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National ADA Symposium

The Great Lakes ADA Center will continue their tradition of supporting participation and attendance at the National ADA Symposium from across their six state region, which includes Indiana. To that end, they are making available a number of stipends in the amount of \$600.00 to cover the cost of registration.

The 17th Annual ADA National Symposium on the Americans with Disabilities Act and related disability issues will be held in Denver, Colorado from June 15 to 18, 2014. The Symposium includes up to date information regarding employment, communication, transportation, emergency preparedness, case law, regulatory updates for government and private entities, and the latest on the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design. Hear from presenters representing various

federal agencies including the Departments of Justice, Education, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and U.S. Access Board. This year there are break-out sessions on a wide-range of ADA related topics and online access to hand-outs from all sessions prior to the conference. [Click](#) to view the Symposium schedule of sessions and activities.

Applications will be accepted from individuals who reside in the Great Lakes Region (IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, and WI) only. This stipend is only valid for the 2014 Symposium and registration must be completed by April 15, 2014. Applications will be accepted through February 28th, 2014. Notification to recipients will be made by email within the 1st week of March to enable individuals to meet the early bird registration deadline of April 15, 2014. Recipients who fail to register by the April 15, 2014 deadline will forfeit their stipend.

Applications for the stipends can be completed [online](#). Questions regarding the Symposium and the stipend program should be directed to the Great Lakes ADA Center at 800-949-4232 (V/TTY) between the hours of 8:00 to 5:00 p.m. Central Time or by e-mail to adata@adagreatlakes.org.

Stipend recipients are responsible for their own travel arrangements and travel costs. The registration fee includes 2 breakfasts and 2 lunches plus a networking reception. The 2014 Symposium will be held at the Hyatt Regency Denver at the Colorado Convention Center. Rooms are available at a discounted rate of \$159.00 plus tax. Hotel information can be found on the [Symposium website](#).

ACROSS THE COURTYARD



2014 Work Incentive Fact Sheets Available Online

The Institute's [Center on Community Living and Careers](#) has updated its series of fact sheets on many of the Social Security Administration's work incentive programs. The 19 fact sheets are brief explanations of work incentive programs available to Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients and Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) beneficiaries, such as:

Impairment-Related Work Expenses;
Trial Work Period;
Extended Period of Eligibility; and
Substantial Gainful Employment for 2014.

Also included on the Center's Benefits Information and Planning webpage are resources for people with disabilities and their families or providers who may need information on housing subsidies, special savings accounts that won't impact benefits, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). To browse through the CCLC work incentives fact sheets, [click here](#).

Increasing Incidence of Autism Spectrum Disorders Continues in Indiana

In 2009, the Centers for Disease Control issued a report based on a sample of 8 year olds, and concluded that the prevalence of autism had risen to 1 in 110 in American children. By 2012, using a similar sample, it was announced that the incidence had climbed to 1 in 88. Based on these latest numbers, 1 in 54



boys and 1 in 252 girls are being diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder. Last year in a telephone survey of 100,000 families, the incidence was projected at 1 in 50.

If the projected incidence rates are accurate, what does this mean for Indiana? Based on the estimated census data from 2012, Indiana is home to 6,537,334 citizens. At an estimated rate of 1 in 88, there are potentially 71,911 individuals with a diagnosis on the autism spectrum. At the projected incidence of 1 in 50, the incidence is 130,747. Remember these numbers are projected and only estimate the real occurrence of autism spectrum disorders in Indiana. No database exists in Indiana of the actual numbers of people on the autism spectrum either statewide or by county.

Another example of the increase of those diagnosed with ASD is the child count data collected by the Indiana Department of Education, Department of Special Education. These data are collected from public school districts across Indiana. According to the December 1 child count data, the number of students identified in 2009 was 10,643. During that year, the incidence rate was 1 in 101. By December 2010, that number had increased to 11,514 and as of December 2011 that count was 12,226. According to the child count data from December 2012, the number of children served under that diagnostic category was 13,020. And now according to the child count data from December 2013, the number of children served under this diagnostic category is 13,675. This shows an increase of 655 students from the previous year.

The number of students enrolled in Indiana's public schools during the 2013-2014 school year is approximately 1,039,410. Using that data and the incidence data from December 2013, approximately 13 in 1000 students in Indiana have a diagnosis of an autism spectrum disorder. While the number of students served has increased, this year's identification rate remains at 1 in 77. The child count data does not include children who are not on special education service plans, and are home schooled or educated in non-public schools. All who have either an IEP or special education service plan are counted.

While there is a general belief and awareness that autism spectrum disorders are on the rise, it is unclear why. Some believe that more children are being identified because the medical community and other professionals have a better understanding of autism spectrum disorders, and because the definition of autism has been expanded to encompass more individuals. Others believe that the increase is real and are advocating for research to investigate the potential causes of autism. Whether we believe the growth is because of increases in ASD or the result of changes in diagnosis, or both, the reality is that more Indiana citizens are being served under the eligibility category of Autism Spectrum Disorders. The other reality is that many of these children come with complex issues and support needs. The potential impact on our schools and other service delivery systems continues to be tremendous. The strain on families is very real and significant.

For [more](#) information, contact [Cathy Pratt](#), [Indiana Resource Center for Autism](#) at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail prattc@indiana.edu.

NEW LIBRARY COLLECTION ITEMS



Library Corner

Miles, M. B., Huberman, A. M., & Saldana, J. (2014). *Qualitative data analysis: A methods sourcebook*. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications.

Pan, M. L., & Lopez, M. (2013). *Preparing literature reviews: Qualitative and quantitative approaches*. Glendale, CA: Pyczak Pub.

Yin, R. K. (2014). *Case study research: Design and methods*. Los Angeles: SAGE.

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.



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