

FYI Newsletter December 6, 2010

Quick Scan:

- Direct Support Professionals to Shine at May Graduation Ceremonies
- Arc of Indiana/FUSE April 25 Conference to be Rescheduled
- VETS: Voicing Experiences through Service Project Showcased at Indiana Statehouse
- Keith Coros Community ADA Implementation Projects
- RSS Feeds from the Indiana Institute Website
- Library Corner

UPCOMING

WEBINAR ON TRANSPORTATION ISSUES: If you are interested in transportation issues and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), plan to participate in an upcoming free Webinar offered by the ADA National Network and Easter Seals Project ACTION. Scheduled for Tuesday, December 14, 2010 from 2:00-3:30 (Eastern). This session is the third of seven Webinars on Transportation and the ADA. Each session will focus on one of the seven Topic Guides on ADA Transportation, a series of Technical Assistance publications released by DREDF earlier this year. Register for this one webinar, or for the entire series.

This Webinar session will cover the Topic Guide 3: Eligibility for ADA Paratransit. The session will first address the categories and types of eligibility, including conditional eligibility. Important best-practice do's and don'ts will also be discussed, including basing decisions on the most limiting condition, using a comprehensive task/skill list, applying the reasonable person test, identifying specific abilities and/or limitations, basing decisions on a case-by-case analysis of each applicant, and interpreting safety issues properly. Additionally, this will address the eligibility determination process, including the 21-day process, functional assessments, the appeal process for eligibility denials, and visitors. There will be time for participant questions.

To Register visit <http://www.adaconferences.org/Transportation> and click on the "Registration" web link on the right side navigation list.

IN BLOOMINGTON

INDIANA ARTS COMMISSION GRANT WORKSHOP: Staff from the Indiana Arts Commission will present an informational session for Bloomington area performers, writers, and artists to learn more about the IAC's Individual Artist Program grants. The upcoming year's grant cycle is targeted to individuals in the disciplines of performing and literary arts. However, all artists are welcome to attend this free workshop.

The workshop will take place on Wednesday, December 15th, 2010 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the McCloskey Conference Room, Bloomington City Hall. Bloomington City Hall is fully accessible, with free parking after 5:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Miah Michaelson at (812) 349-3534 or by e-mail at michaelm@bloomington.in.gov.

This grant writing workshop is sponsored by South Central ArtsWORK Indiana, a new regional affiliate of ArtsWORK Indiana. Local partners include the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community and the City of Bloomington. For more information, visit <http://www.artsworkindiana.org/>.

HELP SHAPE INDIANA'S DISABILITY POLICY: Add your voice! Help identify priorities for improving services and supports for people with disabilities and their family members. The Governor's Council for People with Disabilities, Indiana Protection and Advocacy Services, and the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community invite you to participate in the 2011 Disability Poll. This year, the focus is on what should be Indiana's policy priorities for people with disabilities.

To respond, simply go to this website at <http://www.thepollingplace.org>. If you are going to the Governor's Disability Conference on December 6th and 7th, you can respond to the Disability Poll there, too. Just look for the tables with laptops set up in the main hallway!

The survey is also available in alternative formats. Call: 812-855-6508, Toll-free: 800-825-4733, or TTY: 812-855-9630. You may also email cpps@indiana.edu to request an alternative format.

The Disability Poll is conducted annually by the Institute's Center on Planning and Policy Studies under the direction of Vicki Pappas. This is a joint project of the DD Network in Indiana: the Institute, the Governor's Council for People with Disabilities, and Indiana Protection and Advocacy Services.

ACROSS THE STATE

THE ARC OF INDIANA MASTER TRUST 2011 WINTER HEATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: The Arc of Indiana's Board of Directors has approved \$40,000 for The Arc of Indiana Master Trust 2011 Winter Heating Assistance Program. This will allow the trust to assist 400 low-income individuals with disabilities with \$100 toward their winter heating bills. Funding for the Winter Heating Assistance Program comes from The Arc of Indiana.

To apply for assistance, individuals should contact the local chapter of The Arc in their county and request a certification form, or ask them to complete and verify a form, for The Arc of Indiana Master Trust 2011 Winter Heating Assistance Program. The certification form is available on our web site at <http://www.arcind.org> (click on "News and Events" or click on "The Arc of Indiana Master Trust, Helpful Resources and Links).

Application may also be made through a community mental health center, Independent Living Center, Area Agency on Aging, or a district office of the Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services. These agencies should be aware of The Arc's Winter Heating Assistance Program. The trust wants to distribute funds as equally as possible throughout the state. Therefore, a limited number of applications will be accepted from each of Indiana's counties.

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.

Baker, J., & Future Horizons Inc. (2007). Social skills training & frustration management. Arlington, TX: Future Horizons Inc.

DePoy, E., & Gilson, S. F. (2011). Studying disability: Multiple theories and responses. Los Angeles: SAGE.

Scanlan, A., & Snyder, L. (2010). Rhythms of grace: Worship and faith formation for children and families with special needs. Denver, CO: Morehouse Pub Co.

- See more at: <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/index.php?pageld=40&newsId=281&newsType=2#sthash.eGTB83Kr.dpuf>