

FYI Newsletter August 30, 2010

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UPCOMING

STRUCTURED TEACHING STRATEGIES: The Institute's Indiana Resource Center for Autism will host a two-day workshop on Structured Teaching Strategies, presented by Catherine Davies, October 19-20, 2010, at the Indiana Institute in Bloomington.

Research consistently indicates that individuals with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) respond favorably to a structured environment. This workshop will provide participants with an understanding of how and why to implement structured teaching strategies, such as visual schedules, work systems and deliberately designed work materials.

Day one of the workshop will provide a rationale for using structured teaching and outline of the different types of structure. Within each category participants will be shown a variety of examples (video, photographs) of structured teaching in existing classrooms/situations.

Day two, will focus on a more in-depth presentation of ways to use the strategies to accurately assess where to begin teaching, develop social communication skills, strategies for included students and to develop proactive strategies for decreasing challenging behaviors.

This workshop is geared for general and special education teachers, administrators, autism consultants, speech therapists, psychologists, and any other professionals working with individuals with a diagnosis of an autism spectrum disorder.

Registration fee is \$350.00 per person and registration is limited to 30 attendees. Certificates of attendance will be provided for free and can be used for Professional Growth Plan points. CEUs will be available on-site. Administrative fee is \$15.00 made payable to Indiana University.

For information on Consumer Investment Funds for family members or individuals with disabilities in Indiana, contact the Indiana Governor's Planning Council for Persons with Disabilities at (317) 232-7770. Also, family members of individuals, birth to 21, with disabilities in Indiana can contact the Indiana Institute at 1-800- 825-4733, e-mail fif@indiana.edu or visit <http://www.inf2f.org>.

For questions regarding conference content, contact Catherine Davies at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail daviesc@indiana.edu?subject=Structured Teaching Strategies. For registration queries, contact Donna Beasley at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail dbeasley@indiana.edu?subject=Structured Teaching Strategies.

LEARNING THE BASICS OF SOCIAL SECURITY AND OTHER FEDERAL AND STATE BENEFITS WORKSHOP:

Mark your calendars for October 26-27, 2010, and plan to attend a two-day workshop, sponsored by the Institute's Center on Community Living and Careers, on understanding federal and state benefit programs.

For social service professionals, advocates, and family members, understanding the complexities of federal and state benefits can be challenging. This two-day workshop is designed to show attendees how to navigate these programs when supporting beneficiaries.

Learning objectives include:

- Basics of Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability Insurance including eligibility, application, appeals, and over payments;
- Ticket-to-Work Program;
- Basics of HUD, food stamps, and TANF;
- Medicaid eligibility and work incentives; and
- Work incentives for SSDI, SSI, and other state and federal programs.

Workshop location is Easter Seals Crossroads, 4740 Kingsway Drive, Indianapolis. Registration fee is \$95.00. There is no cost to VRS personnel. To download a registration form, visit <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/index.php?pagelid=18>. For questions, contact the Center at (812) 855-6508.

ACROSS THE COURTYARD

INDIANA ASSET DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCIAL LITERACY INITIATIVE: The Indiana Asset Development and Financial Literacy Initiative is pleased to announce the following seven coalitions have been awarded funds through the Medicaid Infrastructure Grant to increase the number of individuals with disabilities in asset development and financial literacy activities. Each of the coalitions will collaborate with financial stability and community disability organizations.

Allen County Financial Stability Partnership

Coordinating Agency: Allen County United Way
Serving Allen and DeKalb Counties
Contact: Nancy Flennery

Center of Excellence for Workforce Development (COEFD)

Coordinating Agency: Indiana Mental Health Foundation
Serving Marion County
Contact: Marjorie Mansfield

Financial Stability Alliance for South Central Indiana

Coordinating Agency: United Way of Monroe County
Serving Monroe, Brown, Owen, Greene Counties
Contact: Jessica Mace

Huntington County Financial Literacy Coalition

Coordinating Agency: United Way of Huntington County
Serving Huntington County
Contact: Pat Horoho

Jackson County Financial Stability Partnership

Coordinating Agency: Jackson County United Way
Serving Jackson County
Contact: Ruth Ann Rebber

Southern Indiana Asset Building Coalition (SIABC)

Coordinating Agency: Southern Indiana Asset Building Coalition
Serving Clark, Floyd, Scott, Harrison Counties
Contact: Whitney Bishop

TRI-CAP

Coordinating Agency: Tri-CAP
Serving Dubois, Pike, Warrick Counties
Contact: Rachel Eckert

The project is coordinated by the Institute's Center on Community Living and Careers. Project activities will be implemented from September 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011. For additional information, contact Ron Smith, Statewide Coordinator at (812) 855-6508 or ronsmith@indiana.edu.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

TRAINING ON AUTISM CONDUCTED FOR FIRST RESPONDERS: Brian Ketzner, Family Mentor, with the

Institute's Indiana Resource Center for Autism, presented a session on autism at the Indiana Emergency Responders Conference held in Indianapolis on August 14. The conference is a state-wide annual event organized by the Indiana Fire Chief's Association. Training on autism is a state requirement for recertification for Indiana's first responders.

The two-hour session covered classic characteristics of autism and suggested strategies in creating a positive interaction with individuals on the spectrum through awareness of their possible needs. The training featured a video developed for firefighters and concluded with a question and answer session and informal quiz. The intent is to help first responders recognize possible signs and to adapt to areas of communication, sensory issues, and understanding.

ACROSS THE STATE

UPDATE - SURVEY FOR PARENTS OF STUDENTS RECEIVING SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES: It has come to our attention that the Parent Satisfaction Survey slated for distribution to the families of Indiana's 171,000 students receiving special education services was delayed from the vendor. Some planning districts may not have as yet received surveys. If parents have not received a copy of the survey, contact the individual in charge of special education services at the school their child attends for more information.

LIBRARY CORNER

NEW ITEMS: The following new materials may be borrowed by Indiana residents from the Center for Disability Information and Referral at the Institute. To check out materials, contact the library at 1-800-437-7924, send e-mail to cedir@indiana.edu, or visit us at 2853 East Tenth Street in Bloomington.

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- See more at:

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