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UPCOMING

AUTISTIC-LIKE: GRAHAM'S STORY MOVIE SCREENING: The Indiana Resource Center for Autism is partnering with the Autism Society of Indiana and the Autism Advocates of Indiana to be at both screenings of the movie Autistic-Like: Graham's Story to answer questions and provide support to people who come watch the movie. The screenings take place Saturday, July 17 at noon and Wednesday, July 22 at noon as part of the Indianapolis International Film Festival being held at the Indianapolis Museum of Art.

The film tells the story of one family on a mission to find help for their young son. He displays characteristics of an autism spectrum disorder and the family is told their son may be autistic or "autistic-like." They began behavioral treatment for autism but did not give up until they found the correct answers for their son. For more information about this family's experience and the film, go to <http://www.autisticlike.com/>.

INDATA STATEWIDE ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE: The INDATA (Indiana Assistive Technology Act) Project will hold its annual Statewide Assistive Technology Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana on Friday, August 7, 2009, at the Indiana Convention Center from 8:00 to 5:00 p.m. A Pre-Conference focused on Augmentative and Alternative Communication is being offered on Thursday, August 6, 2009 from 9:00 to 4:00 p.m. The conference is free to all attendees and is intended to bring education and awareness regarding assistive technology devices and services in education, employment, aging and independent living.

The INDATA Project at Easter Seals Crossroads provides information and access to assistive technology, at no charge, for Hoosiers with disabilities. These statewide services are derived through the Indiana Assistive Technology Act (INDATA) state/federal grant and include: device demonstrations, device loans, recycled computers, reutilized assistive technology equipment, alternative financing resources, and educational trainings and conferences.

For conference questions, contact Emily Abel, Conference Coordinator at 1-888-466-1314 (toll free) or e-mail eabel@eastersealstech.com. To register, contact June White at 1-888-466-1314 (toll free) or visit www.eastersealstech.com.

SECOND EDITION PUBLICATION COMPLETED

HOOSIER ORIENTATION HANDBOOK SECOND EDITION: The Institute Center for Community Living and Careers is pleased to announce the completion of The Hoosier Orientation Handbook on Supported Employment, Second Edition. Co-produced by the Center and The Supported Employment Consultation and Training (SECT) Center with support from Indiana Vocational Rehabilitation Services, this manual is meant to be a basic introduction to Supported Employment for new staff during their first few weeks of employment .

The manual is divided into three sections: Foundations in Supported Employment (overview of disability, definition of supported employment, the Employment Specialist's role, and the vision of supported employment); Supported Employment Systems (referral and funding rights and advocacy, and additional consumer resources); and an Overview of Supported Employment (getting to know the job seeker, job development and placement, training and support, and ongoing support). Each section builds upon the information in the previous section. Read in succession, the manual will fortify a basic understanding of the supported employment process and the role of the Employment Specialist.

This publication is free to Indiana residents. For more information, contact Susan Harris at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail skharris@indiana.edu.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

2009 AUTISM SOCIETY NATIONAL CONFERENCE: The Autism Society recognizes that families and individuals living with an autism spectrum disorder have a range of issues and needs. The National Conference of the Autism Society, scheduled for July 22-25, 2009 in St. Charles, Illinois, is the only conference that addresses the range of issues, including early intervention, education, employment, behavior, communication, social skills, biomedical interventions and others, across the entire lifespan.

Cathy Pratt, Center Director, of the Institute's Indiana Resource Center for Autism will present a session titled Practical Suggestions for Behavioral Change. Her session will provide attendees with suggestions for changing and assessing behavior as well as reducing problematic behaviors and teaching pro-social behaviors for individuals across the autism spectrum and age span.

Staff members Melissa Dubie and Pam Anderson will attend conference sessions and provide expertise at the Center's display table. For more information, visit <http://www.autism-society.org/site/PageServer>.

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.

Breuggemann, B. J. (2009). Deaf subjects: Between identities and places. New York: New York University Press.

Isaacson, R. (2009). The horse boy: A father's quest to heal his son. New York: Little, Brown and Co.

Schweik, S. M. (2009). The ugly laws: Disability in public. New York: New York University.

- See more at: <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/index.php?pageId=40&newsId=175&newsType=2#sthash.9kZrvojl.dpuf>