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TRANSITION IEP WEBINARS: The Indiana Institute's Center on Community Living and Careers, in conjunction with the Indiana Department of Education, is sponsoring two opportunities to participate in a webinar focused on transition IEPs and the Indiana Transition Requirements checklist (indicator 13).

Additional areas such as the summary of findings of the transition assessment and annual goals to support the measurable postsecondary goals will be highlighted and reviewed to enhance quality and compliance requirements. During the session, participants will have the opportunity to type in questions. Time will be allotted throughout the training to respond to questions. Additional questions and answers will be posted on the Center's website at <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/cclc>.

Webinar dates and times are:

- Tuesday, November 17, 2009 – 3:15-4:45 p.m.
- Friday, November 20, 2009 – 11:00-12:30 p.m.

To register, visit <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/index.php?pageId=1853>. You will receive an e-mail confirmation and link to the webinar site. Note: All times are Eastern Daylight Savings Time. For more information or questions, contact Susan Harris at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail skharris@indiana.edu.

ADA-INDIANA AUDIO CONFERENCE: Are you interested in learning more about recent case law involving the Americans with Disabilities Act? If so, plan to attend the ADA-Indiana sponsored audio conference titled Legal Update: Review and Analysis of Key Concepts under the ADA, scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, from 2:00-3:30 p.m.

The courts and federal agencies are shaping the ADA through their decisions and settlements. This session will review key issues that are currently before the courts and analyze the trends. Discussion will include some of the trends in case law at the lower courts which may have an impact on decisions at all levels, including issues that may find their way to the Supreme Court.

Guest speaker Barry Taylor, Legal Advocacy Director for Equip for Equality (the Protection and Advocacy program in Illinois) will provide an update on recent case law involving the Americans with Disabilities Act. He will also review how the courts are interpreting the ADA Amendments Act of 2008. Professionals, employers, businesses, local government officials, advocates, people with disabilities, and other interested community members are encouraged to attend.

This free audio conference can be accessed at twelve Indiana locations including the Indiana Institute. For location information, visit <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/cpps/ada/audio/default.asp>.

Other Site Locations (not sponsored by ADA-Indiana)

West Lafayette

Hosted by Purdue University, Office of Institutional Equity
Onsite Coordinator: Marcy Hintzman (e-mail mhintzma@purdue.edu)
Please visit <http://www.purdue.edu/humanrel/aaof/events.shtml> for site location.

Evansville
Hosted by the University of Southern Indiana, Extended Services
Science Building SC1212

If you would like additional information, or would like to request an accommodation, please contact Matt Norris at (812) 855-6508, or email adainfo@indiana.edu. The audio conference series is co-sponsored by ADA-Indiana, the Indiana Governor's Council for People with Disabilities, and the DBTAC: Great Lakes ADA Center. For more information about this or any other ADA training event, please visit the ADA-Indiana website at <http://www.adaindiana.org>.

THE ZIGGURAT MODEL WORKSHOP - LOCATION CHANGE: Please note that the December 8-9 location for the Ziggurat Model Workshop has been changed. The new location will be Mullen Elementary School, 100 Manny Court, Michigan City, IN. For questions, contact Donna Beasley at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail dbeasley@indiana.edu.

ACROSS THE COURTYARD

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS WINS "YOUR DAY, YOUR MONTH" CWLAB EXPERIENCE! Community Connections in Richmond, Indiana is the recipient of a free "planning experience" with the Institute's Collaborative Work Lab. The CWLab offered this opportunity to Indiana organizations whose activities support community employment for people with disabilities in recognition of October being designated as National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

Community Connections was randomly selected from among nine organizations across the State that submitted entries. Community Connections plans to use their CWLab experience to convene a focus group of community employers and elected officials to brainstorm ways to increase the employment of individuals with mental illness in the Richmond area.

Staff from the Institute's Center for Planning and Policy Studies will work with the Community Connections team to plan and conduct a focus group utilizing the CWLab's innovative electronic collaborative decision-making technology.

Community Connections is a not-for-profit organization that serves clients with physical, emotional, and intellectual disabilities referred from Indiana Vocational Rehabilitation Services. They work in Richmond with employers, supportive services, and local staff to place their customers in employment and/or to provide meaningful goals oriented toward life living skills.

Stay tuned for additional "Your Day, Your Month" opportunities to experience the Collaborative Work Lab in the coming months. For more information, contact Vicki Pappas with the Collaborative Work Lab at the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community at (812) 855-6508 or via e-mail cwlab@indiana.edu. Also join us on Facebook at Collaborative Work Lab.

