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**UPCOMING**



## ADA-Indiana Audio Conference

This month's ADA audio conference will address the topic of reasonable accommodations in the workplace for individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing.

### *ADA and Workplace Accommodations for Individuals who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing*

Tuesday, February 17th  
2:00-3:30 pm EASTERN  
8 Indiana Locations and online  
Free and Open to the Public

Twenty five years after the passage of the ADA, people who are deaf or hard of hearing continue to experience a high rate of unemployment and barriers to receiving accommodations in the workplace. Some of the common questions that arise include "Do I need to pay for a sign language interpreter?" "How does someone who is deaf answer the telephone?" "What is a hearing dog and is that the same as a service animal?" "How can someone who is deaf become a nurse?" Join this session and discussion with a nationally recognized leader in the deaf community with experience and expertise addressing the rights of individuals with disabilities to review and discuss accommodations for individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing and learn more about what the courts are saying.

Audio conference locations are in Bloomington, Gary, Indianapolis (two locations), Monticello, Terre Haute, Versailles, and West Lafayette. [Click](#) for more specific information about these site locations. If you can't make it to one of the hosted locations, [click](#) to register for the free web streaming of the session.

For more information about this session, contact Matt Norris at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail [adainfo@indiana.edu](mailto:adainfo@indiana.edu). The Indiana ADA Audio Conference program is sponsored by [ADA-Indiana](#), [Great Lakes ADA Center](#), and the [Indiana](#)

## Governor's Council for People with Disabilities.



### Jed Baker - Effective Interventions for Behavioral and Social Challenges Workshop

Jed Baker - The Institute's Indiana Resource Center for Autism will sponsor a [one-day workshop](#) on April 15, 2015, focusing on strategies to handle meltdowns and design effective behavior plans to prevent these moments and reduce frustration and anxiety.

The second part of the presentation details strategies to motivate students to learn, ways to teach social skills, how to generalize skills into the natural setting and increase acceptance and tolerance from peers. Information will be imparted through lecture, interactive exercises, and video clips.

The featured presenter is Jed Baker, Ph.D. Director of the Social Skills Training Project, an organization serving individuals with autism and social communication problems. Baker is on the professional advisory board of Autism Today, ASPEN, ANSWER, YAI, the Kelberman Center and several other autism organizations. In addition, he writes, lectures, and provides training internationally on the topic of social skills training and managing challenging behaviors. He is an award winning author of six books and his work has been featured on ABC World News, Nightline, Fox News, the CBS Early Show, and the Discovery Health Channel.

Registration fee is \$100.00 per person. A special rate of \$55 is available for Autism Leaders only. This workshop will be held at Avon Middle School North, 1251 N. Dan Jones Road, Avon, IN. All registrations are handled by IU Conferences. Registration questions should be directed to Indiana University Conferences at 800-933-9330 or Melissa [atiuconfs@indiana.edu](mailto:atiuconfs@indiana.edu). [Click](#) to register. If you have questions about the workshop content, please contact Cathy Pratt, [prattc@indiana.edu](mailto:prattc@indiana.edu) or (812) 855-6508. All other questions should be directed to Lisa Bidwell, [lbidwell@indiana.edu](mailto:lbidwell@indiana.edu) or (812) 855-6508.

### Save the Date

The Indiana Institute's [Center on Aging and Community](#) is co-sponsoring an exciting film screening during this year's Creative Aging Festival. Winner of the Audience Award at the 2014 Sundance Film Festival, Alive Inside is a joyous cinematic exploration of music's ability to reawaken our souls, combat memory loss, and uncover the deepest parts of our humanity.

The film includes illuminating interviews with neurologist Oliver Sacks and musician Bobby McFerrin. Directed by Michael Rossato-Bennett, Alive Inside will be shown at the Monroe County Public Library on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 6:45 p.m. A talk by Michael Gerhard, Director of Music and Memory –



Center on Aging and Community is co-sponsoring this event with the Monroe County Public Library and The Ryder Film Series. For more information, contact Jane Harlan-Simmons at [jeharlan@indiana.edu](mailto:jeharlan@indiana.edu) or call (812) 855-2167.

## COMINGS AND GOINGS



### Pratt to Present at HABA Quarterly Meeting

Cathy Pratt, Director of the Institute's Indiana Resource Center for Autism will present at the quarterly meeting of the Hoosier Association for Behavior Analysis (HABA) on March 13, 2015 at the Fishers Library, Fishers, Indiana.

[Pratt's](#) presentation will focus on the increase in collaboration between school districts and ABA providers to address the behaviors and skill acquisition of students on the autism spectrum. However, these partnerships can be difficult to navigate at times. When given the chance to discuss the realities of these two settings, it becomes clear that at the heart of this difficulty is the reality that these two entities are functioning within a different culture, and with different language, regulations and funding. The goal of this session is to have a conversation about the realities of school and to continue to investigate ways to enhance collaboration.

## IN INDIANA

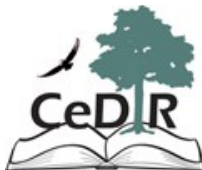


### INDATA Open House

The [INDiana Assistive Technology \(INDATA\) Project](#), at Easter Seals Crossroads, invites you to attend their open house, scheduled for March 3, 2015 from 2:00-6:00 p.m. at Crossroads, 4740 Kingsway Drive, Indianapolis.

Come and check out INDATA's new space on the third floor, tour the undated assistive lab, and meet ARTI, the Assistive Robotics Technology Initiative, experience some of the latest wearable technology, explore the zero-gravity workstation, and learn how assistive technology devices can be used at home, school, and the workplace.

## NEW LIBRARY COLLECTION ITEMS



### Library Corner

Blanck, P. D. (2014). eQuality: The struggle for web accessibility by persons with cognitive disabilities. New York: Cambridge University Press.

"This book is about the lived struggle for disability rights, with a

such as intellectual disabilities, autism, and print-related disabilities. The principles derived from the right to the Web - freedom of speech and individual dignity - are bound to lead toward full and meaningful involvement in society for persons with cognitive and other disabilities.”

**Kline, J. (2011). Strategic IT accessibility: Enabling the organization. Austin, TX: Live Oak Book Co.**

“This book, the first of its kind, deals with the business end of IT accessibility—how to enable the organization rather than perform technical enablement at a coding level. Unlike the typical piecemeal approach used by most organizations today, this book provides those in both the private and public sector with an understanding of all the moving parts needed to enable and maintain IT accessibility over the long term.”

**Vance, M. L., Parks, K., & Lipsitz, N. (2014). Beyond the Americans with Disabilities Act: Inclusive policy and practice for higher education. Washington, DC: NASPA-Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education.**

“Beyond the Americans with Disabilities Act highlights the value of inclusive thinking, particularly in terms of universal design pedagogy with its commitment to total inclusion. The book is not meant to address the accommodation process per se and does not prescribe adjustments or fixes for individual problems. Rather, it is based on the premise that accommodation and individual adjustments are insufficient if the mission of higher education is to provide equitable learning experiences for all students.”

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 an e-mail to [cedir@indiana.edu](mailto:cedir@indiana.edu), or visit us at 1905 North Range Road in Bloomington.



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