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UPCOMING



Critical Barriers Survey – Closing December 31

[Indiana Protection and Advocacy Services](#) (IPAS) is seeking input from the disability community about what people feel are the greatest barriers that should be considered in treating their

advocacy efforts. IPAS believes that with appropriate services and supports, people with disabilities can live, learn, work, and participate in all aspects of the community. Because resources are limited, however, IPAS must focus its work on areas where its advocacy efforts and case selection may have the greatest impact.

To gather the information and determine their priorities, IPAS has commissioned the Institute to conduct an online survey. [Click](#) to respond to the Critical Barriers Survey.

If you wish a print copy of the survey or other alternative formats, contact [Matt Norris](#) at the Institute at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail cwlab@indiana.edu.



Memory Bridge Training Retreat

For the third consecutive year, the Indiana Institute's Center on Aging and Community and Memory Bridge are sponsoring the Memory Bridge Training Retreat, to be held at the Tibetan Mongolian Buddhist Cultural Center in Bloomington. Taking place on June 19 - 24, 2015, the Retreat is dedicated to ending the social isolation accompanying dementia through learning how to be with people with dementia in emotionally and spiritually sustaining ways.

Participation in the training is on a scholarship basis. Applications are now being accepted for the 2015 Retreat. Eligible applicants include teachers (who want to bring the Memory Bridge Initiative to their schools); care providers, therapists, administrators, and other professionals whose fields of service enrich the lives of people with dementia. Scholarships cover all expenses except travel. Application is open to both U.S. and international residents.

The training is based upon experience-centered learning that positions people with dementia in the roles of teacher, guide, and companion. Participants are matched one-on-one with elders with dementia living at Autumn Hills Alzheimer's Special Care Center in Bloomington. Participants and their "Buddies" will spend time together on five occasions over the course of five days of the training. The training is led by Michael Verde, Founder and Director of Memory Bridge.

The deadline for applications is February 5, 2015. For more information and application forms, visit the [Memory Bridge website](#) or contact [Jane Harlan-Simmons](#) via e-mail at atjharlan@indiana.edu or (812) 855-2167.



TEACCH® 5-Day Classroom Training

The Institute's [Indiana Resource Center for Autism](#) will sponsor a five-day workshop on June 15-19, 2015, focusing on

plans.

This [five-day course](#), hosted by the Institute's Indiana Resource Center for Autism, provides a theoretical foundation as well as hands-on opportunities to assess and teach school-aged children with ASD in a model classroom setting. The premise of this foundation is an understanding of the learning styles of individuals with ASD and how to use teaching strategies that capitalize on learning strengths.

Registration fee for this workshop is \$1990.00 and is limited to 25 participants. Payment may be made by credit card or purchase order only.

The workshop runs from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. each day. All registrations include a subscription to the Indiana Resource Center for Autism Reporter E-Newsletter. This workshop is designed for teachers, psychologists, physicians, speech language pathologists, as well as researchers, clinicians, and others interested in educating students with autism and related developmental disabilities.

If you have questions about workshop content, contact [Catherine Davies](#) at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail daviesc@indiana.edu. Registration questions should be directed to [Lisa Bidwell](#) at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail bidwell@indiana.edu. [Click](#) to register.

ACROSS THE COURTYARD



Funding for Local ADA Implementation Projects Announced

[ADA-Indiana](#), in conjunction with [Indiana Governor's Council for People with Disabilities](#), is pleased to announce that funding is available for community organizations through the 2015 Coros ADA Community Grants Program.

The purpose of the Coros ADA Community Grants Program is to promote increased implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act and "Livable Community" concepts in Indiana communities. Funding up to \$2,500 is available for projects submitted by social service agencies, local government entities, schools, businesses, or other community organizations. In keeping with the theme of the Council's conference this year, Improve Yours: A Call for Healthy Communities, proposals focusing on health-related issues are encouraged.

Proposals will be accepted until Friday, January 23, 2015. The Request for Proposal is available at [ADA-Indiana's website](#). To receive information on how to apply for the grants, contact [Matt Norris](#), Project Staff for ADA-Indiana, at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail adainfo@indiana.edu.



Tips for Making the Most of the Holidays

While many happily anticipate the coming holiday season, families of sons/daughters on the autism spectrum also understand the special challenges that may occur when schedules are disrupted and routines broken.

Our hope is that by following these few helpful tips, families may lessen the stress and anxiety created by the holiday season and make it a more enjoyable experience for everyone involved. The following tips were developed with input from the [Autism Society of America](#), the [Indiana Resource Center for Autism](#), [Easter Seals Crossroads](#), [Sonya Ansari Center for Autism at LOGAN](#), and the Indiana Autism Leadership Network and are updated annually. [Click](#) to access the rest of the article.



What to Consider When Looking for A Qualified ABA Provider - Now in Spanish

The [Indiana Resource Center for Autism](#) has translated their popular resource article What to Consider When Looking for A Qualified ABA Provider to Spanish.

This article is not intended as a critique or endorsement of any individual provider. Instead, its focus is to provide some thoughts and criteria to guide your decision-making when choosing a provider to meet your child's and family's needs. [Click](#) to access this article in Spanish. The English version may be accessed by clicking [here](#).

LIBRARY HOLIDAY HOURS



CeDIR Holiday Hours

In observance of the upcoming holiday season, the Institute's [Library](#) will close at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 19th and will re-open at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, January 5th. Happy Holidays!

NEW LIBRARY COLLECTION ITEMS



Library Corner

Crum, K. (2014). *Persevering parent: Finding strength to raise your child with social, emotional or behavioral challenges*. Charleston, SC: Create Space.

Knapp, J., & Turnbull, C. (2014). A complete ABA curriculum for individuals on the autism spectrum with a developmental age of 1-4 Years: A step-by-step treatment manual Including supporting materials for teaching 140 foundational skills. London: Philadelphia: Jessica Kingsley Publishers.

Orth, T. (2006). Visual recipes: A cookbook for non-readers. Shawnee Mission, KS: AAPC Publishing.

Reid, R., Lienemann, T. O., & Hagaman, J. L. (2013). Strategy instruction for students with learning disabilities. New York: The Guilford Press.

Stringer, K. (2014). Programming for people with special needs: A guide for museums and historic sites. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield.

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 us an e-mail at cedir@indiana.edu, or visit us at 1905 North Range Road in Bloomington.



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