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UPCOMING



ASA National Conference

The 45th Annual Autism Society National Conference will be held July 23-26, 2014 at the Indiana Convention Center and Lucas Oil Stadium. This year's conference will feature Dr. Temple Grandin and more than 100 speakers, nearly 100 exhibitors, and over 1,000 attendees! A number of Institute staff will be presenting at this year's conference. They include:

Thursday, July 24, 2014

[Autism and Employment Issues: A Panel Discussion](#) [CRC Session]

Teresa Grossi, Ph.D., James Emmett and Stephan Viehweg, MSW, ACSW, LCSW, IMH-E® (IV)

Friday, July 25, 2014

[Sexuality and Autism Spectrum Disorder: Lessons on Sex, Dating, and Love, Autism Style](#) [CRC Session]

Melissa Dubie, M.A., Amy Gravino, M.A. and Catherine Davies, M.Ed., M.S., CPsychol., LMHC

[From Research to Practice: Applying Evidenced Based Practices for ASDs District-Wide](#)

Susan L. Christman, M.Ed., Ed.S., Sue M. Corbin, M.S. and Melissa Dubie, M.A.

[Using Evidence Based Practices for ASD with School Wide Impact](#) [BCBA Session]

Cathy Pratt, Ph.D., BCBA-D, Kristie Lofland, M.S. and Kristi Jordan, OTR/L

[Evidence Based Practices in Communication for ASD](#) [CRC Session]

Kristie Lofland, M.S

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ACROSS THE COURTYARD



UCEDD Leadership Institute

Katie Herron, Research Associate, with the Institute's Early Childhood Center, recently returned from the UCEDD Leadership Institute in Delaware (June 8th-13th), conducted by the National Leadership Consortium on Developmental Disabilities in Collaboration with the [Association for University Centers on Disabilities](#).

[Herron](#) spent a week on the [University of Delaware](#) campus learning about the role of UCEDDs in our local community as well as in the state and national arena. She learned about effective leadership and had the opportunity to think about how to apply leadership principles to some of the unique challenges that currently face UCEDDs. It was a long, exciting week and she is looking forward to sharing some of what she learned with various Indiana Institute groups in the coming months. Contact Katie via [e-mail](#) if you have any questions about her experience. She will be glad to share ideas, information, and materials.



Bhawal Defends

Ritika Bhawal, long-time affiliate with the Institute's [Center on Aging and Community](#), successfully defended her dissertation, through IU's School of Public Health, on Gynecological Care for Women with Developmental Disabilities. Now, in addition to an M.D., she has a Ph.D. in Public Health. Congratulations Ritika!

IN INDIANA



Viehweg Selected as Act Early Ambassador

Stephan Viehweg, Associate Director of the [Riley Child Development Center](#) at the [IU School of Medicine](#) and Interim Director of the IUPUI Center for Translating Research Into

Practice, has been selected a second time to serve as an Act Early Ambassador for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's "Learn the Signs. Act Early" program.

He will play an important role in educating Indiana's parents, health care professionals and early educators about early childhood development; warning signs of autism and other developmental disabilities; and the importance of acting early on concerns about a child's development.

"This campaign seeks to help parents and their caregivers to identify developmental delays at the youngest age possible to help these kids catch up to be ready for school," Viehweg said. "As Indiana's ambassador, I will be promoting the use of the free materials and learning opportunities.

"I will be offering workshops at various statewide conferences and meetings; working with systems to include the 'Learn the Signs. Act Early.' materials to parents, families and community members; and collaborating with Indiana's network of programs, providers and parent organizations in a collective effort to increase awareness of autism and other developmental delays and link children and their families to assessment and services."

Viehweg completed an 18-month term as an Act Early Ambassador in April. He was selected recently through a competitive process to complete a second, two-year term.

According to the CDC, Viehweg was selected because of his commitment to improving the lives of children and families and increasing access to services for children with developmental disabilities. The Act Early Ambassadors project is designed to develop a network of state-level experts to improve early identification of developmental delay and disability. It is a collaborative project of [CDC's National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities](#), the Health Resources and Services Administration's [Maternal and Child Health Bureau](#), the [Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs](#), and the [Association of University Centers on Disabilities](#).



Williams Appointed to President's Committee

[Betty Williams](#), Consumer Education and Training Coordinator for The Arc of Indiana, has been appointed to serve on the [President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities](#) (PCPID). The committee provides advice to the President and to the Secretary of Health and Human Services concerning a broad range of topics relating to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Regarding this and other key appointments, President Obama said, "I am confident that these outstanding men and women will serve the American people well in their new roles and I look forward to working with them in the months and years to come."

In addition to her role at The Arc, Betty has served as Secretary of Self-Advocates Becoming Empowered since 2012 and as a Lay Member of the Indiana Developmental Disabilities Commission since 1998. She served as President of [Self-Advocates Becoming Empowered](#) from 2010 to 2012 and as President of [Self-Advocates of Indiana](#) from 2005 to 2010.



Volunteers Needed at the National Down Syndrome Annual Convention

The 2014 [Annual National Down Syndrome Congress Convention](#) will be held in Indianapolis July 11-13 at the JW Marriott. Needed are volunteers to support the 3,000 attendees from around the world. Volunteers are needed to assist with registration, be a session host and floater, act as an assistant to attendees of the Youth and Adults Conference, be a counselor to help with Kids Camp, or chaperone for the Brothers and Sisters Conference. Bilingual (Spanish-speaking) volunteers are also needed to work in a variety of roles. [Click](#) to sign up to be a volunteer.

NEW LIBRARY COLLECTION ITEMS



Library Corner

Ellis, K., & Kent, M. (2011). Disability and new media. New York: Routledge.

Fuge, G., Pitner, P., & Barton, K. (2014). Plausible answers to the question: "why do they do that?": For parents & teachers who need solutions to some common and not-so-common questions about young children's behavior. Shawnee Mission, KS: AAPC Publishing.

Gustafson, A., & Zeldman, J. (2011). Adaptive web design: Crafting rich experiences with progressive enhancement. Chattanooga, TN: Easy Readers.

These new materials may be borrowed from the [Center for Disability Information and Referral](#) (CeDIR) at the Institute. To check out materials, contact 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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