, October 28, 2013 at Bell Trace Senior Living, starting at 6:30 p.m.

The awards program will feature hors d'oeuvres and desserts, a keynote address, and live music. Indianapolis Colts community spokesperson [Josh Bleill](#) will present the keynote address. Bleill, an Iraq war veteran who lost both legs, recalled his story in his book, "One Step at a Time: A Young Marine's Story of Courage, Hope and a New Life in the NFL."

Those planning to attend or needing accessibility accommodations must [RSVP](#) online by October 23, 2013. The awards ceremony is sponsored by [Indiana Institute on Disability and Community](#), [Stone Belt](#), [Ivy Tech Community College](#), [LIFEDesigns Inc.](#), [Kiwanis Club of Bloomington](#), [e2Taxi](#), [Indiana University Credit Union](#), [Southern Indiana Center for Independent Living](#), [United Way of Monroe County](#), [City of Bloomington Human Rights Commission](#), [Kiwanis Club of South Central Indiana](#) and Carle and Linda Crawford.



Promoting School Readiness - Research to Practice Workshops

The Institute's [Early Childhood Center](#) will present three workshops that focus on how preschool teachers can help children get ready for kindergarten. Each session offers strategies for implementing evidence-based practice. Registration fee is \$25.00 per person.

What Is It about an Effective Curriculum that Increases Learning?

There are just a few curricula that increase children's learning when compared to others. This is an opportunity to examine the Literacy Express Curriculum and kits. We'll deconstruct this curriculum to consider how the components together increase learning. The knowledge you gain can be used to make evidence-based decisions about other curricula. Join us for a chance to think deeply about curriculum.

Rethinking How We Use Classroom Time

As we learn more about what constitutes the design of an effective pre-kindergarten classroom, we are asked to reexamine our practices surrounding how we help children prepare for kindergarten. Participants will learn how they can create effective classroom routines that increase learning opportunities for preschool children. How can we spend our time to best prepare children for the experiences ahead?

Instructional Strategies to Promote School Readiness

Pre-kindergarten teachers are being asked to address quality standards like never before. Our classrooms need to be emotionally supportive, well organized, and instructionally sound. Current state-wide research indicates strengths in how we emotionally support children and organize our classrooms, but weaknesses in the general area of Instructional Support, measured by the CLASS (Classroom Assessment Scoring System). This workshop focuses on designing learning plans that increase the use of teaching strategies that emphasize not just what we teach, but how we teach.

For training dates, locations, and how to register,  [click here](#) or contact Alice Frazier Cross at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail afcros@indiana.edu.

COMINGS AND GOINGS



Growing Up, Growing Older Conference

[Phil Stafford](#), Director of the Institute's [Center on Aging and Community](#) was a presenter at the Grantmakers in Aging Conference, held October 16-18, 2013 in Kansas City, MO.

Stafford's panel presentation titled "The Advantage Planning Process: A Practical Model for Funders, Grantees, and the Community" focused on models enabling older adults to age in community and tools used to effectively determine the issues and needs of a community. Grantmakers In Aging (GIA) is an inclusive and responsive membership organization that is a national catalyst for philanthropy, with a common dedication to improving the experience of aging. For more information on Grantmakers in Aging, [click here](#).

Healthy Teen Network Conference

Melissa Dubie, Program Trainer, with the Institute's [Indiana Resource Center for Autism](#), will present at the [Healthy Teen Network's 34th Annual National Conference](#) on October 22-25, 2013 in Savannah, GA.

"Embracing Innovation: Combining Science with Creativity to Improve Adolescent Health" addresses adolescent sexual and reproductive health and the needs of parenting teens. Healthy Teen Network will showcase innovative strategies and research focused on adolescent sexual health, pregnant and parenting teens, and building the capacity of youth-serving organizations to sustain themselves for years to come.

Dubie's presentation titled "A Sexual Health Curriculum for Teaching Adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorders," will present an overview of a curriculum written by the presenter which is a comprehensive curriculum on sexual health and building social relationships with the twist of utilizing evidence-based practices to meet the needs of individuals on the autism spectrum.

Leadership Summit

[Michael Conn-Powers](#), Director of the [Early Childhood Center \(ECC\)](#), is one of the presenters at the October 22nd Indiana Head Start Association Leadership Summit in Indianapolis. He will





present results of the ECC study, "Assessing Indiana's Early Childhood Classrooms."



Evansville Presentation

Alice Frazier Cross, Research Associate at the ECC, is making an October 26th presentation, "What's the Big Deal About Effective Curricula?," at the [Evansville Area Early Childhood Association](#), a chapter of the Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children. The Early Childhood Meeting Place and the ECC information displays and products will set up for participants.

NEW LIBRARY COLLECTION ITEMS



Library Corner

Garland, T. (2013). Self-regulation in children: Keeping the body, mind & emotions on task in children with autism, ADHD or sensory disorders. Eau Claire, WI: Premier Publishing & Media.

Kaneshiro, V., & University of California, Berkeley. (2012). Talk to me. Honolulu: VK Productions.

Sastry, M. A., & Aguirre, B. A. (2012). Parenting your child with autism: Practical solutions, strategies, and advice for helping your family. Oakland, CA: New Harbinger Publications, Inc.

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 us an e-mail at cedir@indiana.edu, or come by and visit us at 1905 North Range Road in Bloomington.