

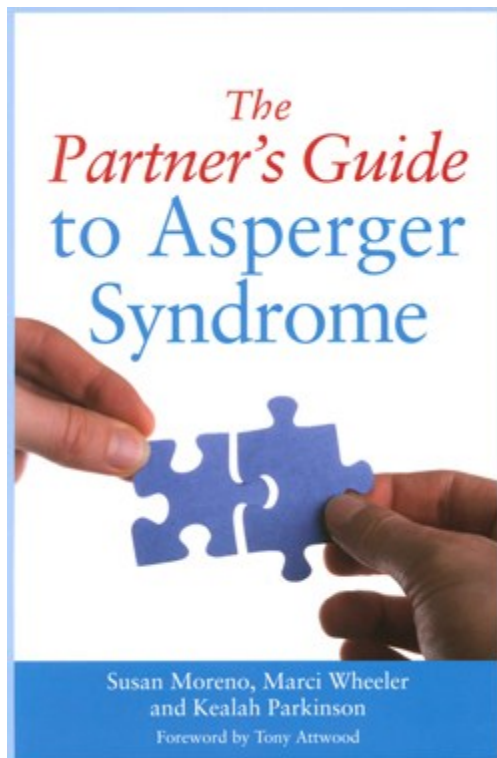
FYI Newsletter January 9, 2012



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NEW BOOK PROVIDES ADVICE AND SUPPORT STRATEGIES FOR THOSE IN RELATIONSHIPS WITH PERSONS DIAGNOSED WITH ASPERGER SYNDROME: Adults with Asperger Syndrome often have difficulties establishing long-term relationships due to the defining characteristics of the syndrome. A new book, *The Partner's*

Guide to Asperger Syndrome, draws on the personal experiences of the authors to provide non-spectrum partners with tried-and-tested strategies and advice on how to overcome these barriers and achieve meaningful relationships.

Indiana University's [Marci Wheeler](#) and co-authors Susan Moreno and Kealah Parkinson explore the key differences that may impact these relationships, such as communication, social skills, and sensory issues.

Published by [Jessica Kingsley Publishers](#), The Partner's Guide, includes more than 100 interviews and chapters on coping with stress and meltdowns, parenting, positive Asperger Syndrome qualities and how to use them to their full advantage in relationships, as well as advice on how non-spectrum partners can ensure that their own needs are met.

Wheeler holds a Master's Degree in Social Work and has worked at the Indiana Resource Center for Autism at the Indiana Institute since 1983. She has served as a field instructor and adjunct faculty member in the School of Social Work at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.

Moreno is the Founder and President of [MAAP Services Inc.](#), a nonprofit organization that provides information and advice to parents, educators, and healthcare professionals about all aspects of autism spectrum disorders. Parkinson specializes in fostering communication skills in clients with developmental disorders. For additional information, contact Marci Wheeler at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail mwheeler@indiana.edu.

DISABILITY SURVEY



PARTICIPATE IN THE 2012 DISABILITY POLL: You are invited to participate in the [annual survey](#), sponsored by [Indiana's Developmental Disabilities Network](#) partners, to help identify the current state of services, programs, and supports for people with disabilities in your community. The purpose of this survey is to ask people with disabilities, family members, and professionals in the disability field to share their thoughts about how "livable" Indiana communities are for people with disabilities. The results will be used to help guide programs in local communities around the state, ultimately with the goal of fostering independence, choice and control for people with disabilities. For more information, contact Jeffrey Chait at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail jchait@indiana.edu.

UPCOMING



ADA-INDIANA AUDIO CONFERENCE: ADA-Indiana will host its first audio conference for 2012 on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at ten Indiana locations (2:00-3:30 p.m. Eastern). This month's audio conference will feature

Earlene Sesker, an Accessibility Specialist from the U.S. Access Board. She will cover the major differences between the 1991 and 2010 ADA Standards. With less than two months before the compliance date, the ADA National Network continues to field inquiries from individuals who either do not understand how the new standards will impact them or are unaware of the changes.

Plan to attend this hosted session at one of the 10 Indiana locations to refresh your understanding of the new standards and how they apply to you. [Locations](#) include Bloomington, Columbus, Corydon, Fort Wayne, Gary, Indianapolis, Muncie, Terre Haute, Versailles, and West Lafayette. For more information, contact Matt Norris at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail adainfo@indiana.edu.

Interested in continuing education credits? The audio conference provider, Great Lakes ADA Center, offers AIA, LA CES, AICP, CRC, University of Illinois at Chicago CEU, and Certificates of Attendance at no cost for this session. You must sign-up to receive CEUs with the on-site coordinator at your location of choice. The Indiana ADA Audio Conference program is sponsored by [ADA-Indiana](#), [Great Lakes ADA Center](#), and the [Indiana Governor's Council for People with Disabilities](#).



WEBINAR ON THE ADA IN THE HEALTHCARE SETTING: Over the years, the healthcare setting has been the source of significant ADA litigation and has raised some unique issues. The Department of Justice is also primed to issue new regulations on equipment in healthcare settings. Join in on this free webinar, Wednesday, January 18 from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. (Eastern), offered by the ADA National Network, and learn more about the application of the ADA in healthcare settings.

