



## Indiana Institute on Disability and Community



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#### UPCOMING



#### Music, Autism + Community - The Intersection of Music and Neurodiversity

[VSA](#), The State Organization on Arts and Disability, is sponsoring a free educational event featuring Michael Bakan of Florida State University on April 21st at the Harrison Center for the Arts in Indianapolis. The public lecture "Making Music to Make a Difference: Neurodiversity and the Ethnomusicology of Autism" is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. For additional information, [click here](#).

## Free Webinar on the Implementation of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Programs

On Thursday, April 24th, 2014 from 3:00-4:00 p.m., the [Association of University Centers on Disabilities](#) and the [America Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities](#) will sponsor a webinar focusing on issues around the implementation of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) programs. Specific topics to be discussed including licensure, funding, diversity of practices and quality, understanding of ABA, and collaboration between ABA providers and other organizations. Both Tennessee and Indiana have addressed these issues and in different ways. This webinar will highlight the processes both states have followed in trying to reach some consensus and to promote legislation in this area.

[Cathy Pratt](#), Director of the Institute's [Indiana Resource Center for Autism](#) will be one of the featured speakers. A. Pablo Juarez, Associate Director of the Treatment and Research Institute for Autism Spectrum Disorders, a program of the Vanderbilt Kennedy Center at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, will also be featured.

The webinar is free but you have to [register](#). This webinar is also made possible with support from the [Maternal and Child Health Bureau](#) (MCHB). In preparation for this webinar, participants are encouraged to read "[What to Consider When Looking for a Qualified ABA Provider.](#)"



## Bloomington to Host Employment Specialist Training in May/June


Register now for May/June Indiana Employment Specialist Training. Register now for May/June Indiana Employment Specialist Training. This six-day, face-to-face training in Bloomington guides job developers, employment specialists and other professionals as they train, place, and include individuals with disabilities in the workplace.

Participants must attend and complete both parts of the training (all six days) to obtain nationally-approved ACRE certification. Training will take place at Easter Seals Crossroads, 4740 Kingsway Drive, Indianapolis. Dates are:

Part One: May 6-8, 2014  
Part Two: June 10-12, 2014

Subjects covered include:

Person-centered planning;  
Job development;  
Worksite analysis;  
Assistive technology;  
Job supports; and  
More.

Employment Specialist Training instructors are members of the Indiana Supported Employment Training Team. The trainings are coordinated by Institute's [Center on Community Living and Careers](#). For a flyer and registration form,  [click here](#). The registration deadline for this training is Friday, April 28th.

## ACROSS THE COURTYARD



### Updates to the Early Childhood Center Website

The Indiana Institute's [Early Childhood Center](#) team has recently updated the center website. In the past, the products developed by staff have been embedded on each project page. The new version has all of our products in one place, as well as on project pages.

First, click on the center name to go to the Early Childhood Center website. Locate "Products" on the left-hand bar and then click "ECC Resources" to find the accordion-style organizer. The products are organized by these questions:

What skills do children need for going to kindergarten?

What can teachers do to get all children ready for kindergarten?

What can families do to help children be ready?

What do we need to design and implement quality early education in Indiana?

When you click on a question, you'll see the product titles and descriptions. Read through to find the ones you want.

Second, go back to "Products" on the left bar to the ECC Resource Request Form. Select one or all of the products, add your contact information at the bottom of the page. Click on the mailing list box if you are interested in getting announcements of training or new products. Then click "Submit." You will receive an e-mail with links to download the items.

## IN INDIANA



### Special Education Services Parent Survey 2013-2014

All parents of Indiana's 160,000 students receiving special education services should receive a paper survey during the second week of April 2014. This survey contains 30 questions designed to measure parent satisfaction with their experience in working with education staff at their children's school and the special education services their children are receiving during the current 2013-14 school year.

Parents will receive the survey in a white business-sized envelope from their children's school. Parents with more than one child receiving special education services should complete one survey per child. Additional paper surveys are available to parents from their children's school. Even though parents will receive a paper copy of the survey, parents with Internet access are encouraged to complete the [survey](#) online.

By April 14, each Special Education Planning District Director in Indiana will receive a shipment of surveys to be distributed to parents by mail or in person from school personnel. Some surveys may also be sent home with the children receiving special education services. If parents do not receive a survey by April 21, 2014, they should complete the survey online or request a paper survey by contacting the person at their children's school responsible for overseeing the special education services their children receive.

The survey will take about five minutes to complete and all individual responses will be kept confidential. Completed surveys should be completed online or mailed by May 5, 2013. It is important for all parents to complete this survey so that the [Indiana Department of Education](#) and Indiana's school districts can improve the quality of special education services provided to Hoosier children and their families. The results of this survey will be sent by the Indiana Department of Education to the [U.S. Department of Education](#) to fulfill federal legal requirements under Indicator 8 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act.



### Beyond the Basics: Fair Housing and Rental Transactions Workshop

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, April 29, 2014 and plan to attend a workshop focusing on fair housing topics as they relate to rental transactions. Discussion points will include new fair housing case law, guidance, and regulations as they relate to protections from housing discrimination for persons with disabilities, families with children, due to gender (including sexual harassment and situations of domestic violence), national origin (including Limited English proficiency guidance), LGBT guidance and housing discrimination as it relates to race and color.

Amy Nelson, a national leader in fair housing and Executive Director of the first nonprofit fair housing center in Indiana, will be the featured speaker. To Register, send an e-mail with the subject line "Register Me" to [BackHomeAllianceIN@yahoo.com](mailto:BackHomeAllianceIN@yahoo.com). In the e-mail, send your name, company or affiliation and phone number. Also, please indicate if you have any requests for reasonable accommodations. The workshop location is [The LEAGUE for the Blind and Disabled](#), 5821 South Anthony Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46816. Workshop times are from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. (EST.)

## NEW LIBRARY COLLECTION ITEMS



### Library Corner

Davidson, J., & Orsini, M. (2013). *Worlds of autism: Across the spectrum of neurological difference*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.

Delmolino, L., & Harris, S. L. (2013). *Essential first steps for parents of children with autism: Helping the littlest learners*. Bethesda, MD: Woodbine House.

Fuentes, S., & McNerney, N. (2013). *The don't freak out guide to parenting kids with Asperger's*. Leesburg, VA: Integrated Publishing.

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



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