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UPCOMING



Intro to Restorative Practices Workshop Registration

The Institute's [Center on Education and Lifelong Learning](#) will host two workshops focusing on the underlying concepts of restorative practices for:

Managing behavior;
Teaching people to take responsibility for their actions; and
Engaging people in their own issues.

Workshop benefits include:

- A stronger community;
- Positive relationships;
- Improved workplace organizational climate;
- Tools for classroom management and enhancing learning; and
- Alternatives to suspension/expulsion.

Training dates and locations are October 1, 2015 in Indianapolis, IN and October 27, 2015 in Columbus, IN. Registration fee is \$150.00 per person. You may register for either session by [clicking here](#). Interested in additional information... [click here](#) or contact Deborah Reichmann at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail dreichma@indiana.edu. To discuss options for on-site training events for your building or district, contact Sandi Cole at cmcole@indiana.edu or Deborah Reichmann dreichma@indiana.edu.



Only Five More Chances to Participate in 'Discovery' Employment Assessment Workshops!

Indiana employment providers have just five more opportunities to attend a two-day workshop on the new Discovery assessment process. Griffin Hammis trainers Bob Niemiec and Patty Cassidy are in Indiana leading the workshops, on behalf of Indiana Institute's [Center on Community Living and Careers](#) and Indiana Vocational Rehabilitation Services.

Discovery is an individualized information gathering process that helps employment professionals engage job seekers to identify vocational themes, goals, and services that will result in a better job fit. Participants in this training will become familiar with the Discovery process and develop basic skills to facilitate and guide job seekers through the employment process.

Two-day, in-depth Discovery trainings are designed for Indiana employment specialists, job coaches, job developers and program managers and are sponsored by the Indiana Partnership on Postsecondary Education and Careers, the Governor's Planning Council for People with Disabilities and the Indiana Bureau of Rehabilitation Services.

Upcoming trainings will be held in Vincennes, Evansville, Columbus, and Indianapolis. Registration is \$85 per



person. [Click](#) for dates, locations, and more information about the workshops and registration.

Helping Students with Social, Emotional, and Behavioral Challenges Workshop

On November 5, 2015, Avon Middle School North will be the location for a workshop introducing the Collaborative and Proactive Solutions (CPS) model. This workshop is Sponsored by the Institute's [Indiana Resource Center for Autism](#) in collaboration with the Avon Community School Corporation.

Empirically supported, CPS has transformed thinking and practices in countless schools, inpatient psychiatry units, and residential and juvenile detention facilities, reductions in disciplinary referrals, detentions, suspensions, seclusions, and physical, chemical, and mechanical restraints. CPS focuses on solving problems rather than on modifying behavior, emphasizes collaborative rather than unilateral solutions, encourages proactive rather than reactive intervention, de-emphasizes diagnostic categories, and provides practical, research-based tools for assessment and intervention.

Participants in this workshop will leave with an understanding of the underpinnings of the model, along with practical assessment and intervention tools that can be brought back to and used in these diverse settings.

Registration fee is \$125.00 per person. [Click](#) to register. If you have questions about the workshop content, contact Cathy Pratt, prattc@indiana.edu or (812) 855-6508. Registration payment questions should be directed to IU Conferences at (800) 933-9330 or to Melissa, iuconfs@indiana.edu. For any other questions, contact Lisa Bidwell, lbidwell@indiana.edu or (812) 855-6508.

INTERIM REPORT



Interim Report: Advisory Committee on Increasing Competitive Integrative Employment

The [Advisory Committee on Increasing Competitive Integrated Employment of Individuals with Disabilities](#) has released its [Interim Report](#) to the Secretary of Labor and to Congress this month, summarizing the progress of the Committee and to provide any interim findings, conclusions, and recommendations.

The Committee, chaired by the Indiana Institute's director, [David Mank](#), was created by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to make recommendations on ways to increase opportunities for competitive integrated employment for individuals with disabilities including ways to improve the

oversight of the certificate program under section 14c of for the Fair Labor Standards Act.