IN EMPLOYMENT

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY INDIANA COMMISSION ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES: The Indiana Commission on Developmental Disabilities discussed and adopted two resolutions focusing on funding for the INTrain Pilot Program and support for the Alliance for Full Participation employment goals.

Resolution one encouraged the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration to continue developing the INTrain Pilot program as it was first designed and to support efforts to obtain funding for the program. State Representative Sheila Klinker moved to accept the resolution and Mr. Scott Sefton, seconded the motion. The resolution was adopted by consent (8-0). For more information on INTrain, visit <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/training/isetpg.htm>.

Resolution two supports the goals established by the Alliance for Full Participation campaign to double employment of individuals with developmental disabilities by 2015. State Representative Sheila Klinker moved to accept the resolution and State Senator Connie Sipes seconded the motion. The resolution was adopted by consent (8-0). For more information on the Alliance for Full Participation, visit <http://www.allianceforfullparticipation.org/public/>. Visit the Indiana Alliance for Full Participation State Team's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Indiana-Alliance-for-Full-Participation-State-Team/168304808253>.

These resolutions were brought before the Commission at the October 20, 2009 Commission on Developmental Disabilities meeting in Indianapolis. To view the meeting minutes of the Commission visit <http://www.in.gov/legislative/interim/committee/mrdd.html>.

IN AGING

WHEN DID I GET OLD: REFLECTION ON AGING TODAY: With today's average life expectancy exceeding 78 years, Americans are not only living longer, but are seeking richer, more meaningful experiences in their golden years.

At a time when many Boomers are redefining the whole concept of retirement, WFYI Public Television is proud to present When Did I Get Old? Reflections on Aging Today — a new one-hour documentary that alternates studio discussions with aging experts and profiles of active seniors in Indiana. The special will premiere Thursday, November 19 at 9 p.m. on WFYI 1 (20.1 DT), and will be offered for broadcast on Indiana's Public Television Stations. (Airdates and times will vary — viewers should consult their local listings.)

In researching this documentary, Emmy award-winning producer Gary Harrison (Wabash: Life on the Bright White River and Judy O'Bannon's Foreign Exchange) , in cooperation with the University of Indianapolis Center for Aging & Community and the Center on Aging and Community at Indiana University, traveled across Indiana to examine the lives of older adults in a wide variety of settings and situations.

When Did I Get Old? will transport viewers to the Midtown section of Gary, where people of all ages are working to clean-up the community in order to improve public safety for its predominately older residents. In Linton, a city-wide effort is underway to improve mobility (i.e., transportation, personal wellness and home modifications) for senior citizens, while in Vincennes, a man learns to overcome his disabilities by providing an invaluable service to the community with his information and referral phone service. And in Bloomington, viewers will meet a dedicated group of seniors who meet regularly for camaraderie and to discuss their aging issues.

Veteran broadcast journalist Diane Willis will serve as moderator for the studio discussion portion of the program. The panelists will address several key topics, including how society views the aging population; valuable preparations for retirement; discovering new interests and opportunities for volunteerism during one's golden years; and the need to establish a sense of community that addresses both seniors' physical and emotional needs.

Panelists will include:

- Judy O'Bannon, Former First Lady of Indiana, Broadcaster
- Shirley Webster, Assistant Director, Martindale-Brightwood NNORC
- Dr. Gene Sease, President Emeritus of the University of Indianapolis and Chairman, Sease, Gerig and Associates
- Dr. Constance McCloy, Associate Professor of Physical Therapy, University of Indianapolis Center for Aging & Community and Owner, Hope Health Promotion
- Bob Haverstick, Founder, Never Too Late
- Tina McIntosh, Founder and President, Joy's House
- Dr. Anita Siccardi, Dean of the School of Nursing, Marian University
- Father Boniface Hardin, Founder and President Emeritus, Martin University
- Dr. Phil Stafford, Cultural Anthropologist, Indiana University
- Lisa Archey, Senior Program Manager, Indiana Association of Community Economic Development
- Keith B. Van Deman, Associate Executive Director, Franklin United Methodist Community
- Lori Moss, Director, Albert and Sara Reuben Senior and Community Resource Center
- Dennis Frick, Director of the Senior Law Project for Indiana Legal Services
- Dr. Graham Toft, Founder and President of GrowthEconomics
- Dr. Ellen Miller, Executive Director, University of Indianapolis Center for Aging & Community

For more information, contact Lori Plummer (317) 614-0462 or e-mail lplummer@wfyi.org.

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.

Also, the fall edition of CeDIR Citings is now available.

Visit http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/cedir/newsletters/CeDIR_Citings_1009.html.

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- See more at: <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/index.php?pagelId=40&newsId=197&newsType=2#sthash.QazCGIQa.dpuf>