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UPCOMING



Executive Function Workshop

Deficits in executive functioning mean students struggle with planning, being organized, following multi-step directions, time management, combining information from several sources to problem solve, and their working memory, among other things. This one-day workshop hosted by the Institute's Indiana Resource Center for Autism, in collaboration with [MSD of Lawrence Township](#), will focus on the multiple aspects of executive function that impact home, school, community, and employment. Featured speaker Brenda Smith Myles, consultant with the Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence (OCALI) and the Ziggurat Group, will describe evidence-based interventions and supports that can be implemented to help individuals on the spectrum develop and use the diverse skills known as executive function.

The workshop will be held on April 11, 2016 at Fall Creek Valley Middle School, 9701 East 63rd Street in Indianapolis (note this is a location change). Registration fee is \$90.00 per person. A special rate of \$50 is available for Autism Leaders only. This special rate is available only to those individuals delegated as an Autism Leader by their Indiana school district: your name must appear on either the [Autism Leader list](#) or the [Special Education Cooperatives list](#).

[All registrations are processed online by Indiana University \(IU\) Conferences](#). All registration payment questions should be directed to IU Conferences at 800-933-9330 or riuconfs@indiana.edu. If you have questions about the workshop content, contact Melissa Dubie (mdubie@indiana.edu) at (812) 855-6508. For any other questions, contact Lisa Bidwell (lbidwell@indiana.edu) at (812) 855-6508.



IIDC, IU Health, Monroe County Library Team Up Around Senior Wellbeing - Save the Dates!

A three-day series of events during the [May Creative Aging Festival](#) brings together Bloomington community partners to learn new ways to promote quality of life for older adults and people with disabilities.

May 19, 2016

6:30 p.m. – The film *Invitation to Dance* will be shown at the Monroe County Public Library with guest speaker Elizabeth Shea, director of Contemporary Dance at Indiana University. This event is free!

May 20, 2016

All day – *Optimal Care for Seniors, an Interdisciplinary Geriatric Care Conference*, featuring Dr. Rob Stone and nationally known Alzheimer's educator Teepa Snow, will be at the Wegmiller Auditorium, IU Health Bloomington Hospital. Call (812) 353-

5252 or [click "Events and Classes" to register](#). Cost: \$15.00 - \$25.00.

May 21, 2016

All day – *The Art of Aging: Life Enrichment through the Arts* will be presented at the Indiana Memorial Union. Cost is \$25.00. [Click to register](#).

Overnight guests are welcome and a block of rooms has been set aside at the Indiana Memorial Union through April 20. Continuing education units will be available for multiple disciplines, including social work, occupational therapy, nursing, activity professionals, long-term care administrators, and others. For more information, contact Phil Stafford at staffor@indiana.edu.

ACROSS THE COURTYARD

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Resource Article on Incidence Rates of ASD in Indiana

The [CDC](#) just released new incidence numbers based on input from 11 states. The incidence has remained stable at 1 in 68. However, different data collection methods will often yield differing results.

So, what does this mean for Indiana? Since no database currently exists in Indiana with the actual numbers of people on the autism spectrum, either statewide or by county, the only real figures come from the December 1 child count data collected by the Indiana Department of Education, Department of Special Education. [Click to access the rest of this article](#) produced by the Institute's Indiana Resource Center for Autism.

Pratt to Present

The Special Education Department, [School City of Hammond](#) will host a one-day workshop featuring Cathy Pratt, director of the Institutes [Indiana Resource Center for Autism](#) on Thursday, April 7, 2016 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Area Career Center, Hammond, IN.

Pratt's presentation will provide attendees with helpful tips for living with, and supporting, a son/daughter on the autism spectrum. The presentation is free and open to parents, family, friends, and interested others. For more information or to register, contact Gail Oller at (219) 989-3950 Ext. 3580 or e-mail gmoller@hammond.k12.in.us. Childcare will be provided.



NATIONALLY





Webinar on Empowering Latina Mothers of Children with ASD

The [Association of University Centers on Disabilities](#) (AUCD) will host a free webinar on Thursday, April 21, 2016 from 3:00-4:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) entitled Parents Taking Action: Empowering Latina Mothers of Children with ASD.

Latinos represent the fastest growing population in the U.S. and Latino children are one of the fastest growing ASD populations. Despite this growth, they are one of the most underserved groups with respect to diagnostic services, health care, and specialty autism services. Dr. Sandy Magaña, professor in Disability and Human Development at the University of Illinois at Chicago, will discuss the development of a culturally-based approach to addressing informational needs of Latino parents, which is essential in order to better support their children with ASD. She will present preliminary findings of a randomized controlled trial that is underway to evaluate the effectiveness of the proposed model.

[Click for more information or to register.](#) For accommodations, contact Sarah Peterson at (301) 588-8252 or e-mail speterson@aucd.org a minimum of five days in advance.

This webinar is made possible through AUCD's Autism Special Interest Group (SIG). [SIGs](#) are made up of individuals in the AUCD network that have common topical interest. SIGs, which are open to anyone in the network, serve as a mechanism for sharing information, engaging in dialogue, and generating new ideas. SIGs are led by one or more individuals from the network. Because SIGs are driven by the interests of the AUCD membership, new SIGs may emerge while ones that have run their course may disband.

IN BLOOMINGTON



Screening of the Film "Where Hope Grows"

The [Down Syndrome Family Connection](#) (DSFC) invites you to a screening of the film *Where Hope Grows* and a VIP reception immediately following with special guest David DeSanctis, the star of the film who happens to have Down syndrome, on Sunday, April 17, 2016 at the IU Fine Arts Building Theater.

The film is about a baseball player (Kristoffer Polaha) whose professional career was cut short due to personal problems is suddenly awakened and invigorated by a young man with Down Syndrome (David DeSanctis) who works at the local grocery store. This film is rated PG-13.

The screening is free and open to the public. [Reception tickets are available](#) on the web. The cost is \$20.00 per person and includes reserved seating for the film, hors d'oeuvres, beverages, and dessert. The reception will be held next door to

the theater in the atrium of the School for Global and International Studies building. For more information, contact the DSFC at (812) 720-9630.

LIBRARY CORNER



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- Halsey, M. (2016). *Windows 10 accessibility handbook: Supporting windows users with special visual, auditory, motor, and cognitive needs*. S.I.: Apress.

“Learn everything you need to know about making Windows 10 easier to use, see, hear, touch, or read, whether you are using it yourself, setting it up for another person, teaching others about ease of use at work or in the home, or working with a variety of people with specific needs in the community.” – publisher

- Schaefer, C. E., & Cangelosi, D. M. (2016). *Essential play therapy techniques: Time-tested approaches*. New York: The Guilford Press.

“The expert authors draw from multiple theoretical orientations to showcase powerful, well-established approaches applicable to a broad range of childhood problems. Activities, needed materials, and variations of each technique are succinctly described.” –publisher

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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