This webinar will review the range of litigation brought against healthcare providers including employment discrimination cases brought by healthcare workers, as well as ADA litigation brought by patients involving issues such as communication access. [Registration](#) is required to participate in the webinar.



REGISTER FOR FEBRUARY EMPLOYMENT SPECIALIST TRAINING FOR 2012: There are four opportunities in 2012 to participate in Indiana Employment Specialist Training, provided by the [Indiana Supported Employment Training Team \(ISETT\)](#) and the Institute's Center on Community Living and Careers. This year, employment specialists, program managers, vocational coordinators, mental health professionals, state agency and Work One personnel, can select from either "blended," (primarily online with a face-to-face component) or a more traditional, six-day, face-to-face training format.

Both formats incorporate two sessions of information covering laws and policies, person-centered planning, job development, marketing, worksite analysis, resource mapping, teaching strategies, task analysis, assistive technology, job supports, and more.

The first blended/online Employment Specialist Training begins in February. Session I will be available online February 6-24, with a face-to-face meeting with ISETT trainers on February 7. Session II begins March 5-23, with a face-to-face meeting on March 6. Both face-to-face trainings are in Indianapolis. Registration is \$400 per person and stipends are available

Additional 2012 training opportunities include:

Blended Training Online: August 6-24 and September 4-24, 2012 with face-to-face meetings August 7 and September 4 in Bloomington.

Face-to-Face Training: May 15-17 and June 12-13, 2012 (both sessions are required) in Bloomington or, November 5-7 plus December 4-6 (both sessions are required) in Indianapolis. For more information, contact Jackie Tijerina at jtijerin@indiana.edu.



FOR PROFESSIONALS AND CAREGIVERS: TEACHING INTIMATE RELATIONSHIPS AND SEXUAL HEALTH TO INDIVIDUALS WITH ASD: Communication and social interaction are particularly difficult for adolescents and adults with high functioning Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and other social challenges entering into intimate relationships. While teaching sex education may seem like a formidable task, empowering individuals to make informed choices and decisions regarding their bodies and their relationships is crucial for lifelong health and wellbeing. Trainers Catherine Davies and Melissa Dubie, Educational Consultants with the Indiana Resource Center for Autism and co-authors of the recently released book, *Intimate Relationships and Sexual Health* (a copy of which is included as part of the workshop), describe detailed lessons covering the complex topics of both sex education and relationships.

This workshop will be held April 18, 2012 at the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community in Bloomington. Registration fee is \$95.00 per person. CEUs (Contact Hours 5.25) and Certificates of Attendance will be available and can be used for:

- Professional Growth Plan points
- Indiana Professional Licensing Agency for occupational therapists and occupational therapist assistants licensing requirements
- A request for Library Education Units has been submitted
- Continuing Education Contact Hours are available for \$15.00

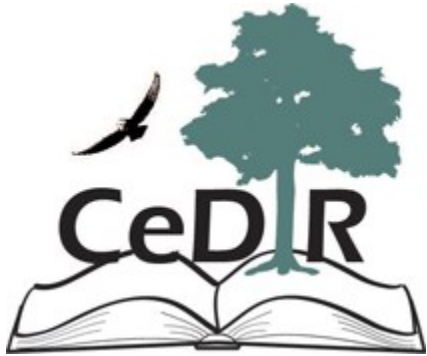
All registrations and payments for workshops are done online through [Indiana University \(IU\) Conferences](#). Payment by credit card or purchase order only. Contact Melissa at iuconfs@indiana.edu (800) 933-9330 or Ginger at gscott@indiana.edu for registration questions. All other questions regarding registration should be directed to Donna Beasley (dbeasley@indiana.edu) at (812) 855-6508. Content questions should be directed to Catherine Davies (daviesc@indiana.edu) or Melissa Dubie (mdubie@indiana.edu) both at (812) 855-6508.

IN BLOOMINGTON

OPTIONS AND CHRISTOLE HAVE MERGED: Beginning January 1, 2012, Options and Christole Incorporated merged from LIFEDesigns Inc. Send all correspondence to [LIFEDesigns Inc.](#), 200 East Winslow Road, Bloomington,

IN 47401-8657.

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, visit us at 2853 East Tenth Street in Bloomington.

Cohen, M. R. (2011). *Social literacy: A social skills seminar for young adults with ASDs, NLDs, and social anxiety*. Baltimore, Md: Paul H. Brookes Pub. Co. (Call Number: 46 .C6)

Varughese, T. (2011). *Social communication cues for young children with autism spectrum disorders and related conditions: How to give great greetings, pay cool compliments and have fun with friends*. London: Jessica Kingsley Publishers. (Call Number: 46 .V37)

Waters, L. J., Zuck, R. B., & Alcorn, R. C. (2011). *Why, O God?: Suffering and disability in the Bible and the church*. Wheaton, Ill: Crossway. (Call Number: 46 .W38)

Weiss, M. J., & Demiri, V. (2011). *Jumpstarting communication skills in children with autism: A parents' guide to applied verbal behavior*. Bethesda, MD: Woodbine House. (Call Number: 42 .W43)

- See more at: <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/index.php?pagelId=40&newsId=338&newsType=2#sthash.zFQChwki.dpuf>