Council for Community Accessibility

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Bloomington Observes Disability Awareness & Accessibility Awareness Months!

Calendar of Events During March and April 2011

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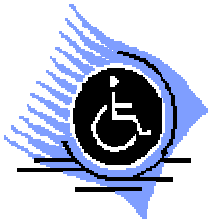

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Entire Month of March Options Drawing Contest for Students in Grades 1-5 on the theme "Cultivate Inclusion"

All Monroe County students in grades 1-5 are eligible to enter. Winners will be recognized at the Options Annual Meeting in April, date to be announced. For information: 800-875-9615

March 1 Special Olympics Bowling

At Classic Lanes, 1421 North Willis Drive, Bloomington, 6:00pm. For information: stonebeltarc@gmail.com.

March 3 Business Recognition Ceremony

Ten businesses that have made outstanding contributions to the employment of people with disabilities will be recognized in an event jointly sponsored by the DiversityWorks Steering Committee, Stone Belt, Options, WorkOne, Centerstone, and Vocational Rehabilitation. The event will occur from 2:00 – 3:30 pm at Fountain Square Mall Ballroom, 101 West Kirkwood. Park at the 4th and Walnut garage. For information: Bitta DeWees - bdewees@stonebelt.org or 335-3507, Ext. 273.

March 3 Accessibility Online Webinar: "Accessible Swimming Pools and Spas"

The ADA and Accessibility Guidelines address independent access to swimming pools and spas and provide criteria for pool lifts, sloped entries, transfer steps, transfer walls and accessible stairs. This webinar will review specifications for pool and spa accessibility. Aquatic recreation facilities, such as lazy rivers and wave action pools, will also be addressed. Presenters will be Peggy Greenwell and Bill Botten of the US Access Board. The free webinar will be held from 2:30 – 4:00 pm; you must register at http://www.accessibilityonline.org. For information: Matt Norris or Vicki Pappas, adainfo@indiana.edu or 855-6508.

March 8 Accessible Technology Webinar: "Quick Checks for PDF Accessibility"

Generally, PDF files are not created with accessibility in mind. There are several methods to check a PDF file for accessibility or to make changes to a PDF to meet accessibility guidelines. This session will show "Quick Checks" you can perform on a PDF file to see if it is accessible; it will also illustrate ways PDF files are created and how that makes a difference in accessibility. Presenter will be Christy Blew, IT Accessibility Specialist at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The free webinar will be held from 2 – 3:30 pm.; register at http://www.ada-audio.org/Webinar/AccessibleTechnology/. For information: Matt Norris or Vicki Pappas, adainfo@indiana.edu or 855-6508.

March 8 ADA and Transportation Webinar: "On-Time Performance in Paratransit"

The session will address scheduling practices that fundamentally affect on-time performance, including using the one-hour scheduling window correctly and scheduling to the appointment time. The session will also discuss aspects of on-time performance including pick-ups, drop-offs and avoiding very early and late service. Presenter will be Marilyn Golden, Policy Analyst at the Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF). The free webinar will be held from 2 – 3:30 pm.; register at http://www.adaconferences.org/Transportation/. For information: Matt Norris or Vicki Pappas, adainfo@indiana.edu or 855-6508.

March 10 Regional Forum: "Building Pathways to Empowerment"

The Arc of Indiana and Stone Belt will hold a Regional Forum for The Building Pathways to Empowerment Campaign. The goal of the campaign is to redesign and redefine the system of services for people with developmental disabilities to provide what people want and

need in the most sensible way possible. There will be an opportunity for consumers, families, and advocates to hear more about the campaign and participate in roundtable discussions on identified areas. The Forum will be held at Ivy Tech in Lampkins Hall from 6 - 8:30 pm. Childcare will be provided. For information: Leslie Green, lgreen@stonebelt.org or 335-3507.

March 10 Parent Connections for Independence Support Group of Parents of Adults with Disabilities

At College Mall Food Court (upper level), 7:00 pm. The group meets the second Thursday each month, with alternating monthly presentations and parent discussions. For information: Vonnie Peischl, vpeischl@indiana.edu or Suzie Rimstidt, sicilmonroe@msn.com or 332-1916.

