

City of Bloomington Council for Community Accessibility DISABILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY AWARENESS MONTHS

March and April offer many opportunities to consider how welcoming our community is to people with disabilities. Bloomington joins communities across Indiana in observing March as "Disability Awareness Month." We also designate April as "Accessibility Awareness Month."

To publicize the activities, the Council for Community Accessibility has assembled a calendar of events occurring in Bloomington, including events and on the campuses of Indiana University and Ivy Tech Community College, during March and April.

In addition to the calendar, members of the CCA are providing weekly articles for publication in The (Bloomington) Herald-Times, making presentations in local schools, participating in a panel discussion at Ivy Tech Community College's Breakfast Learning Series on March 21 and displaying free disability-related materials for the public at the Monroe County Public Library and in the atrium of City Hall during the month of March.

To submit additional items for the calendar or for more information about the Council for Community Accessibility, please contact Special Projects Coordinator Craig Brenner at brennerc@bloomington.in.gov or 349.3471.

MARCH 2014

March 3 - 28

City of Bloomington Council for Community Accessibility Display in the Atrium of City Hall, 401 N. Morton Street, 8:00 am - 5 pm

Free materials for the public and materials from the Monroe County Public Library collection will be displayed during Disability Awareness Month.

March 4 - 12

"Dream to Dare"

Ivy Tech Bloomington, 200 Daniels Way, 2nd Floor Rotunda

Disability Awareness month activities take place in the second floor rotunda. This year's theme encourages us to rethink and revitalize our communities. Posters focus on our attitudes toward what we want to achieve - communities that are sustainable, accessible, economically viable, encouraging inclusive civic and social engagement. Materials are provided by the Governor's Council for People with Disabilities and displays are by Ivy Tech - Bloomington students, faculty and staff. Free. Sue Gauck, 812-330-6046 or sgauck@ivytech.edu

March 4, 7

IU Cinema Shorts Program

Indiana University Cinema, 1213 East 7th Street, 9:00 pm

In celebration of Disability Awareness month, IU Cinema, Stone Belt Arc and Sprout Film Festival present a short film and video program related to the field of developmental disabilities. People with developmental disabilities as subjects and performers remain marginalized in the media. The Sprout Film Festival aims to raise their profile by showcasing works of all genres featuring this population. By presenting films of artistry and intellect, the festival hopes to reinforce accurate portrayals of people with developmental disabilities and expose the general public to important issues facing this population. The goal is an enjoyable and enlightening experience that will help break down stereotypes, promoting a greater acceptance of differences and awareness of similarities. The Program includes:

Against the Fence – The Riley Campbell Story (2011), USA, 19 minutes, documentary

3:15 to Brunswick (2013), Australia, 3 minutes, dance, documentary

Breaking Boundaries: The Art of Alex Masket (2009), USA, 18 minutes, documentary

Dancing with Downs (2009), Spain, 8 minutes, documentary

The Ups of Downs (2002), UK, 10 minutes, documentary

Recycling of Souls (2011), Poland, 5 minutes, documentary

One Question (2011), USA, 8 minutes, documentary

Rainman goes to Rockwiz (2010), Australia, 30 minutes, documentary

For more information on the Sprout Film Festival, visit <http://www.gosprout.org/>.

March 5

Access to Ceramics Classes by Adults with Visual Impairments

Indiana Institute on Disability & Community (IIDC), 1905 N. Range Rd., 2 pm - 3:00 pm

Meet to discuss ideas for increasing opportunities for Bloomingtonians with visual impairments to take advantage of local clay classes. Attendance is free, but RSVP is required. Jane Harlan-Simmons, jeharlan@indiana.edu or 812-855-2167

March 5

The Stone Belt Story

Ivy Tech Bloomington Ferguson Building, 200 Daniels Way, 1:30 pm

Ivy Tech Community College Bloomington will host Stone Belt Human Resource professionals and clients for an educational program. "The Stone Belt Story" covers the agency's history and economic impact on South Central Indian, and how students, college employees and people in the community can get involved with this leading employer. Refreshments will be served. Katie Anderson, kanderso@ivytech.edu

March 6

Sensory Storytime

Monroe County Public Library, 303 E Kirkwood Ave., 10:00 am - 10:30 am

The Children's Program Room has interactive and educational stories for children ages 3 - 6 with sensory integration issues. Stories, song, and activities are combined to stimulate all the senses and promote learning. To register call 812-349-3100, go online to mcpl.info/calendar or stop by any reference desk.

