The 2010 Indiana Financial Stability Conference brings together key stakeholders from financial stability coalitions and disability-related organizations to address the promises and possibilities of improving the financial outlook and future for people with disabilities.

This conference provides multiple opportunities to network with potential coalition partners, gain knowledge, and share best practice experiences in money management and asset development for low income individuals.

Register now! It’s easy!
Complete the attached registration form and email it to Sherry Redman at sredman@indiana.edu or fax to 812-855-9630.

Conference location:
Sheraton Indianapolis Hotel & Suites
8787 Keystone Crossing
Indianapolis, IN 46240
317-574-6736
We invite you to join us for the 2010 Financial Literacy Symposium, “Get a Kick in Your Assets,” June 15, 9-4pm, Sheraton Hotel & Suites in Indianapolis.

Through a variety of conference sessions, you’ll learn about why it’s important to include people with disabilities and their families in financial stability coalitions and activities. You’ll also find out about the unique needs and challenges that people with disabilities face as they sort through benefits and the use of work incentives, and you’ll discover existing programs that can be used to improve the financial situation of people with disabilities.

Who should attend?
- Members of financial stability coalitions
- Service provider organization staff
- Employment specialists
- Educators
- Social workers
- Vocational Rehabilitation Staff

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Keynote Presentation
Making Asset Development Accessible for Everyone!

Inger Giuffrida
Financial Educator and Asset Building Consultant

Asset development encompasses a wide range of policies, practices, and programs designed to help people with low income and limited resources achieve financial stability and economic security. This participatory session will provide practical information about asset development strategies, creating a platform of common understanding for collaboration among service providers, community-based organizations, funding agencies, educational institutions, corporations, and government in Indiana. During the session, Ms. Giuffrida will share models of asset development, including the asset development continuum and the credit path model. In addition, she will highlight emerging trends, best practices, and approaches to ensuring that asset development is accessible and effective for people with disabilities.
The Role of Social Marketing and Coalition Building
Inger Giuffrida

Financial stability work includes multiple approaches all designed to help individuals and families save money, use resources more efficiently, build assets, and withstand economic fluctuations in their households. Social marketing can play an important role in the success of financial stability coalitions and initiatives. This session will provide an overview of social marketing including the principles as well as practical applications of social marketing in the context of financial stability coalition activities. The conclusion will include examples of social marketing used in savings campaigns, financial education efforts and financial stability coalitions.

Creating Real Economic Impact for People with Disabilities
Richard Keeling
The Internal Revenue Service

Partnering with organizations across the country, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Stakeholder Partnerships, Education and Communication (SPEC) disability initiative provides help and assistance to taxpayers with disabilities. This session will discuss available tax credits, deductions, free tax help, and programs such as the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Impairment Related Work Expense (IRWE) that can work for you, your loved one, or the individual you support. The IRS also helps to increase local communities’ understanding of and how to access community-based asset-building and financial education resources.

The Benefits Information Network and Working Toward Independence
Becky Banks
The Center on Community Living and Careers

Working and earning money helps people with disabilities become more independent and fully enjoy the benefits of participating in their communities. But programs such as SSI, OASDI, and Medicaid have earning and resource limits that are disincentives to work. Benefits can be decreased or even cut off, causing families, advocates, and agencies to counsel against working, even though work is recognized for the non-financial benefits it provides, such as self esteem and friendship. In this session Ms. Banks will discuss benefits and how work incentive programs can allow people with disabilities to work and increase their income beyond what government benefits provide but without losing valuable benefits.
The Arc Trust and Benefits Management
Melissa Justice
The Arc of Indiana

Regardless of your age, or your child's age or disability, planning for the future is important. The Arc Master Trust is our response to a need felt by many families who wonder what will happen to their loved one after they are gone. Established in 1988, The Arc Master Trust serves Hoosiers of all disabilities, including people with physical, mental, emotional, and intellectual and other developmental disabilities. In this session, Ms. Justice will discuss The Arc Trust and how the trust can help people save for future needs or large future purchases while protecting their government benefits. Included in the presentation will be a practical example of how families learn about the trust and how the trust is set up.

Where Does Your Money Go?
Edie Sutton
Purdue Cooperative Extension Services

Helping clients understand the importance of living within their means is not an easy task. “Where Does Your Money Go?” is a program developed by Purdue Cooperative Extension designed to help individuals learn practical ways to manage their money. Information in this session will help you teach your clients goal setting, developing a spending/savings plan, identifying and decreasing spending leaks, and understanding needs and wants.

Your conference registration includes continental breakfast as well as a luncheon buffet.

Please be sure to indicate on the registration form if you need special accommodations.

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Get a Kick in Your Assets!

June 15, 2010

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Please complete one registration form for EACH participant. REGISTER EARLY!

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