COMINGS AND GOINGS



Indiana IAEYC Conference

[Michael Conn-Powers](#), director of the Institute's [Early Childhood Center](#) (ECC) and [Janet Ballard](#), research associate with ECC, were presenters at the South Central Chapter of the Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children (SCIAEYC) Conference held in Bloomington on September 19, 2015.

Conn-Powers' presentation provided attendees with a framework for family engagement translating strategies into simple effective practices that can be incorporated into early education programs with minimal expense and time.

Ballard's presentation focused on clarifying the roles of early interventionists in childcare settings including practical guidance for implementing intervention strategies as well as obstacles to effective communication.

IN INDIANA



Register Now for October Town Hall Meetings on Disability Issues

The Indiana Institute's [Developmental Disability Network](#) partner, the [Indiana Governor's Council for People with Disabilities](#), invites you to a *Town Hall Meeting* to provide input on the Council's Five-Year Strategic Plan. Your input matters. Town Hall feedback will be utilized in the development of the final plan which will guide the work of the Council, including its training and dissemination activities, the events it sponsors, and the projects it funds.

You will be assigned to tables for the discussions based on your ranking of seven issues (Leadership, Health Care, Education, Employment, Transportation, Community Supports for Children and Adults, and Legal Justice/Rights) on the registration form. [Click](#) to review of the Council's Policy statements on the seven issues. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Laura Littlepage at llittlep@iupui.edu or (317) 261-3061.

There will be six *Town Hall* sessions held at three locations - two at each location. If you are able to attend one of these sessions, [click](#) to register.

Dates and locations include:

Evansville: Wednesday, October 7, 2015
2:00 - 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Deaconess Hospital, Health Science Building Johnson Hall
600 Edgar Street, Evansville, Indiana 47710

Fort Wayne: Wednesday, October 21, 2015
2:00 - 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Holiday Inn at IPFW and the Coliseum, Ball Room
4111 Paul Shaffer Drive, Fort Wayne, Indiana 47925

Fishers: Wednesday, October 28, 2015
2:00 - 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Delaware Township Community Center
9094 E. 131st Street, Fishers, Indiana 46038

AUCD WEBINAR



Webinar on Autism and Co-Occurring Mental Health

On Monday, October 5, 2015, the [Association of University Centers on Disabilities](#) (AUCD), will host a free webinar titled [Autism Spectrum Disorders and Co-Occurring Mental Health: How do we Distinguish and address](#), from 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Approximately 30 percent of individuals on the spectrum also have co-occurring mental health issues. When trying to distinguish the impact of each, how does one determine what is related to the ASD and what is related to mental health? In this webinar, moderated by the Indiana Resource Center for Autisms' [Cathy Pratt](#), presenters Dr. Sydney Rice, MD., MS, University of Arizona Department of Pediatrics and Dr. Erika Ryst, M.D., University of Nevada School of Medicine (UNSOM), will discuss diagnostic differences, and potential treatments and approaches.

There is no cost for this webinar, but you must [register](#). For additional information, contact Shannon Haworth at shaworth@aucd.org. This webinar is in part made possible with support from The Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) and the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD).

LIBRARY CORNER



New Library Acquisitions

- Attwood, B. (2015). *Make your own picture stories for kids with ASD (autism spectrum disorder): A DIY guide for parents and carers*. London; Philadelphia: Jessica Kingsley Publishers.

This book will give parents and carers the tools and confidence they need to create individualized picture stories to help their child with ASD cope with social situations, difficult emotions,

transitions and other challenging situations.

- Shane, H. C. (2015). *Enhancing communication for individuals with autism: A guide to the visual immersion system*. Baltimore: Paul H. Brookes Publishing.

The Visual Immersion System (VIS) is a practical, research-based intervention framework that taps into the strong visual processing skills many children on the spectrum have. You'll learn how to use readily available resources from photos and symbols to apps and software to create a customized system of visual supports that boost communicative functions.

- Snow, C. C. (2015). *Creativity and the autistic student: Supporting strengths to develop skills and deepen knowledge*. New York: Teachers College Press.

Evaluates and challenges common conceptions about autism and offers a strengths-based demonstration of the many ways that autistic people express creativity and imagination.

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, or visit us at 1905 North Range Road in Bloomington.



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