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UPCOMING



Webinar on Grantmaking in Health

The [Center on Aging and Community](#) is partnering with the [City of Bloomington's Commission on Aging](#) to host the National Center for Creative Aging's 2014 Webinar Series on "Funding in Arts, Aging, and Health." The next webinar, "Grantmaking in Health," will be held on Wednesday, March 19th from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. at the Indiana Institute, [1905 North Range Road](#) in Bloomington. Presenters will reflect upon the role that arts can play in the healthcare world and discuss how to break down the silos between health foundations and arts-based organizations to serve older

populations. Attendance is free; RSVP required: Please e-mail Jane Harlan-Simmons (jeharlan@indiana.edu) or call her at (812) 855-2167.



I Hate to Write Workshop

The Institute's [Indiana Resource Center for Autism](#) in conjunction with the [Avon Community School Corporation](#), will host a one-day workshop designed to assist educators in working to increase the writing skills of their students with autism. The workshop will focus on four aspects of writing that are most problematic for students with ASD: language, organization, sensory, and visual motor skills. Teachers will learn new ways to help students with ASD and related disorders become happy, successful writers.

Writing is a high stakes skill, affecting both behavior and academic achievement. Using an interactive format, the presenters will explore the organization, sensory, motor, and language challenges students experience during the writing process. The presenters will share frustrations frequently expressed by teachers as they try to help students meet the National Common Core Academic Standards for Writing: "He has good ideas but he just refuses to write," "He can't seem to stay on topic," "He shuts down every time he picks up a pencil." Combining best practice strategies of an SLP and an OT, the presenters will offer specific, easy to use strategies to help teachers address writing challenges in the classroom. The afternoon session will focus on the use of computer based and iPad/tablet technology to facilitate writing skills in the classroom.

The training date is Tuesday, April 8, 2014. The workshop will be held at [Avon Middle School North](#), 1251 North Dan Jones Road, Avon, IN. Registration fee is \$90.00 per person. [Registration](#) is available online only through Indiana University Conferences. Assistance with the online registration and payment should be directed to IU Conferences at (800) 933-9330 or via e-mail at iuconfs@indiana.edu. Questions about the workshop content should be directed to Melissa Dubie at mdubie@indiana.edu or (812) 855-6508. All other questions should be directed to Donna Beasley via e-mail at dbeasley@indiana.edu or (812) 855-6508. [Click](#) for additional information.



Register for 2014 Benefits Trainings or Workshops

Need more information about benefits? This year Indiana Institute's [Center on Community Living and Careers](#) is offering several benefits information trainings for disability service professionals as well as a workshop covering the basics of Social Security and other federal and state benefits programs.

For providers and other professionals who counsel people with disabilities and their families about benefits, the Center offers Benefits Information Network (BIN) trainings. BIN improves the ability of people with disabilities to use and access federal and state work incentives. By creating an informed, efficient network of Indiana benefits information counselors, BIN helps individuals make more informed decisions about their employment opportunities. BIN trainings give liaisons — employment specialists, consultants, social workers, and other staff — a comprehensive curriculum and ensure that they have a thorough understanding of both

benefits and federal and state work incentive programs.

Basic and Advanced training components include training exercises, competency tests and field assignments. Dates are:

Basic BIN (only those certified less than two years may attend)


Note: Attendance at both rounds of training is required for certification.

Bloomington, IN
Round 1 – April 16-17
Round 2 – May 14-15

Wabash, IN
Round 1 – August 13-14
Round 2 – September 17-18

Advanced BIN (must take if certified two or more years)


Online Advanced BIN training will be offered twice in 2014.
April 25-May 2
June 21-July 1

To register for either Basic or Advanced trainings,  [click here](#).

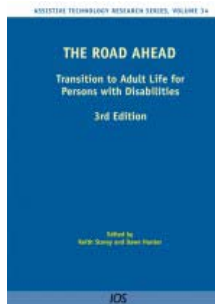
For others who don't necessarily need BIN certification, but who want to understand how, for instance, work incentive programs could help a client work and maintain her/his health care or housing benefits, the Center will offer a two-day workshop in the fall.