March 15 ADA Audio Conference: "Ins and Outs of Conducting a Self-Evaluation"

Within the past year, the U.S. Department of Justice has issued revised Title II Regulations for the ADA and adopted the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design. Local governments might see this as an opportune time to review accessibility of their programs, services and facilities by conducting self-evaluations. This session will cover not only the "ins and outs" of self-evaluations, but also provide resources and best practices. This free audio conference will be hosted by the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community, Building L, from 2 – 3:30 pm. For information: Matt Norris or Vicki Pappas, adainfo@indiana.edu or 855-6508.

March 15 Bloomington Transit "Way To Go" Travel Training

Individual and group travel training available. Interested parties should check Bloomington Transit's website at http://www.bloomingtontransit.com/ or contact Eli at mccormie@bloomingtontransit.com.

March 16 ADA Legal Webinar: "Post-Secondary Education and Licensing Under the ADA"

The Department of Justice and federal court decisions confirm that colleges, universities, community colleges, and licensing entities are covered by Titles II and III of the ADA. Questions frequently arise about the types of reasonable accommodations and modifications required by the ADA, as well as the boundaries of permissible medical inquiries.

Olympian Bruce Jenner's learning disability did not prevent him from winning the Decathlon in 1976!

Barry Taylor and Alan Goldstein from the Equip for Equality Protection and Advocacy Program in Illinois will review current case law. This free webinar requires registration at http://www.ada-audio.org/Webinar/ADALegal/. The webinar will be held from 2 – 3:30 pm, using an accessible online conferencing system. For information: Matt Norris or Vicki Pappas, adainfo@indiana.edu or 855-6508.

March 22 Disability Awareness Fair

IUB's Office of Disability Services is sponsoring an interactive event exploring disabilities and resources available at IU and in the community. The Fair features information displays, student art and writings, adaptive technology demos and more! The Fair will be held in the lobby of the Wells Library from 10 am – 2 pm. For information: Dorothy Lenard, dorwells@indiana.edu or 855-7578.

March 22 Josh Bleill Presentation: "One Step at a Time"

Josh Bleill, Marine veteran from the Iraq war, is a double-amputee veteran working for the Indianapolis Colts as a community spokesperson. He will share his experiences and insights as he made the journey from enlistment, active duty in Fallujah, two years of rehab, and ultimately to his job speaking for the Colts. Audiences have been inspired by his undying enthusiasm, infectious joy, and sense of humor as he relates how he came to understand that life begins when we embrace our bad days and keep going forward, one step at a time. His presentation will be at the Indiana Memorial Union, State Room East, from 6 – 8 pm. After his talk, he will have a book signing for his newly-released book, *One Step at a Time*. For information: Jennifer Skulski, jskulski@indiana.edu or 856-4428.

March 23 Accessible University: "Student Perspectives on Accessibility"

This is a monthly presentation hosted by IU's Disability Roundtable. This session will feature voices of students with disabilities discussing life on campus, academically and socially. Members of the student panel will highlight IU's successes in creating a more welcoming environment on campus, as well as bring to light continuing concerns about accommodations and accessibility. The presentation will be held in the Oak Room of the Indiana Memorial Union from noon – 1:30 pm. For information: Vicki Pappas, adainfo@indiana.edu or 855-6508.

President Roosevelt led the nation while his legs were paralyzed by polio.

March 23 Bloomington/Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization – Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting

Interested citizens are invited to be an integral part of the local transportation planning process. The goal of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) is to foster and develop citizen awareness 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. This month's meeting will be held at 6:30 – 8:00 pm in the McCloskey Room, Suite 135 at City Hall, 401 N. Morton Street. To participate or for more information: Raymond Hess, 349-3423 or visit http://bloomington.in.gov/mpo.

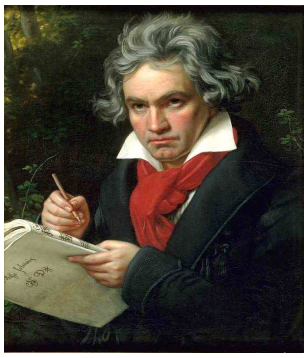
March 25 - March 31 Ivy Tech Bloomington: "Cultivate Inclusion"

Disability Awareness Month activities will take place in the 2nd floor rotunda at Ivy Tech Community College, 200 Daniels Way, from March 25th through March 31st. This year's theme features people of different ages, ethnicities, and abilities working together to plant a colorful urban flower garden. The text encourages everyone to contribute to not only a beautiful community, but an inclusive community, by being open to the unique gifts of others. This year's materials are sponsored by Duke Energy and resources are provided by Ivy Tech Bloomington students. The public is invited to this free event. For information: Sue Gauck, sgauck@ivytech.edu or 330-6046.