March 6

Accessibility Online Webinar: "Ask the U.S. Access Board," 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

The US Access Board will answer questions about the 2010 ADA Standards and the Architectural Barriers Act Accessibility Standards. Questions may be submitted in advance. Free, but you must register at <http://www.accessibilityonline.org>. Matt Norris, adainfo@indiana.edu or 812-855-6508.

March 6

What's Next? Employment for Youth with Special Needs Disabilities

Monroe County Public Library, 303 E. Kirkwood Ave., Room 2B, 4 pm - 5:30 pm

Dr. Teresa Grossi, Director for the Center on Community Living and Careers at the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community, will discuss career prep, development and meeting career and employment challenges. All ages and abilities welcome. Registration not required but to do so call 812-349-3228, go online mcpl.info/calendar, or stop by any reference desk.

March 7 - 8

"I AM YOU"

Bloomington Playwright's Project, 107 W. 9th Street, 7:00 pm

Don't miss the 4th season of "I AM YOU," unique and powerful theater written and performed by individuals with developmental disabilities. This year's first act features a series of monologues on self-determination, love, friendship, loss, hopes and dreams. In the second act the Playback Troupe will improvise stories based on audience participation. The troupe is the first of its kind in Indiana, and the only inclusive troupe in the US. \$15 tickets available at the Buskirk-Chumley Theater box office. Sign language interpretation will be available for the March 8 performance.

March 9

World Down Syndrome Day

Down Syndrome Family Connection will host a family pitch-in meal to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day. Details at www.downsyndromefamilyconnection.org.

March 11

Mock Interview Day

Job Developers Council, 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Mock Interview Day is a chance for individuals with disabilities to practice interviewing with a community employer. The Job Development Council, part of the Community Transition Council and Diversity Works, consists of representatives from Bloomington North and South High Schools, Community Transitions Program, LifeDesigns, Stone Belt, Centerstone and the Office of Vocational Rehab. To participate contact Brandi Hamilton, bhamilton@lifedesignsinc.org.

March 12

ADA Legal Webinar: "The ADA and Religious Institutions," 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

This webinar explains how the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) applies to religious institutions. Free, but you must register at <http://www.ada-audio.org/Webinar/ADALegal/> Matt Norris, adainfo@indiana.edu or 812-855-6508.

March 12

Monroe County Coalition for Access and Mobility (MCCAM)

IIDC, 1905 N. Range Rd., 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

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March 12 - 13

Building Leadership Series Workshops

Holiday Inn Express, 117 S. Franklin Street, Bloomington

The Indiana Institute on Disability and Community is hosting leadership workshops for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Jennie Todd, 812-855-6508 or jeptodd@indiana.edu

March 17

The American Council of the Blind Meeting

St. Marks United Methodist Church, 100 Indiana St. Rd. 46, 7:00 pm

Monthly meeting of Bloomington's Chapter of The American Council of the Blind (ACB), Heartland Association of ACB, an organization that exists to support and connect people who are blind or vision impaired. 812-269-6531 or Barbara Salisbury, barbara.salisbury@att.net

March 18

ADA Audio Conference: "Bringing It All Together: Transition Plans, Barrier Removal Plans, and Action Plans," IIDC Bldg. L, 1905 N. Range Rd., 2 – 3:30 pm

This free audio conference will feature Irene Bowen, former DOJ Deputy Chief, and James Terry, architect, Evan Terry Associates. Learn about the US Department of Justice's requirements for transition plans and suggestions for barrier removal plans. Presenters will cover remediation project management, and how to tie corrective actions to the planning and budgeting process. Matt Norris, adainfo@indiana.edu or 812-855-6508.

March 18

Project SEARCH Celebration

Indiana Center for Life Sciences, 501 N. Profile Parkway, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Project SEARCH Indiana will congratulate its fourth rotation of interns with a graduation celebration. Project SEARCH gives young adults with developmental disabilities the opportunity to complete three two month professional internships while taking job skills classes to prepare for long-term employment. Project SEARCH is a collaboration between Stone Belt Arc, Cook Inc., Ivy Tech, Indiana Family and Social Services Administrative Office of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community. Each intern will present his or her experiences and plans for the future. Attendance is open to the public and will include light refreshments and the opportunity to talk with the interns.

