

## *Fact Sheet 2011*

Our mission is to work with communities to welcome, value, and support the meaningful participation of people of all ages and abilities through research, education, and service. The Indiana Institute on Disability and Community (IIDC) at Indiana University, Bloomington has pursued research, education, and service since 1970. For over four decades, our work has been about putting good ideas into everyday life in schools and communities in the interest of people with disabilities and their families.

### **Indiana Institute Center Highlights for 2011**

#### **Early Childhood Center**

- Identified skills and instructional routines associated with successful school readiness. Managed the Indiana Family-to-Family (INF2f) project linking families of young children to people, information, and community resources.
- Evaluated Indiana's Part H Early Intervention System (First Steps).
- Maintained the Early Childhood Meeting Place, a web-based information clearinghouse (13,000 visitors viewing 93,000 pages of events and resources).

#### **Center on Education and Lifelong Learning**

- Assisted schools to organize and deliver services supporting students and teachers through Instructional Consultation Teams (IC Teams).
  - Promoted service learning initiatives around environmental and social issues.
  - Provided program evaluations in curriculum, school structures and cultures, special services, and small community initiatives.
  - Worked with model sites and school districts addressing issues of disproportionality through web-based and on-site technical assistance.
  - Prepared educators in designing units of study that respect learner differences through Differentiated Instruction.
  - Provided training and technical assistance to school districts to develop initiatives in school-wide Positive Behavior supports (SW-PBS).
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### Center on Community Living and Careers

- Coordinated nine Project SEARCH sites providing transition-age youth with internship experiences (42 have been hired) in preparation for employment.
- Developed web-based secondary transition resources for special education professionals.
- Provided online orientation and training for VR Counselors and supervisors.
- Worked with 35 businesses to hire persons with disabilities.
- Trained a statewide cadre of professional liaisons in benefits and work incentives.
- Worked with financial stability coalitions to provide information to people with disabilities and families about assets money management.
- Worked to develop educational opportunities for students with disabilities at Indiana colleges and universities.

### Center on Aging and Community

- Conducted a Building Leadership Training Series (BLS) for skill building in choice, self-determination, and person-centered planning for adults with disabilities. BLS has graduated 90 participants.
- Provided access to careers in the Arts through ArtsWORK Indiana, an employment-focused website.
- Provided support to community planners seeking to transform communities into good places to grow old through web-based resources.

### Indiana Resource Center for Autism

- Worked with 14 Indiana schools to provide technical assistance on evidence-based practices for measuring progress and outcomes for students on the autism spectrum.
- Maintained a website of services and resource materials for families and professional who work with persons with autism spectrum disorders.

### Center for Planning and Policy Studies

- Conducted a state-wide survey to gather input from people with disabilities, family members, and community service providers to determine priorities for Indiana's five-year state disabilities plan.
- Hosted audio conferences and webinars on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- Coordinated ADA-Indiana's Community ADA Implementation Grants program.
- Participated in Indiana University's Disability Roundtable focusing on accessibility.

### Center for Disability Information and Referral

- Worked to improve services to library patrons through research and outreach incorporating mobile applications that are of interest to people with disabilities.
- Provided instruction to pre-service educators and service providers on how best to access information and services for those with disabilities.
- Maintained a lending library of 5,000 books, kits, videos, and DVDs that are available to residents of Indiana and online through IU libraries.

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