

# FYI Newsletter May 25, 2009

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## OUR THANKS

**IIDC OPEN HOUSE:** The faculty and staff of the Indiana Institute would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to all of you who took time out of busy schedules to join us at our Open House this Wednesday past. It is our hope that those in attendance found the day to be of value both in the information obtained and the new contacts established.

## UPCOMING

### ENHANCING ACCESSIBILITY AND USABILITY IN IT FOR THOSE WITH DISABILITIES CONFERENCE:

Members of the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC) Accessibility and Usability Working Group invite you to attend the CIC Accessibility and Usability Conference on June 15-16 at the Indiana Memorial Union at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. The conference will provide an opportunity to discuss and plan methods for improving accessibility and usability in information technology for individuals with disabilities across partnering university campuses.

Howard Rosenbaum, Associate Dean of the Indiana University School of Library and Information Science, will present the Keynote Address, The Importance of Accessibility and Usability for Now and the Future, on June 15.

Attendees of the conference will have the chance to provide input on a variety of topics and areas of planning and action, including: alternative content and multimedia policies and techniques, assistive technology implementation, course management systems, education, library systems, promotion and training, and purchasing policies. We encourage everyone with an interest in accessibility and usability trends and practices to attend this direction-setting conference.

Please join our partnering institutions in this dialogue to enhance best practices across all CIC institutions and shape the future of accessibility and usability by registering at [http://www.indiana.edu/~uits/cic\\_usability/index.html](http://www.indiana.edu/~uits/cic_usability/index.html). Early registration is encouraged to secure accommodations at the Biddle Hotel at the Indiana Memorial Union by May 21.

For questions related to the program, contact: Margaret Londergan at [londerga@indiana.edu](mailto:londerga@indiana.edu). For questions related to special needs, or registration, contact Julie Wernert at [jwernert@indiana.edu](mailto:jwernert@indiana.edu).

Visit <http://www.cic.net/Home/AboutCIC.aspx> for more information on the CIC.

## NEW IIDC PUBLICATION

**IS COLLEGE FOR YOU?** The Indiana Institute's Center on Community Living and Careers is pleased to announce a new publication titled Is College for You? Setting Goals and Taking Action. This guidebook is written to assist high school students and their families when considering college as a future option. The publication contains basic

information, tools, and resources to help students make informed decisions about whether or not college is for them. Specific information is provided to assist students with disabilities in planning for and making decisions about going to college. This publication is free to Indiana residents. For more information, contact Susan Harris [skharris@indiana.edu](mailto:skharris@indiana.edu) or Sherry Redman [sredman@indiana.edu](mailto:sredman@indiana.edu).

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

**CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK:** The Institute now has a presence on Facebook. Come visit our page and connect and interact with others who have an interest in disabilities and the work of the Indiana Institute. Visit <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Indiana-Institute-on-Disability-and-Community-at-Indiana-University/71615188471> and let us know who you are!

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

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<http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/index.php?pagelId=40&newsId=169&newsType=2#sthash.KNNJgmcw.dpuf>