

# FYI Newsletter January 23, 2012



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## UPCOMING



**SOUTH CENTRAL ARTSWORK INDIANA MEETING:** The next meeting of South Central ArtsWORK Indiana (SCAI) will be on Tuesday, January 24, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the McCloskey Conference Room, 403 North Morton Street in Bloomington. ArtsWORK Indiana meetings are always free and open to the public. This month's meeting topic will focus on Useful Websites for Furthering Your Goals as an Artist. A live internet tour will be conducted so bring your favorite resources to share. For more event details, visit the [ArtsWORK Indiana](#) website.

Meetings are usually held at 5:30 pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Bloomington City Hall. Each meeting includes open discussion, preceded by a presentation on some aspect of arts employment. These free events are open to artists of all disciplines (with or without disabilities) and their supporters. Help us set the direction of this group, share refreshments and make new friends. Local partners include the Indiana Institute and the City of Bloomington.



**REGISTER FOR FEBRUARY EMPLOYMENT SPECIALIST TRAINING OR SAVE THE DATES 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 Indiana 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 more traditional, six-day, face-to-face training formats.

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 runs 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. Stipends are available

Other 2012 training opportunities include

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

Face-to-Face Training: May 15-17 plus June 12-13 (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](mailto:jtijerin@indiana.edu) or call (812) 855-6508.



**TEACCH® FIVE-DAY CLASSROOM TRAINING PROGRAM:** Mark your calendars for June 18-22, 2012 and plan to attend the Institute's Indiana Resource Center for Autism's [TEACCH® training program](#). Since 1972, the TEACCH® program at the University of North Carolina has coordinated the nation's largest statewide education and treatment program for children and adults with autism and related communication handicaps. Current practices and pressures in the field of special education have increased the need for comprehensive training for working with students with autism and other severe behavior, learning, and communication difficulties.

Registration fee is \$1,990.00. Certificates of Attendance for 37 instructional hours will be available for free and can be used for:

- Professional Growth Plan points.
- Indiana Professional Licensing Agency for occupational therapists and occupational therapist assistants licensing requirements.
- Request for Library Education Units has been submitted.
- CEUs (Continuing Education Units- general education) will be available on-site.  
This workshop will also be offered for Graduate Credit (registration and course information will be available on the first day).

Payment for registration fee is done online through Indiana University (IU) Conferences. Payment by credit card or purchase order only. Questions about using this online payment process should be directed to IU Conferences at 800-933-9330, Melissa at [iuconfs@indiana.edu](mailto:iuconfs@indiana.edu), or Ginger at [gscott@indiana.edu](mailto:gscott@indiana.edu). All questions about registrations should be directed to Donna Beasley ([dbeasley@indiana.edu](mailto:dbeasley@indiana.edu)) or (812) 855-6508.

### **ACROSS THE COURTYARD**

**NEW SOCIAL SECURITY TICKET TO WORK NEWSLETTER:** The debut issue of Tickets Please! was recently sent to Indiana vocational rehabilitation counselors, community providers, and mental health centers. This new quarterly newsletter provides information on the Social Security Administration's Ticket to Work program, which is designed to help people with disabilities navigate and understand the interplay of work and benefits.

As part of its ongoing partnership with Indiana Vocational Rehabilitation Services, the Institute's Center on Community Living and Careers is sponsoring webinars in addition to disseminating the Tickets Please! newsletter, and monthly fact sheets to help VR counselors, providers, and others improve Ticket to Work outcomes in Indiana.

Tickets Please! subscribers also receive copies of [Common Myths and Straight Talk](#), a series of fact sheets for working Indiana residents with disabilities and their families who need more information about benefits and work incentives. The first issue of Common Myths and Straight Talk focuses on Social Security work incentives for workers receiving Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) who may be concerned about losing benefits due to earnings.



**S.O.S. CLUB MEETINGS RESUME:** The Institute's Indiana Resource Center for Autism announces its 3rd year of support of a student group on the Bloomington campus of Indiana University: Students on the Spectrum (S.O.S.). This Club is a safe place for students living on the autism spectrum to come and have fun, learn, and connect with others who have had similar experiences.

All Indiana University students who live with an autism spectrum disorder are welcome! The S.O.S. Club provides opportunities for members to engage with each other and others within the university community around topics of interest.

S.O.S. Club members have planned various activities and topics for this semester such as self-advocacy, confidence

building, diagnostic disclosure, the development of a panel to educate peers and university personnel and others about autism spectrum disorders, as well as theater, yoga, culinary, and music inspired activities.

The Students on the Spectrum Club will meet each Tuesday (except Spring Break) through April, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Tree Suites wing on the Mezzanine level of the Indiana Memorial Union. For more information, contact Marci Wheeler, S.O.S. Club Advisor, at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail [mwheeler@indiana.edu](mailto:mwheeler@indiana.edu).

## IN INDIANA



**INTERNET RADIO STATION EXCLUSIVELY ABOUT ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES LAUNCHED:** On January 1, 2012, the INDATA Project at Easter Seals Crossroads launched the [world's first Internet radio station](#) focused on technology to help people with disabilities. [AssistiveTechnologyRadio.com](http://AssistiveTechnologyRadio.com) offers a variety of content focusing on technology for people with autism, for workplace accommodations, and an in-depth show about how the first high school in Indiana is replacing textbooks with iPads and the impact on students with disabilities.

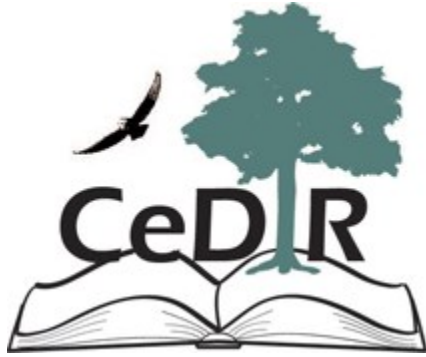
The project's flagship podcast, Assistive Technology Update, is a weekly show that includes news, questions and answers, and interviews with leaders in the field of assistive technology. Assistive Technology Update, along with other materials produced by the project, broadcast to a world-wide audience 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

"Right now, we are featuring our own content," says Wade Wingler, Director of Assistive Technology at Easter Seals Crossroads. "...but as we grow, we hope to include other programs that help educate people about how important assistive technology is in the lives of people with disabilities." Contact Nikol Prieto, Community Outreach Coordinator, at [nprieto@eastersealscrossroads.org](mailto:nprieto@eastersealscrossroads.org) or (317) 466-1000 for additional information.



**A VIEW FROM MY WINDOW:** The Indiana Institute hopes you will listen to, and share, this audio cast "[A View into Fetal Alcohol Syndrome - a Father's Perspective...](#)" a must for any parent of a child with special needs, educators, and professionals in the disability field. In this powerful interview, Michelle Fisher, host of A View from My Window, talks with Craig Peterson, father of four children impacted by fetal alcohol syndrome. Craig talks not only of what he has learned about the impact of this 100% preventable condition, but also shares information helpful to any parent who has a child with special needs, "(I'm) really trying to talk about the gifts that children bring, how do we work with their strengths, how do we never lose our vision of what can be, always clinging to that faith that we have or that we have to find and making a better life for these children." Craig is currently working on a book about his experience, Adopting Faith: A Father's Unconditional Love. You can find all of Michelle's shows, produced by The Arc of Indiana, at [A View from My Window](#).

## 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](mailto: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?pageld=40&newsId=339&newsType=2#sthash.wrE4FXT9.dpuf>