March 19

Awards of Excellence Ceremony and Luncheon

St. Mark's Church, 100 North State Road 46, 11:30 am - 2:00 pm

Each year, Stone Belt recognizes exceptional staff members during its Awards for Excellence event. Recipients are chosen for meritorious service in five categories: *Quality of Service, Positive Client Outcomes, Community Outreach, Operational Excellence, and Resource Efficiency*. Join us in recognizing the hard work and daily contributions of exceptional staff. Stone Belt CEO Leslie Green and Trish Lerino, Board President, will officiate.

March 19

Autism-Friendly Movie Showing: Despicable Me 2

Monroe County Public Library Auditorium, 6:30 pm - 8:15 pm

Stand up, dance, shout, and sing out during this special film showing for individuals living with autism. With the lights turned up a bit and the sound turned down a tad,

you can relax and enjoy *Despicable Me 2* with family and friends without worrying if someone will complain or be disturbed by noise or movement. All ages are welcome.

March 21

Inclusive Healthcare: Disability Perspectives

Ivy Tech Bloomington, Lamkin Hall, 8:00 am - 9:30 am

A panel of people with disabilities will share their experiences and offer visions and practical advice about the accessibility of the health care system at Ivy Tech's Breakfast Learning Series session. The audience will include mental health providers, psychiatrists, psychologists, counselors, therapists and social workers. Dr. Lisa Connolly, lconnolly@ivytech.edu

March 25

"Way to Go" Travel Training

Bloomington Transit hosts monthly individual and group travel training sessions to teach people of all abilities how to navigate the city bus system. Additional classes can be arranged. Free but you must RSVP. Eli McCormick, mccormick@bloomingtontransit.com or 812-336-7433.

March 26

Bloomington/Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization - Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting

City Hall McCloskey Conference Room #135, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

The goal of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) is to include citizens in development of transportation policy and planning. At monthly meetings the CAC reviews transportation projects and policies and makes recommendations to the Policy Committee of the Metropolitan Planning Organization. Visit their website: <http://bloomington.in.gov/mpo>. Anna Dragovich, dragovia@bloomington.in.gov, 812-349-3423.

March 27

Accessible IT Webinar: "Introduction to ARIA"

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

In this free webinar from the Great Lakes ADA Center, learn what Accessible Rich Internet Application (ARIA) is and how it is important to accessible web design. Learn how easy it is to add ARIA landmark roles to code in standard HTML pages and in WordPress themes. Free, but you must register at <http://www.ada-audio.org/Webinar/AccessibleTechnology/>. Matt Norris, adainfo@indiana.edu or 812-855-6508

March 27

Business Recognition Awards

Fountain Square Ballroom, 101 W. Kirkwood Ave., 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Diversity Works of South Central Indiana, a Steering Committee that includes Stone Belt, LifeDesigns, Centerstone, WorkOne and Vocational Rehabilitation, presents this event to honor organizations in Bloomington that have made outstanding contributions employing people with developmental disabilities in the past year. The Committee works to increase employment of people with disabilities by increasing awareness about the benefits of hiring people with disabilities. Light refreshments will be served.

March 29

Bloomington AIDS Walk

Showers Plaza, 401 N. Morton Street

Funds raised at the South Central Community AIDS Action Group's 10th annual Bloomington AIDS Walk will provide nutritional supplements, transportation and case management services for patients. Volunteers are needed for setup, registration, route monitoring and tear down. Minimum volunteer age is 18 or 12 if accompanied by an adult. www.btownaidswalk.org or Heydi Correa-Encarnacion, hcorreaencar@iuhealth.org or 812-353-3249

March 31

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April 5

2014 Hoosier Half Marathon, 8:00 am - 12:00 noon

Stone Belt is looking forward to one of its most anticipated annual events, the Hoosier Half Marathon and 5K, presented by the Indiana Running Company. If registrants sign up to be part of the "Stone Belt Team" a portion of the registration fee will be donated to Stone Belt. www.hoosierhalf.com

April 7

Special Education Training, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

IN*SOURCE will host a training session on special education. Additional details to follow. Visit www.downsyndromefamilyconnection.org or contact Cyndi Johnson, info@downsyndromefamilyconnection.org

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April 15

ADA Audio Conference: Topic TBD

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This 90-minute session will cover an issue related to the Americans with Disabilities Act. The moderator will leave time for questions from the audience. Matt Norris, adainfo@indiana.edu or 812-855-6508.

April 21

Panel Discussion with MCCSC Special Education Professionals, 6 pm - 8:00 pm

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