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UPCOMING



Public Comment Meeting on First Steps Application

The Early Childhood Center will be hosting staff from the Indiana First Steps Early Intervention program as they seek public comment on the state's First Steps application to the federal Office of Special Education Programs. This public comment meeting will be Monday, March 31st from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Individuals who are interested in commenting may join us in Conference Room B at the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community, 1905 North Range Road, Bloomington.

[Click](#) to read the Proposed State Plan. Learn more about how First Steps supports young children with disabilities and delays and their families by visiting this [link](#).




Webinar on Grantmaking in Arts and Aging

The Indiana Institute's [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 third and last webinar, "Grantmaking in Aging," will be held on Wednesday April 2nd, from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. at the IIDC, 1905 North Range Road, in Bloomington. Attendance is free; RSVP required: Please e-mail Jane Harlan-Simmons (ieharlan@indiana.edu) or call (812) 855-2167.



Online Course "Research to Practice for School Readiness" Begins April 9th

The staff from the Institute's [Early Childhood Center](#) will start their four session online course on Wednesday April 9th. The course will focus on instructional strategies, effective use of time in the preschool classroom, and effective curriculum. Each session will be one-and-a-half hours.

 [Click](#) for more information on the content of the course, the times of the sessions, and the cost, visit. Presenters include [Michael Conn-Powers](#), Director, [Sue Dixon](#), Consultant, and [Alice Frazier Cross](#), Research Associate.



Register Now for April Benefits Trainings

Registration deadlines are fast approaching for Benefits Information Network (BIN) liaison training, provided by Indiana Institute's [Center on Community Living and Careers](#).

By creating a network of liaisons well versed in state and federal benefits programs and work incentives, BIN training ultimately improves the ability of people with disabilities to make decisions about employment and work with the health care, housing, on-the-job, and financial supports they may need.

BIN liaisons - employment specialists, consultants, social workers, and other disability service professionals - work with a comprehensive curriculum to 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.


Upcoming trainings are:

Basic BIN (only those certified less than two years may attend)
Note: Attendance at both rounds of training is required for certification.

In Bloomington

Round 1 – April 16-17
Round 2 – May 14-15
Registration Deadline: April 11

Advanced BIN (must take if certified two or more years)
Online Only: April 25-May 2
Registration Deadline: 7

 [Click](#) to register for either the Basic or Advanced spring trainings (or to see other dates offered this year).

ACROSS THE COURTYARD



TEACCH® Certification

[Catherine Davies](#), Educational Consultant with the Institute's [Indiana Resource Center for Autism](#), is now a registered TEACCH® Certified Advanced Consultant. Catherine is now the only professional in Indiana to be certified to provide workshops and consultation on the use of Structured TEACCHing® (the evidence based intervention approach created by The TEACCH® Autism Program (<http://teacch.com/>)). Catherine previously worked as a Psycho-educational Therapist in the North Carolina TEACCH® Autism Program and since relocating to Indiana has presented Structured TEACCHing® workshops and supported programs in utilizing these strategies across the state and at the national level. For more information on the TEACCH® Certification Program go to <http://teacch.com/trainings/teacch-professional-certification-program>

This summer, the Indiana Resource Center for Autism will be collaborating with TEACCH® when they bring their intensive 5 day training program to Indiana. This training is designed for teachers, psychologists, physicians, speech and language therapists, as well as researchers, clinicians, and others interested in educating students with autism and related developmental disabilities. It will provide a combination of hands-on classroom experience (including setting up the classroom for five students), lectures on topics related to working with students with autism, and group discussions of classroom activities. [Click](#) for more information or to register for the training.

COMINGS AND GOINGS



Early Childhood Meeting Place Display at PCAIN/Strengthening Families Institute

The Early Childhood Meeting Place display will be exhibited at the PCAIN/Strengthening Families Institute on April 7th, , 2014 at the Hilton North, Indianapolis. The [Meeting Place website](#) includes training events for early childhood providers, professional development resources, family information and resources, and familia informacion y recursos.



IAEYC Conference Presentations

Last week, [Cathy Pratt](#), Director of the Institute's Indiana Resource Center for Autism, was a featured speaker and session presenter at the [Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children](#) (IAEYC) state conference, held Thursday through Saturday, March 27-29, 2014 at the Convention Center, Indianapolis.

Pratt's presentation included sessions titled "Applied Behavior Analysis: Practical Strategies for Children on the Autism Spectrum - How to Handle Challenging Behaviors" and "Practical Recommendations for Addressing Behavioral Challenges - Treatments in the World of Autism."

IN INDIANA



2014 Indiana Disability Poll

As [Disability Awareness Month](#) comes to a close, please take a moment to complete this year's [Indiana Disability Poll on Leadership and Disability History](#). People with disabilities, their family members, and disability advocates are asked about what skills and resources are needed by people with disabilities for advocating for local and state change, and are invited to share 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. 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).



Preparing for the Case Conference

[IN*SOURCE](#) will host a one day training titled "Preparing for Your Student's Special Education Case Conference," on Monday, April 7, 2014 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., at the Monroe County School Corporation's School Age Care Center, 553 East Miller Drive, Bloomington.

Case conferences can be confusing and stressful for parents. This workshop helps parents identify issues of concern, organize documents, prepare information, and communicate effectively during the case conference. This class will help parents become their child's best advocate and build positive relationships with school personnel. Certificates of Participation will be available. Please [register](#) online by Friday, April 4, 2014. Note that if fewer than 3 registrations are received by April 4th, this workshop may be cancelled. Presented by Paula Teague, IN*SOURCE Regional Program Specialist.

NEW LIBRARY COLLECTION ITEMS



Library Corner

Crawford, M. J., & Weber, B. (2014). *Early Intervention Every Day!: Embedding activities in daily routines for young children and their families*. Baltimore, MD: Paul H. Brookes Pub.

Faragher, R., & Clarke, B. K. (2014). *Educating learners with*

Down syndrome: Research, theory and practice with children and adolescents. Milton Park, Abingdon, Oxon: Routledge.

Morris, D. (2014). Diagnosis and correction of reading problems. New York: The Guilford Press.

Pletcher, L., & Younggren, N. (2013). The early intervention workbook: Essential practices for quality services. Baltimore, MD: Paul H. Brookes Pub.

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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