March 26 Celebrating Abilities Resource Fair

Celebrate Disability Awareness as the Down Syndrome Family Connection goes "On Safari" for its third annual fair, from 9:30 am – 12 noon at Sherwood Oaks Christian Church. This event will feature live animal entertainment and other safari fun, and more than 40 exhibitors with products and services for persons with disabilities. There will also be breakout sessions and door prizes. Fun for the whole family, the fair is free and open to the public; attendees are invited to bring animal care products as donations (pet food, treats, gift certificates, aquariums, cotton balls, etc.). For information:

Cyndi Johnson, info@downsyndromefamilyconnection.org or 812-720-9603.



Beethoven was deaf when he conducted his Ninth Symphony!

Saturday, March 26 CASCI's High Tea: Celebrate Inclusion!

Citizen Advocacy of South-Central Indiana, Inc. (CASCI) is celebrating Disability Awareness Month by sponsoring a High Tea. Each table will feature a three-tiered tea tray serving scones, tea sandwiches, savories, and sweets; at the Showers Inn Bed & Breakfast, 430 North Washington Street, Bloomington, 2 – 4 pm. Tickets are $25. There will also be selected teapots for sale. For information: Jo Gilbertson, cascinews@gmail.com or 219-5566.

March 28 City of Bloomington Council for Community Accessibility

The monthly meeting of the City of Bloomington Council for Community Accessibility (CCA) will be held from 4 – 5:30 pm at City Hall in the McCloskey Conference Room (#135). Open to those interested in making Bloomington a more accessible city. For information: Craig Brenner, brennerc@bloomington.in.gov.

March 29 Jump Starting Your Career: Putting Disability to Work in Today's Job

Union Street Center, 445 North Union St., Room C112. At 7:30pm education experts will share information on disability law in the career setting. Alumni speakers will share personal experiences, tips, and tactics for developing effective job search strategies and preparing for a job interview.

Sponsored by IU Career Development Center and Disability Services. For information: Dorothy Lenard, dorwells@indiana.edu or 855-7578.

April To Be Announced Options Annual Meeting

Each year Options recognizes staff, customers, board members, volunteers and members of the community at its annual meeting. If you know someone who has made an impact and you would like that person to be recognized, please use the nomination form at http://www.optionsfbl.com.

April 5 Be More Awards Celebration

The Be More Awards honor and applaud the outstanding, but often unrecognized, efforts of our community volunteers at the Buskirk-Chumley Theater, 114 East Kirkwood Ave., 7:00 pm; presented by the City of Bloomington Volunteer Network, the Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County, the IU Credit Union, the United Way of Monroe County and WTIU Public Television. This free event is open to the public.

April 10 Homeward Bound Walk: "Fighting Homelessness One Step at a Time"

Homeward Bound Indiana, a project of the Indiana Association for Community Economic Development (IACED), is a series of annual walks in communities throughout Indiana. Bloomingon's walk begins at Third Street Park at 11:30 am. For information: Kathy Meyer, 349-3467 or mayerk@bloomington.in.gov or Warren Wade, Assistant Director, Stepping Stones, 339-9771 or wwade@steppingstones-inc.org.

Nelson Rockefeller, 41st Vice President of the US, Governor of New York, philanthropist, and businessman was thought to have a learning disability.

April 12 ADA and Transportation Webinar: "No-Shows in ADA Paratransit"

The DOT ADA regulation allows transit agencies to suspend, for a reasonable period of time, the provision of paratransit service to riders who establish a pattern or practice of missing scheduled trips, also known as no-shows. The session will discuss not counting no-shows beyond the rider's control, using a proportion of no-shows rather than an absolute number, alerting the rider of no-shows, suspensions and the appeal process, how financial penalties may be optional in lieu of a suspension, recommended no-show procedures, strategies for reducing no-shows, and late cancellations. Presenter will be Marilyn Golden, Policy Analyst at the Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF). The free webinar will be held from 2 – 3:30 pm.; register at: http://www.adaconferences.org/Transportation/. For information: Matt Norris or Vicki Pappas, adainfo@indiana.edu or 855-6508.

April 13 Monroe/Owen County Transition Council Annual Transition Fair

The Monroe/Owen County Transition Council annual Transition Fair is at Ivy Tech-Bloomington, 200 Daniel Way, from 4:30 - 7:00 pm. For information: Suzie Rimstidt, Monroe County Outreach Coordinator for SICIL (Southern IN Center for Independent Living), 332-1916.

