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UPCOMING



Register Now for Social Security and Other Benefits - A Two-Day Training

Communicating the complexities of federal and state benefits can be challenging for Indiana social service professionals working with family members and people with disabilities. This 2-day workshop, hosted by the Institute's Center on Community Living and Careers, is designed to help participants understand the basics of benefit programs and learn how to navigate them when supporting beneficiaries.

[2-Day Social Security Workshop](#)

November 20-21

New! Extended Registration Deadline: November 19th, 2013

Fort Harrison State Park Inn
6002 North Post Road
Indianapolis, IN

Registration is \$110.00 and covers all trainings and materials. Lunch is on your own (note: There is no training cost to Indiana Vocational Rehabilitation Services personnel).

ADA-Webinar on Accessible Formats

On November 21st, the [Great Lakes ADA Center](#) and [Pacific ADA Center](#), will host a FREE webinar on creating accessible PDFs, focusing on the Table and Form Editors, changing reading order for assistive devices, and new features in Acrobat XI.



"Advanced Accessible PDFs - Tables, Forms, and More!"

Thursday, November 21st
2:00 - 3:30 p.m. EASTERN

Sometimes additional editing is needed to get your PDF (Portable Document Format) fully accessible. This session will look at the Table and Form Editors, changing reading order for assistive devices, and new features in Acrobat XI. Participants should have a basic understanding of accessible PDF principles such as tagging and navigational structure. Christy Blew, an IT Accessibility Specialist from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, will be the guest presenter.

The webinar is free, but [REGISTRATION](#) is required to participate. This session is Part 2 of a webinar series on Accessible PDFs and advanced techniques. [Click](#) to access Part 1.



Early Childhood Focused Workshops

"Rethinking How We Use Classroom Time" is the focus of two upcoming workshops by [Sue Dixon](#) of the Institute's [Early Childhood Center](#). The first of the three hour workshops will be Friday, November 22, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. in Evansville. The following workshop will be in Indianapolis on Tuesday, November 26, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. These workshops incorporate findings from the study conducted by the Early Childhood Center, "Assessing Indiana's Early Education Classrooms." [Click](#) for more information on the topic and the website.

COMINGS AND GOINGS



Cole and Murphy Present Policy Brief on Teacher Evaluation

"Indiana Teacher Evaluation Legislation: Implications and Challenges for Policy, Higher Education, and Professional Development" was the title of a panel presentation by the Institute's [Sandi Cole](#), Director of the [Center on Education and Lifelong Learning](#), and [Hardy Murphy](#), Educational Consultant to the Center's [IN-TASS Project](#), at the 2013 Indiana Education Transformation Conference, held November 12-13 in Indianapolis.

The panelists have authored an [Education Policy Brief](#) for the [Center for Evaluation and Education Policy](#) (CEEP) at Indiana University, Bloomington. All four panelists, including co-authors Suzanne Eckes, Assistant Professor, Educational Leadership and Policy Studies at IU Bloomington and Pat Rogan, Executive Associate Dean, School of Education at IUPUI, presented the conclusions and recommendations of their policy brief including higher education preparation, legal challenges to evaluation, quality evaluation plans, fidelity of implementation of evaluation, professional development tied to evaluation and funding for teacher evaluation.

LIBRARY CORNER



New Library Collection Items

Cocca-Leffler, M. (2013). Theo's mood. Chicago, IL: Albert Whitman & Co.

Fliess, S., & Morris, J. (2013). A gluten-free birthday for me! Chicago, IL: Albert Whitman & Co.

Snow, K. (2013). Disability is natural: Revolutionary common sense for raising successful children with disabilities. Woodland Park, CO: BraveHeart Press.

These new materials may be borrowed from the [Center for Disability Information and Referral](#) (CeDIR) at the Institute. To check out materials, please call the library at 800-437-7924, send us an e-mail at cedir@indiana.edu, or come by and visit us at 1905 North Range Road in Bloomington.