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## UPCOMING



## Autism in Love Documentary Film Screening

The Institute's [Indiana Resource Center for Autism](#) and [Center on Community Living and Careers](#), along with [WTIU](#) Bloomington and the [City of Bloomington](#), are sponsoring a viewing of the documentary film *Autism in Love* on Saturday, April 23, 2016 starting at 2:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Bloomington. This highly acclaimed, insightful, and touching documentary, directed by Matt Fuller, brings awareness to the challenges of dating and love for people who have an autism spectrum disorder. *Autism in Love* is simultaneously sorrowful and heart wrenching while also encouraging and hopeful. It's a raw, sometimes emotional look into the lives of four people with ASD who share their frustrations, pain, and successes in trying to find, date, love, and connect to someone who understands and appreciates them.

Special Guests Lindsey Nebeker and Dave Hamrick, a couple featured in *Autism in Love*, will answer questions following the film. Questions and answers with Ms. Nebeker and Mr. Hamrick will follow at 4:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Educators, family members, parents, caregivers, and adults with ASD should plan to attend. For questions about film content, contact Melissa Dubie at [mdubie@indiana.edu](mailto:mdubie@indiana.edu) or call (812) 855-6508.

## ACROSS THE COURTYARD



### Workshop Held on Evidence-Based Practices

On April 12, 2016, the Institute's [Early Childhood Center](#) hosted a workshop with Caryn Ward from the National Implementation Research Network (NIRN). Early childhood stakeholders from Indiana gathered to discuss the importance of putting into place implementation drivers that are critical for promoting the widespread adoption of evidence-based practices in early childhood education.

The [mission of the National Implementation Research Network](#) (NIRN) is to contribute to the best practices and science of implementation, organization change, and system reinvention to improve outcomes across the spectrum of human services.



### Resource Article on Voting

Entering adult life comes with new rights and responsibilities, regardless of whether or not you have a disability. All citizens at the age of 18 obtain the legal right to vote, including those on the autism spectrum. Many states have restrictions as to persons who are disqualified to vote based on guardianship, mental health status, or disability. Indiana is one state that does not have state laws affecting the voting right of people with disabilities. The staff at the Institute's [Indiana Resource Center](#)



[for Autism](#) has put together a [short article focusing on what first-time voters need to know](#) to make informed choices and cast their vote.

## Summer 2016 Camps and Programs

It's that time of year again for families to start thinking about summer camps and programs! The [Indiana Resource Center for Autism](#) staff has compiled a directory of summer camps and programs that serve and/or include persons with disabilities. Parents are advised to investigate the opportunities presented below to determine the appropriateness of each activity for their family member.

More and more families are checking their local YMCA, Parks and Recreation department, and even private gyms and recreational facilities and finding that programs have been, or are being, developed for children and/or adults with disabilities. Some programs have an "inclusion coordinator" or other staff designated to support children and/or adults with disabilities. Within this listing, you will notice a few programs offered by these types of organizations around Indiana. You are encouraged to check with various organizations in your community to inquire about their specialized programs and/or supports within existing programs to accommodate children and adults with disabilities, including individuals on the autism spectrum.

Additionally, [Special Olympics Indiana](#) might be an option for your family members who have an interest in playing a variety of sports. Special Olympics Indiana provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in over twenty Olympic-type sports for children and adults with disabilities in communities across Indiana.

Every effort was made to provide current and accurate information; however, as the information comes from many sources, some information may have changed prior to the posting of this list. The most current [listing of camps](#) can be found on the IRCA website. Updates are made as information becomes available. Additionally, while all attempts were made to make this list as comprehensive as possible, there may be other programs and/or camps in your area. In the event you know of an opportunity not appearing on this list, please send the details to us via [Marci Wheeler](#) at [mwheeler@indiana.edu](mailto:mwheeler@indiana.edu) or at (812) 855-6508 and we'll be happy to add it.

## COMINGS AND GOINGS





## Disability Policy Seminar in D.C.

Indiana Institute director [David Mank](#) participated on a panel presented at the Disability Policy Seminar held in Washington D.C. last week. Moderated by Nicole Jorwic, Director of Rights Policy, The Arc, Mank and Alison Barkoff, Director of Advocacy, Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law, discussed opportunities for integrated, competitive employment, provided through the Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Settings Rule.

The Disability Policy Seminar, hosted by [The Arc](#), [United Cerebral Palsy](#) (UCP), [Association of University Centers on Disabilities](#) (AUCD), [American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities](#) (AAIDD), [National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities](#) (NACDD), and [Self-Advocates Becoming Empowered](#) (SABE), provided attendees with information to help educate members of Congress and their staff on the priorities of the I/DD community.

## IN INDIANA



### Alzheimer's Association Education Conference

The [Alzheimer's Association Greater Indiana Chapter](#) will host its statewide education conference on Friday, May 6, 2016 at the Indianapolis Marriott North. Whether you are a professional, family caregiver, friend, or someone who would like to learn more about the disease, this conference has something for you! Attendees will learn from a variety of presenters to better understand the disease and how to best care for those with Alzheimer's and other dementias.

[Registration fee](#) is \$110.00 for professionals and \$60.00 for families, care partners, friends, and students. 5.25 CEUs will be available for social workers and health facility administrators through the Alzheimer's Association.

## LIBRARY CORNER



### Library Corner

Did you know...?

CeDIR has a collection of standardized assessments available to loan to Speech/Language Pathologists certified in the state of Indiana. Some of the more popular titles are:

- *Bracken Basic Concept Scale*
- *Clinical Evaluation of Language Fundamentals (CELF-5)*
- *Oral and Written Language Scales (OWLS II)*

- *Test of Early Communication and Emerging Language*(TECEL)
- *Test of Nonverbal Intelligence* (TONI-4)

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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