April 19 ADA Audio Conference: "Are My Recreational Facilities Accessible? Where Do We Start?"

The session will provide an overview of what are considered "Recreational Facilities" under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The presenter will cover the new ADA regulations and standards from the U.S. Department of Justice and suggest best practices for insuring accessibility and compliance with the ADA. This free audio conference will be held at the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community, Building L from 2 – 3:30 pm. For information: Matt Norris or Vicki Pappas, adainfo@indiana.edu or 855-6508.

April 16 Celebration of Families Festival

The Celebration of Families Festival will be held from noon – 3 pm in Third Street Park, S. Washington and 3rd Streets. The Festival will provide information about activities, events, and opportunities from local organizations, agencies, and businesses. Booths will offer interactive activities (ring toss, floating ducks, basketball, face painting etc.) as well as prizes and give-away items. A food trailer will provide free food. In case of inclement weather, the Festival will be held at Girls Inc., 1108 West 8th Street. For information: Liz Franklin, franklinliz08@gmail.com.

April 19

"Career Accessibility: Strategies for Aligning Your Strengths with Employment"

Geared for Ivy Tech students and graduates with disabilities who are pursuing careers based upon their interests, values and competencies, the focus will be on career decision-making using a variety of resources to consider best fit, job analysis, potential advancement and employment outlook. The presentation is free and open to all Ivy Tech students, graduates and friends of Ivy Tech Community College-Bloomington. The presentation will be held from 4 - 5:30 pm at Ivy Tech, Room B-214. RSVP to Katie Anderson, kanderso@ivytech.edu.

April 20 "Accessible E-Readers"

This is a monthly presentation hosted by IU's Disability Roundtable. This session will feature Dr. Marilyn Irwin from IU's School of Library and Information Sciences describing some accessibility issues with electronic books and how they have been/should be overcome. The presentation will be held in the Oak Room of the Indiana Memorial Union from noon – 1:00 pm. For information: Vicki Pappas, adainfo@indiana.edu or 855-6508.

April 21 Bloomington Business EXPO

Several Monroe County disability service providers will exhibit at Business EXPO, South Central Indiana's largest free business-to-business trade show, open to the public from 2 -7 pm at the Bloomington Convention Center. Visit booths of Abilities Unlimited and others. This year's Expo also will feature "Taste of Expo" presented by various local restaurants.

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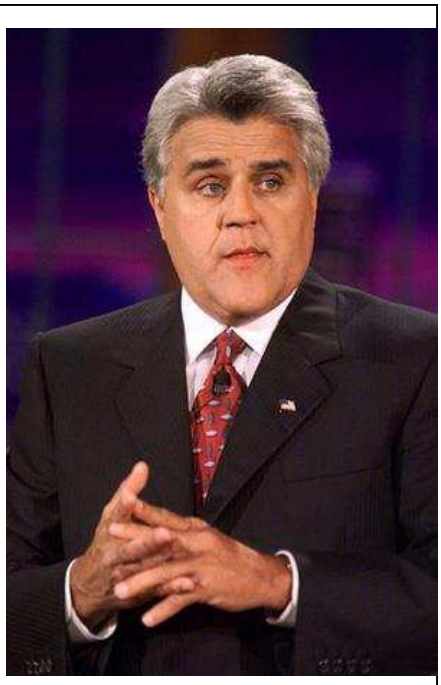
April 28 Stone Belt Empowered Learning Series Presents Financial Planning for Families with Special Needs

This session is designed to educate the community about disability issues and features a certified financial planner who specializing in planning for special needs; the panel also includes an attorney specializing in the establishment of special needs trusts. Topics include wills, trusts, guardianship, life insurance and retirement beneficiaries and more. Indiana University Innovation Center, 2719 E. 10th Street, Bloomington, Main Conference Room, 10 am - noon. This event is free and open to the public, but space is limited. RSVP to

communityengagement@stonebelt.org or 332-2168, ext. 269.

For more information about Disability Awareness Month or Accessibility Awareness Month, please contact Craig Brenner, brennerc@ bloomington.in.gov or 349-3471.

Walt Disney, an American film producer, director, screenwriter, voice actor, animator, entrepreneur, and philanthropist, had a learning disability



Jay Leno, host of The Tonight Show with Jay Leno from 1992-2009, has a learning disability.

Hall of Fame pitcher Nolan Ryan, all-time leader in strikeouts and no-hitters, has a learning disability.