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UPCOMING



Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS-2) Workshop

The Institute's [Indiana Resource Center for Autism](#) in collaboration with MSD of Lawrence Township, May 4-5, 2016, will host a two-day workshop on the five modules of the ADOS-2.

This workshop will provide a unique opportunity to learn directly from a co-author of the ADOS-2 Pamela DiLavore, Ph.D., Assistant Director, [Chapel Hill TEACCH Center](#). The five modules of the ADOS-2 will be outlined. Video demonstration of the administration of some of the modules will also be presented along with the opportunity to practice and discuss the scoring criteria. The clinical use of the ADOS-2 will also be discussed.

The workshop will be held at the Lawrence Education Community Center in Indianapolis. Registration fee is \$380.00 which includes all required materials and two DVDs. The workshop is designed for School Psychologists, Clinical Psychologists, Speech Language Pathologists, and related professionals interested in learning how to use the ADOS-2. Certificates of attendance for 12.5 instructional hours will be available at no cost.

[Click](#) to register. All registrations are processed online by Indiana University. For content questions, contact Catherine Davies (daviesc@indiana.edu) at (812) 855-6508. All registration payment questions should be directed to IU Conferences at 800-933-9330 or iuconfs@indiana.edu. For any other questions, contact Lisa Bidwell (lbidwell@indiana.edu) at (812) 855-6508.

KUDOS



Mank Receives Distinguished Public Service Award

Indiana Institute director [David Mank](#) was one of four recipients who received *Distinguished Public Service Awards* at the 2015 [Indiana Governor's Council for People with Disabilities](#) annual state conference on Monday, December 7, 2015. The Distinguished Public Service Awards presented by the Indiana Governor's Council for People with Disabilities recognizes people in the public and nonprofit sector who have made a significant commitment to advancing disability rights by advocating for policy, legislative, and systems change. The three additional recipients included Suellen Jackson-Bonner, past executive director of the [Indiana Governor's Council](#), John Dickerson, former executive director of [The ARC of Indiana](#), and Donna Roberts, executive director, retired, [United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Indiana](#).

ACROSS THE COURTYARD





Camp Yes And

Last summer, the Indiana Institute's [Center on Education and Lifelong Learning](#) and [Indiana Resource Center for Autism](#) collaborated to offer Camp Yes And, an improvisational theater summer camp for teens on the autism spectrum and teachers.

Camp Yes And, was the first program of its kind in Indiana, providing both direct service to individuals with autism and a professional development experience for teachers. Recently, the Center received a grant award from the Collaborative Research and Creative Activity Funding program administered by the [Office of the Vice Provost of Research](#) at Indiana University Bloomington to conduct research around the impact of Camp Yes And when it is offered again in the summer of 2016.

Improvisational theater has been used to help teens on the autism spectrum develop improved social relationships, flexible thinking, and communication skills. Feedback from Camp Yes And participants was very positive in this regard. For example, a teen participant remarked, "After the camp, I feel like I can listen to other people and cooperate with them better. The camp improved my quick thinking skills, too." A parent noted, "The great value of the improv camp was challenging the teens to observe their peers' gestures and body language during the skits to develop spontaneous dialogues!" A teacher participant added, "I loved thinking of ways to adapt the games for speech therapy sessions. Most everything we did would help increase a student with ASD's ability to interact and communicate with others."

The research component of Camp Yes And will explore the impact of improvisational theater training on the communication skills of teens on the autism spectrum and the self-efficacy of teachers. This project will establish a new line of research and validate the impact of this unique program.

The research will be a collaborative effort between the Center's Dr. Jim Ansaldo and [Dr. Karen Forrest](#) of IU's Department of Speech and Hearing Science. For more information on Camp Yes And, visit the newly created [website](#). For questions, contact Ansaldo at (812) 855-6508 or e-mail jansaldo@indiana.edu.

Libraries Information Literacy Course Grant

Institute [Librarian, Christina C. Wray](#) has been awarded an *Indiana University Libraries Information Literacy Course Grant* in partnership with Dr. Beatrix Burghart in the School of Education. Burghart and Wray are working together to incorporate information literacy skills into the *Level 5 Intensive English Program* offered to international students in preparation for beginning their academic careers in the United States. [Click](#) for more information about the IU Libraries Information Literacy Course Grants.



NEW STAFF



Kelley Land

The Institute's [Center on Community Living and Careers](#) would like to welcome [Kelley Land](#) to the Staff as a project coordinator. Land has worked in the human service field for the last 10 years and her experience includes management, transition services, benefits counseling, and program implementation. She received her Bachelor's degree in Business Management and completed her Master's degree in Public Affairs with a concentration in Human Resources from Indiana Wesleyan. She is also certified through Virginia Commonwealth University as a Community Work Incentives Coordinator. Land serves on the INAPSE board and several state work groups.



Pam Kendall

The Institute's Administrative Unit would like to welcome [Pam Kendall](#) to the staff. Kendall coordinates, facilitates, documents, and conducts in-depth planning and analysis of local and statewide information systems. She provides consultation across multiple organizational levels both internal and external to Institute including faculty, staff, and external project affiliates. She has significant experience supporting and managing information technology systems in a regulated environment to ensure a high quality of validation.

LIBRARY CORNER



Library Corner

- Clements, A. (2004). *Things not seen*. New York: Puffin Books.

"Bobby Phillips is an average fifteen-year-old-boy. Until the morning he wakes up and can't see himself in the mirror. Not blind, not dreaming-Bobby is just plain invisible... Bobby knows that his invisibility could have dangerous consequences for his family and that time is running out. He has to find out how to be seen again-before it's too late." –publisher

A Schneider Family Book Award winner

- John, A. (2011). *Five flavors of dumb*. New York: Speak.

"Piper is a seventeen-year-old high school senior, and she's just been challenged to get her school's super-popular rock band, Dumb, a paying gig. The catch? Piper is deaf. Can she manage a band with five wildly different musicians, nurture a budding

romance, and discover her own inner rock star, though she can't hear Dumb's music?" –publisher

A Schneider Family Book Award winner

- Martin, A. M. (2014). *Rain reign*. New York: Feiwel and Friends.

"Rose Howard is obsessed with homonyms. She's thrilled that her own name is a homonym, and she purposely gave her dog Rain a name with two homonyms (Reign, Rein), which, according to Rose's rules of homonyms, is very special. Not everyone understands Rose's obsessions, her rules, and the other things that make her different – not her teachers, not other kids, and not her single father." –publisher

A Schneider Family Book Award winner

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