

# FYI Newsletter April 25, 2011

## QUICK SCAN:

- South Central ArtsWORK Indiana Meeting
- Building Bridges to School Readiness Workshops
- TEACCH® Five Day Training
- Davis Receives Distinguished Graduate Award
- Creative Aging Festival
- Library Corner

## UPCOMING

**SOUTH CENTRAL ARTSWORK INDIANA MEETING:** The next meeting of the South Central ArtsWORK Indiana meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2011 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the McCloskey Conference Room, City Hall, Bloomington.

The meeting theme is Inclusive Community Theatre. Hannah Moss and David Nosko, Co-Founders and Artistic Directors, Theatre of the People, will discuss the unique challenges and vital benefits of focusing on the “process” instead of the product.

For more information, visit <http://www.artsworkindiana.org> and click on “Satellite Groups” or contact Artist-Facilitator Nadine Pinede via e-mail at [npinede@post.harvard.edu](mailto:npinede@post.harvard.edu).

ArtsWORK Indiana’s mission is “to facilitate access to careers in the arts for people with disabilities through awareness, education, and encouragement.” AWI is an informal, statewide group with a diverse membership of people with and without disabilities. Collaborating partners include the Indiana Arts Commission, VSA Indiana, and the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community. The program is sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Arts and Disability Center at the University of California in Los Angeles.

**BUILDING BRIDGES TO SCHOOL READINESS WORKSHOPS:** The Institute’s Early Childhood Center will host a webinar presentation and two workshops focusing on school readiness for preschoolers. These workshops will be held in conjunction with each other to maximize learning opportunities for attendees.

Changing Expectations: Implications for Preschool (Web Presentation)

**Expectations are changing for kindergartners.** These changes, along with new research, are requiring early educators to rethink school readiness. We have been investigating the most recent research literature on school readiness, as well as spending time in Indiana kindergarten classrooms. Join us as we explore our findings and look at what early educators can do to prepare children to enter kindergarten. This web presentation is a foundation and preview for the upcoming workshops. There is no cost associated with this web presentation. Visit <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/index.php?pagelid=15> and click on “Web Presentation Available.”

**Promoting School Readiness by Reexamining the Classroom Day (3 hour workshop):** As we learn more about what constitutes the design of an effective preschool classroom, we are asked to reexamine our practices surrounding how we help children prepare for kindergarten. This workshop will focus on classroom organization, one key dimension of effective preschool practices. Participants will learn how they can create effective classroom routines that increase learning opportunities for preschool children. Participants will have the opportunity to look at their preschool routines and develop individual plans for creating productive learning times for their children. Training fees are \$25.00 for one workshop and \$35.00 if you plan to attend both workshops on the same day.

**Crafting Effective Instructional Routines (3 hour workshop):** Kindergarten classrooms typically rely on three instructional routines to teach children: whole class instruction, individual work time, and learning centers. Preschools also include these types of activities in their classroom, but they may differ in significant ways from what kindergartens do. What can we do to bridge these differences and create learning times that are effective, engaging, and help prepare children for kindergarten? Participants will have the opportunity to design plans for implementing what they learn once they return home. . Training fees are \$25.00 for one workshop and \$35.00 if you plan to attend both workshops on the same day.

#### Training Dates and Locations:

May 12, 2011, South Bend, IN  
United Way of St Joseph County, 3517 E. Jefferson Blvd., South Bend, IN 46615  
Promoting School Readiness (8:30 - 11:30 a.m.)  
Crafting Effective Instructional Routines (1:00 - 4:00 p.m.)  
Both workshops (8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

Limited Seating Available - May 13, 2011, Fort Wayne, IN  
Anthis Career Center, 1200 S. Barr St., Fort Wayne, IN 46802  
Promoting School Readiness (8:30 - 11:30 a.m.)  
Crafting Effective Instructional Routines (1:00 - 4:00 p.m.)  
Both workshops (8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

May 20, 2011, Merrillville, IN  
Geminus, 8400 Louisiana St., Merrillville, IN 46410  
Promoting School Readiness (8:30 - 11:30 a.m.)  
Crafting Effective Instructional Routines (1:00 - 4:00 p.m.)  
Both workshops (8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

June 17, 2011, Bloomington, IN  
Indiana Institute on Disability and Community, 2853 E. 10th St., Bloomington, IN 47408  
Promoting School Readiness (8:30 - 11:30 a.m.)  
Crafting Effective Instructional Routines (1:00 - 4:00 p.m.)  
Both workshops (8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

For content questions, call (812) 855-6508 or e-mail [eccenter@indiana.edu](mailto:eccenter@indiana.edu). To register, Visit <https://www.confmanager.com/main.cfm?cid=2462&tid=32>.

**TEACCH® FIVE DAY TRAINING:** The Institute's Indiana Resource Center for Autism will host a five-day training for professionals who work with students with autism, June 20-24, 2011 at the Edgewood Early Childhood Center, Ellettsville, IN.

This intensive five-day workshop combines hands-on classroom experience (including setting up the classroom for five students), lectures on topics related to working with students with autism, and group discussions of classroom activities including:

- Supervised experience in a demonstration classroom setting;
- Hands-on experiences with students with autism of varying ages and functioning levels;
- Active learning; and
- Presentations and demonstration of working with students with autism.

Registration fee is \$1,990.00 per person. Attendance is required for all five days. Certificates of attendance will be provided and free to be used as Professional Growth Points. CEUs will be available on-site. An administrative fee of \$15.00 will be charged. Graduate course credit will also be offered on the first day. For information on Consumer Investment Funds for family members or individuals with disabilities in Indiana, contact the Indiana Governor's Council for People with Disabilities at (317) 232-7770.

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#### KUDOS

**DAVIS RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE AWARD:** Kim Davis, Research Associate with the Institute's Indiana Resource Center for Autism, was the recipient of the McHenry High School Distinguished Graduate award for 2011. Davis was honored at an Academic Recognition Reception held on April 11, 2011.

McHenry Community High school, located in McHenry, Illinois, created the Distinguished Graduate program in 1982. The community is asked to nominate McHenry High School graduates, having graduated a minimum of fifteen years, and who have distinguished themselves during their lives. Davis was recognized for her work in education since

1972. Her interest areas and expertise include positive behavior supports, teaching strategies, circles of support, and parent information to provide better support on behalf of individuals across the autism spectrum. Congratulations Kim!

## **IN BLOOMINGTON**

**CREATIVE AGING FESTIVAL:** Last week we told you about the Creative Aging Festival to be held in Bloomington during the month of May in celebration of Older Americans Month. Since then, the City of Bloomington Commission on Aging has developed an online Creative Aging Festival Calendar, which features creative aging events and exhibits.

The Festival will highlight the artistic talents of older adults; promote intergenerational understanding through dialogue, sharing traditions, and storytelling; and increase awareness about the value of creative engagement to adult health and well being. Visit <http://bloomington.in.gov/media/media/application/pdf/8685.pdf> to view and download the month's schedule.

## **LIBRARY CORNER**

**NEW ITMES:** 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.

Jessum, J. E. (2011). *Diary of a social detective*. Shawnee Mission, KS: AAPC Publishing. (Call Number: 6 .J39)

National Council on Disability. (2011). *Rising expectations: The Developmental Disabilities Act revisited*. Washington, DC: Author. (Call Number: 55 .R5)

Rocco, T. S., & Hatcher, T. (2011). *The Handbook of Scholarly Writing and Publishing*. San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass. (Call Number: 16 .R6)

- See more at: <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/index.php?pagelId=40&newsId=302&newsType=2#sthash.JOza71jl.dpuf>