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UPCOMING



Structured Teaching Workshop

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Institute's [Indiana Resource Center for Autism's](#) two-day workshop titled "TEACCH®ing Strategies" on October 28th and 29th, 2014.

The workshop, hosted by Southside Special Services at [RISE Learning Center](#), 5391 Shelby Street, Indianapolis, will feature [Catherine Davies](#), IRCA Educational Consultant and Indiana's only TEACCH® Certified Advanced Consultant. [Registration fee](#) is \$350.00 per person.

This Week's Free Parent Group Meeting



The Institute's [Indiana Resource Center for Autism](#) will host the last of the October "[Parent Group Meetings](#)," on Wednesday, October 29, 2014, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the Education Support Center in New Albany, IN.

[Kristi Jordan](#), OTR, will present on "Sensory Differences." If you are a professional and know of family members in your area that may benefit from such a meeting, please forward this information.



Meeting on Transportation Options

Mark your calendars and plan to attend a meeting to address transportation options in the Bloomington area on Thursday, October 30th starting at 2:00 p.m. Jamie Riedemann, Executive Director, Perry Senior and long standing volunteer driver, will be the featured speaker. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in a focus group exploring the possibility of a volunteer driver program for the Bloomington area.

The meeting will be held at the Bloomington Transit Terminal, 301 South Walnut Street in Bloomington (parking is free). For more information, contact Barbara Salisbury, [Area 10 Agency on Aging](#) at (812) 855-2191 or e-mail bsalisbury@area10agency.org.

COMINGS AND GOINGS



Focus on Benefits and Work Incentives at Arc Conference

Confused about Indiana's new Medicaid disability eligibility process? [Brianna Lott](#), Project Coordinator with the Institute's [Center on Community Living and Career](#), will be a presenter at the statewide [Arc of Indiana conference](#) in Muncie, on Wednesday, October 29, at 9:00 a.m.

As a project coordinator at CCLC, Lott oversees the [Benefits Information Network](#), a statewide initiative that helps employment counselors and other professionals advise clients about their benefits and about how they can work and continue to receive needed supports.



Deaconess/Riley Celebration

[Deaconess Hospital](#) and [Riley Hospital for Children IU Health](#) are marking their ten-year partnership with a [celebration](#) for families in our community! The party will be in the parking lot of Deaconess Gateway Hospital, Evansville, IN on Saturday, November 1st beginning at 9a.m. through noon. The Institute's [Indiana Resource Center for Autism](#) will be hosting an information table. This event is free and open to the community. No RSVP needed! Don't miss the celebration! Call (812) 858-3131 with questions.

IN INDIANA

VRS Service Rate Changes



The [Bureau of Rehabilitation Services \(BRS\)](#) secures employment services through approved and accredited Community Rehabilitation Providers (CRP). In 2006, BRS fully implemented Results Based Funding (RBF) using a two-tiered consumer model. The majority of employment services provided by the CRPs are done through milestone payments, including completing an employment plan, five days after placement, four weeks after placement, and at case closure. While the RBF model has some effective components and incentivizes outcomes, there are some challenges that have developed over the years. The “one-size fits all” approach has presented unintended consequences that BRS has recognized and will attempt to address with a newly proposed Hybrid Model.

BRS recognized the need for stakeholder input and asked INARF to create a workgroup to assist in the development of a new employment service model. The workgroup consisted of membership from CRPs (including Community Mental Health Centers), [INARE](#), [Indiana Institute on Disability and Community](#), and the [Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services](#). In designing the new model, BRS and the workgroup reviewed Indiana’s VR data (fiscal and performance), other state models, various CRPs’ data, and most importantly consumer needs.

Next steps include:

- Public comments due Friday November 7, 2014 to Theresa.Koleszar@fssa.in.gov;
- Model will be finalized by the end of November 2014;
- Implementation of the model, including training and cross-training will occur in spring 2015; and
- Model will be implemented by July 1, 2015.

 [Click](#) for more complete information. Additionally, BRS has supplemented the above mentioned document with a [webinar](#).



Indiana’s VR launches #Work4LifeIN campaign

Indiana’s Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) program is launching the [#Work4LifeIN campaign](#) to raise awareness through social media about the importance of employment for individuals with disabilities throughout the state. This campaign will give young people with disabilities the opportunity to tell fellow Hoosiers why working is important to them and how it improves their quality life.

The young Hoosiers in the program will be encouraged to help the Indiana VR program spread the word that Hoosiers with disabilities are ready and able to work by becoming part of the #Work4LifeIN campaign in one of these ways:

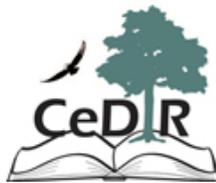
- Follow [@IndianaVR](#) on Twitter;
- Visit the new [#Work4LifeIN](#) homepage to download and print the #Work4LifeIN sign;

and

- Post photos and videos to your Twitter, Facebook and Instagram accounts using the hashtag #Work4LifeIN.

“Employment experiences are a key factor in the future success and independence of young people as they prepare to leave high school,” said Kylee Hope, Director of the Bureau of Rehabilitative Services, which oversees Indiana’s Vocational Rehabilitation program. “However, teens and young adults with disabilities often face significant challenges when seeking employment opportunities and need employers and other adults in their community who will guide them to help provide lifetime opportunities and to help them reach their full employment potential.” Vocational Rehabilitation is a program within the Family and Social Services Administration that works with individuals with all disabilities to assist them in achieving their employment goals.

NEW LIBRARY COLLECTION ITEMS



CeDIR Citings Newsletter

The [Center for Disability Information and Referral's](#) fall edition of "[CeDIR Citings](#)" is now available. This edition focuses on Assistive Technology (AT). AT can be anything that is used to improve the capabilities of people with disabilities - from a simple pencil grip to homemade communication board to a computer operated by nothing more than blinking an eye. Resources include library books that can be checked out from CeDIR and a few national and Indiana-specific websites on the topic.



LIBRARY CORNER

- Koski, P. S. (2014). Autism & PDD: Picture stories & language activities: Social behaviors. East Moline, IL: LinguiSystems, Inc.
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- Madrigal, S., Winner, M. G., & Knopp, K. (2008). Superflex: A superhero social thinking curriculum. San Jose, CA: Think Social Publishing.
- Mascolo, J. T., Alfonso, V. C., & Flanagan, D. P. (2014). Essentials of planning, selecting, and tailoring interventions for unique learners. Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons, Inc.
- McDonald, D. (2014). The art of being deaf: A memoir. Washington, DC: Gallaudet University Press.
- Parish, R., Icarus Films, & Program Development Associates. (2013). Autism:

Warming to its cold embrace. Brooklyn, NY: Icarus Films.

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 visit us at 1905 North Range Road in Bloomington.



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