

FYI Newsletter June 20, 2011

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Upcoming

Providing Support for Employees with Mental Health Disorders; New Online Summer Courses: The Indiana Vocational Rehabilitation Leadership Academy is debuting three new online trainings for vocational rehabilitation counselors and others supporting individuals with disabilities.

July 18-22

Personality Disorders

August 8-12

Addictions

September 19-23

Working with Ex-Offenders

The Academy is an online training initiative of the Institute's Center on Community Living and Careers and Indiana Vocational Rehabilitation Services. The summer trainings are offered as a part of the Academy's Advanced Courses.

Throughout each week and for the week following the course, there will be a Discussion Forum moderated by an expert from the field. Indiana Vocational Rehabilitation Services staff are sponsored through the Leadership Academy. Community rehabilitation providers, mental health providers, correctional facility personnel, behavioral support center staff, workforce development employees, and other non-VR professionals can also register for one, two, or all three courses. Registration is \$55 for one course, \$100 for two courses, and \$145 for all three. For more information and to register, visit <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/styles/iidc/defiles/CCLC/vrla3.html>.

In Bloomington

CASCI Volunteer Advocates: Citizen Advocacy of South-Central Indiana, Inc. (CASCI) has several people on the wait list for a volunteer advocate. Advocates fill many roles in the lives of their partners, first and foremost, that of friendship.

To encourage the Bloomington community to reach out to those with disabilities, as well as providing "Partners in Waiting" an opportunity for fun and socializing, CASCI will host a Bridge the Gap activity on Saturday, June 25, from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Bloomington. The church is fully accessible, parking is ample, and on the bus route.

CASCI is seeking volunteers from the community to be a "Friend for a Day" at this event. Thirty volunteers are needed to make this first "Bridge the Gap" event a success. If you are interested in participating, contact Coordinator, Diana Reynolds at casci.inc@gmail.com to register. Advanced registration is required.

In Indiana

Caregiver Support Funds: The Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services announces that Caregiver Support Services funds will be available for the fiscal year - July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. Caregiver Support Services is 100% state funded.

Caregiver Support Services provides funds for respite services when

- Funds are available, and
- Individuals meet the state definition of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

To receive Caregiver Support Services, persons cannot be receiving any other state funded services. Those on the DD, Autism, and/or Support Services waiting lists may want to take advantage of this program.

Applications are taken, IN PERSON ONLY, at your local Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services (BDDS) Office starting on June 27, 2011 on a first come first served basis.

For more information, contact the local BDDS office for your county. A listing of local BDDS local offices can be found at <http://www.in.gov/fssa/files/BDDS.pdf> .

Nationally

AFP Summit 2.0: Registration for the Alliance for Full Participation (AFP) Summit 2.0: Real Jobs--It's Everyone's Business, to be held November 17-19, 2011 at the Gaylord National Harbor is now open.

For details, visit <http://www.allianceforfullparticipation.org/summit-2011> or AFP's website at <http://www.allianceforfullparticipation.org/>. In 2005, registration sold out. Don't miss your chance to join with the leaders of the intellectual and developmental disabilities community in the quest to double integrated employment by the year 2015.

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.

Franke, L. & Durbin, C. (2011). Nurturing narratives: Story-based language intervention for children with language impairments that are complicated by other developmental disabilities such as autism spectrum disorders. Shawnee Mission, KS: AAPC Publishing. (Call Number: 42 .F73)

Labosh, K. , & Miller, L. N. (2011). The child with autism at home & in the community: Over 600 must-have tips for making home life and outings easier for everyone. Arlington, TX: Future Horizons. (Call Number: 40.3 .L32)

Porter, J. (2010). Autism & reading comprehension: Ready-to-use lessons for teachers. Arlington, TX: Future Horizons. (Call Number: 40.3 .P675)

- See more at: <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/index.php?pagelId=40&newsId=309&newsType=2#sthash.gBYld7L9.dpuf>