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Building Leadership Series Recruitment for 2007

Last fall, 18 adults with cognitive disabilities from across Indiana participated in a pilot series designed to build leadership and advocacy skills in persons with disabilities. The Series consisted of three two-day workshops over a course of three months. Recruitment has begun to identify 20 additional individuals to participate in the fall 2007 series. Training dates and topics to be addressed include:

September 26-27, 2007

Choice: What choices am I really making? What are my rights and responsibilities?

October 17-18, 2007

Self-determination/self-advocacy: I hear these words, what do they mean for me?

November 7- 8, 2007

Person-Centered Planning: What does it mean for me and what is a good plan?

All sessions will be held at the Bloomington Convention Center. Selected participants will receive a \$60.00/workshop attendance stipend, meals, and overnight lodging. Support staff receive compensation, meals, and lodging.

These workshops are co-trained with staff from the Center on Aging and Community at the Indiana Institute. There is a good mix of interactive activities, video, discussion, role play and lecture. Workbooks accompany each topical area. Past participants have commented on how much they learned and committed to personal action steps upon arriving back home. New friendships developed and personal growth was evident for all participants. Help us spread the word to potential participants and provider agencies for the 2007 Series.

The Building Leadership Series project is a collaborative endeavor between Indiana's Developmental Disabilities Network consisting of the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community at Indiana University, Bloomington, the Governor's Council for People with Disabilities, and Indiana Protection and Advocacy Services. For more information and applications contact Jennie Todd at (812) 855-6508 (e-mail jeptodd@indiana.edu) or visit <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/cac/>.

Disability Poll Survey on Health Care in Indiana

Time is running out for individuals with disabilities, family members, and advocates to lend their voices to this year's Disability Survey on Health Care in Indiana.

The Disability Poll survey questions can be accessed via the Internet at <http://www.thepollingplace.org>. Click on 2006-2007 Indiana Disability Poll: Health Care in Indiana. The survey is fairly short, and should take you about 5-8 minutes or less to complete. Survey questions are anonymous and you'll have the opportunity to share your ideas about the following:

- Health services people with disabilities are currently receiving;
- Services that are needed but not being received;
- Quality of health care services; and
- Issues related to health insurance.

Participants will also have the opportunity to provide input about needed changes in health care:

- What the priorities should be if Indiana were to create a system of universal health care, and
- What improvements are needed in the current health care system in Indiana.

The Indiana Disability Poll is being jointly conducted by the Governor's Council for People with Disabilities, the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community, and Indiana Protection and Advocacy Services. Please respond as soon as you can - we would like to issue a report this spring.

Again, simply go online to <http://www.thepollingplace.org> or contact us to receive the survey in an alternative format. Thanks for your help with this. You may also request a print copy or alternative formats by contacting Vicki Pappas at the Indiana Institute at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail cpps@indiana.edu.

Library Corner

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

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- See more at: <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/index.php?pageId=40&newsId=76&newsType=2#sthash.Vya6DLqn.dpuf>