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UPCOMING



Autism Parent Support Group Meetings

The Institute's [Indiana Resource Center for Autism](#) staff will continue their presentations to parent support groups across Indiana in March and May. These [parent support group meetings](#) are free and open to the public. However, the content will be geared toward family members of individuals who have a diagnosis along the autism spectrum. The information will not

be geared toward professionals. If you are a professional and know of family members in your area that may benefit from such a meeting, you are encouraged to forward the relevant information.

March 3, 2016

Tips for Teaching Social Skills and Positive Relationships to Individuals on the Autism Spectrum
Southern Indiana Career and Technical Center
Evansville, IN

March 7, 2016

Puberty and Sexual Health in Individuals with Developmental Disabilities
Greenfield Intermediate School
Greenfield, IN

March 22, 2016

Addressing Challenging Behaviors in the Home
Wabash High School
Wabash, IN

May 5, 2016

Sensory Ideas for Home
Anthony Administration Building
Muncie, IN



Center on Aging to Co-Sponsor "Invitation to Dance" in May

The Indiana Institute's [Center on Aging and Community](#) will co-sponsor a [screening of the film *Invitation to Dance*](#), on Thursday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Monroe County Public Library, Bloomington as part of the City of Bloomington's Creative Aging Festival.

In 1971, Simi Linton was injured while hitchhiking to Washington to protest the war in Vietnam. Still in college at the time, she suddenly confronted discrimination she couldn't have imagined before she began using a wheelchair. Outspoken, thoughtful, and impassioned, Simi quickly became a resourceful activist. The film documentary *Invitation to Dance* traces Simi's first reluctant foray onto the dance floor at a party to present day when dance has become a central theme in her social life, activism, and work. The film brings to light the efforts Simi has made to ensure rights for people with disabilities – from the time of her injury to her present day efforts to bring an end to discriminatory taxi service – and to maintain her capacity for love, sexuality, and dance. *Invitation to Dance* is a never-before-told coming out story of people with disabilities staking their claim to "equality, justice, and a place on the dance floor!" The film was directed by Simi Linton and Christian Von Tippelskirch. Following the film, Elizabeth Shea, director of the Contemporary Dance Program at Indiana University will speak on the topic of *Dance for Everyone: Theory and Practice*, including a discussion about dance for elders.



This event is free and open to the public. Additional event sponsors include the [Monroe County Public Library](#) and [ArtsWORK Indiana](#). Funding has been made available in part from the [Indiana Governor's Council for People with Disabilities](#).

Summer 2016 Camps and Programs

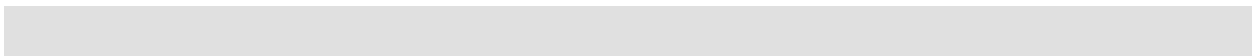
It's that time of year again for families to start thinking about summer camps and programs! The [Indiana Resource Center for Autism](#) staff has compiled a directory of summer camps and programs that serve and/or include persons with disabilities. Parents are advised to investigate the opportunities 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 or at (812) 855-6508 and we'll be happy to add it.

COMINGS AND GOINGS





Focus on Inclusion Conference

Last week, [Teresa Grossi](#), director of the Institute's [Center on Community Living and Careers](#) and [Cathy Pratt](#), director of the [Indiana Resource Center for Autism](#), presented at the Fifth Annual Focus on Inclusion conference held at the Hyatt Regency in Indianapolis.

Grossi's presentation titled *Involving Students and Families in the Transition Planning*, provided attendees with examples of how to teach students self-determination and self-advocacy skills so they become more actively involved in their Transition IEP meeting at all grade levels. Pratt's session, *Instructional Approaches in General Education Settings for Students with Autism*, offered recommendations on how to accommodate and support the behavioral, social, and academic needs of students with autism in general education settings.

The Focus on Inclusion conference was hosted by the [Indiana IEP Resource Center](#). The Indiana IEP Resource Center (IEPRC) delivers training and provides resources for the Indiana IEP (IIEP) System, a statewide tool to develop and monitor a student's individualized education program (IEP) online. This helps to ensure best practices and compliance with Indiana's special education laws in Article 7. The IEPRC also creates resource materials and provides professional development opportunities to improve the IEP process in schools and to support Article 7 compliance. The IEPRC welcomes input from school personnel, families and other professionals in identifying topics for future professional development activities.

LIBRARY CORNER



Library Corner

- Donvan, J., & Zucker, C. (2016). *In a different key: The story of autism*. New York: Crown Publishers.

Nearly seventy-five years ago, Donald Triplett of Forest, Mississippi, became the first child diagnosed with autism. Beginning with his family's odyssey, *In a Different Key* tells the extraordinary story of this often misunderstood condition, and of the civil rights battles waged by the families of those who have it." –publisher

- Elwood, C. P., & McLeod, D. S. (2016). *Take control of treatment for your Asperger child: Create a personalized guide to success for home, school and the community*. London; Philadelphia: Jessica Kingsley Publishers.

“Equipping you with the knowledge and tools to become an effective case manager for your child, this book provides straightforward, practical instructions to create a comprehensive guide to your child’s unique ASD profile.” -publisher

- Shaul, J. (2016). Our brains are like computers!: Exploring social skills and social cause and effect with children on the autism spectrum. London; Philadelphia: Jessica Kingsley Publishers.

“This highly visual social skills book uses computer metaphors and visual diagrams to help children on the autism spectrum to understand how their words and actions can affect other people.” -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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