“Social Security and Other State and Federal Benefits: Learning the Basics for 2014”

September 24-25
Fort Harrison State Park Inn
Indianapolis

To register now for this two-day workshop, download the Social Security and Other State and Federal Benefits flyer  [here](#).

ACROSS THE COURTYARD



Grossi, Mank Contribute to The Road Ahead

[Teresa Grossi](#), Director of the Institute's [Center on Community Living and Careers](#) and Institute Director, [David Mank](#), have coauthored a chapter in the 3rd edition of “The Road Ahead: Transition to Adult Life for Persons with Disabilities,” published by IOS Press. The chapter, entitled “Adult Employment: Contributing to Society Through Work,” is also co-authored by Margaret Gilbride, formerly a Project Coordinator for the Center on Community Living and Careers and now Director of Employment Services at Advancing Opportunities in New Jersey.

The “Adult Employment” chapter explores a number of key questions and issues, including the role of employment specialists; the use of assistive technology to increase independence; transportation challenges; employment follow-along; and supports and guidance provided by one-stop career centers and state vocational rehabilitation services.

“The Road Ahead: Transition to Adult Life for Persons with Disabilities,” edited by Keith Story and Dawn Hunter, is available through [IOS Press](#).

IN INDIANA



2014 Indiana Disability Poll

You are invited to complete a survey about Indiana’s disability history and leadership with the goal of providing a better understanding of the historical context for disability issues and policies in Indiana, and the skills and resources needed by people with disabilities for advocating for local and state change.

People with disabilities, their family members, and disability advocates are being asked to provide information based on their own experience and knowledge of state and local historical moments, events, and people (living and deceased) that made a difference in promoting inclusion, civil rights, and quality of life for people with disabilities in Indiana communities.

The Disability Poll is anonymous, and should take you about 10-15 minutes to complete. [Click](#) to access the poll. For questions or more information, contact Matt Norris at the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community at cwlab@indiana.edu or (812) 855-6508.

The [Indiana Disability Poll](#) is a collaborative effort between the [Indiana Institute on Disability and Community](#) at [Indiana University – Bloomington](#), the [Indiana Governor’s Council for People with Disabilities](#), and [Indiana Protection and Advocacy Services](#) (IPAS).

Ten Indiana Communities Selected for Active Living Workshops

Health by Design and the Indiana State Department of Health are partnering to present a series of workshops designed to help communities throughout the state become healthier, more active and accessible communities for all ages and abilities. Funding for the workshops has been provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Twenty-five communities applied for the workshops through a competitive process and ten were selected. The ten communities chosen to host workshops through June 2015 are: City of Frankfort, Bloomington/Monroe County, Warren County, City of Batesville, City of Madison, City of Decatur, Tippecanoe County Area Plan Commission, Madison County Council of Governments, City of Shelbyville, and City of Rensselaer.

The daylong workshops will bring together government staff, civic leaders, and advocates to network, learn about the benefits of active-living communities, and discuss strategies for success. Organizers will lead participants on a walk audit to assess the accessibility and condition of sidewalks and roads for pedestrians and cyclists, as well as group exercises to identify active-living priorities in each community.



“The point of the workshops is to see that strong communities are built for all ages and abilities, and to begin planning and designing environments that will allow and encourage residents to be active in their day lives,” said Kim Irwin, executive director of Health by Design, a coalition that works to create built environments that foster healthy living.

“If someone can easily walk to the grocery store or bike to work, for example, they’re more likely to do that than drive their car, which benefits them and the community,” Irwin added. “Plus, we’re looking at the built environment from a standpoint of whether someone using a wheelchair or pushing a stroller can easily use it.” Training dates are to be determined. [Click](#) for more information or call (317) 352-3804.

NEW LIBRARY COLLECTION ITEMS



Library Corner

Gabler, M. (2013). Cooper, H. M. (2011). Reporting research in psychology: How to meet journal article reporting standards. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.

Daiute, C. (2013). Narrative inquiry: A dynamic approach. Thousand Oaks, CA : Sage.

Fink, A. (2014). Conducting research literature reviews: From the internet to paper. Thousand Oaks, CA: 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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