

# FYI Newsletter March 8, 2010

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## UPCOMING

**BEST PRACTICE IN DEVELOPING AND DISSEMINATING DOCUMENTS ELECTRONICALLY WEBINAR:** Mark your calendars for Wednesday, March 10th from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. (Eastern) and plan to participate in a free webinar focusing on best practice for creating accessible and optimized digital documents and web content for maximized usability, functionality, and cost savings.

Guest speaker Neal Albritton, often referred to as a 'Section 508 Guru,' will specifically address issues and remedies pertaining to Portable Document Format (PDF), Microsoft Office Word and PowerPoint, and public websites. Albritton is best known for his work in the field of web accessibility as a national consultant, web designer, and through his contributions to the state of California's implementation of Section 508 Web Accessibility Standards. He is the Citywide ADA Coordinator for the City of Sacramento and Vice President of the California Association of ADA Professionals.

The webinar is free but registration is required to participate. To Register, visit <http://www.ada-audio.org/Webinar/AccessibleTechnology/> (click on the "Register" web link to start the process). There are a few Indiana organizations hosting the webinar for the public. Please visit the ADA-Indiana website if you are interested in attending at one of those locations at <http://www.adaindiana.org/webinars>.

**ARC OF INDIANA MEDICAID WAIVER WORKSHOPS:** During the month of March, The Arc of Indiana will hold three informational workshops about the Indiana Medicaid Waiver program. Learn about the program, how to apply, and get assistance completing your application during the session.

Saturday, March 11  
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
St. Mark's United Methodist Church  
Bloomington, Indiana

Saturday, March 20  
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
Terre Haute Regional Hospital  
Terre Haute, Indiana

Tuesday, March 23  
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
Lawrence Central High School  
Indianapolis, IN

For more information, see The Arc of Indiana Medicaid Waiver page, <http://2.gp/jyt>, or contact The Arc at <http://www.arcind.org/contact-us/>. You can also contact the Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services at <http://2.gp/jyu>.

**LOW VISION EXPO:** The WILL Center, a nonprofit independent living and learning center serving west central Indiana, is hosting the 4th Annual Low Vision Expo on Wednesday, March 31, 2010 at the Meadows Conference Center in Terre Haute, IN.

The Expo will provide resources and information to individuals and families with any type of vision loss. Additional information and activities include:

- Low vision screening
- Resources for veterans
- Artwork on display
- Assistive technology for Macular Degeneration
- Social and recreational opportunities

For more information, contact Danny Wayne Beemer at the WILL Center at (812) 298-9455 (ext. 205 or e-mail [dannywayne@thewillcenter.org](mailto:dannywayne@thewillcenter.org)).

## NEWS YOU CAN USE

**PARTNERS IN POLICYMAKING RECRUITING CANDIDATES:** The Indiana Governor's Council for People with Disabilities is recruiting candidates for the Partners in Policymaking Academy, a leadership training program for adults with disabilities and parents of children with disabilities. The class helps prepare disability advocates with the skills needed to become active partners in their communities and to influence public policy. The program is structured around advocacy topics that include disability history, civil rights, education, community living, employment, state and local policy, best practices in service delivery, federal and state legislative issues, media relations, community coalition building, and more. The application deadline is Friday, June 4, 2010.

"Currently more than 500 individuals have graduated from the Partners in Policymaking Academy," said Christine Dahlberg, Council Deputy Director. "Graduate Partners correspond with legislators, community business partners, and advocates to introduce and pass new state laws benefiting people with disabilities. They also work closely with school boards, principals and teachers to ensure that children with disabilities have quality educational opportunities in the least restrictive environments. Our Partners have become an integral part of positive change within the disability service system in Indiana."

Partners in Policymaking provides eight weekends of training from October to May at no cost to participants. Each month features a national expert along with presenters from state agencies and organizations. The sessions are held in Indianapolis and travel expenses are covered. Enrollment is limited. For more information or an application, call the Council at (317) 232-7770, or e-mail [PIP@gpcpd.org](mailto:PIP@gpcpd.org). Or, visit <http://www.in.gov/gpcpd/2465.htm> or [www.in.gov/gpcpd](http://www.in.gov/gpcpd) and click on the blue Partners in Policymaking logo. All applications must be postmarked by June 4.

## LIBRARY CORNER

**CEDIR CITINGS NEWSLETTER:** The spring edition of CeDIR Citing Newsletter is here. Published by the Indiana Institute's Center for Disability Information and Referral, this bi-annual newsletter provides readers with updates on library policies and services, focused bibliographies on select subjects, book reviews, and highlights relevant information tools.

The spring edition focuses on the 2010 Winter Paralympics as well as books and resources on social skills. Visit [http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/cedir/newsletters/CeDIR\\_Citings\\_0310.html](http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/cedir/newsletters/CeDIR_Citings_0310.html) to review the latest edition. To subscribe at no charge, contact Christina Wray at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail [cedir@indiana.edu](mailto:cedir@indiana.edu).

**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](mailto:cedir@indiana.edu), or visit us at 2853 East Tenth Street in Bloomington.

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