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. Visit us on the Web at www.iidc.indiana.edu.

Indiana Institute Center Highlights for 2013

**Early Childhood Center**
- Maintains the Early Childhood Meeting Place website providing information, services, and resources for Indiana’s early childhood professionals and families of young children.
- Conducted a study investigating how early education programs in Indiana were doing in relation to other states and how best practices aligned with effective early education programs over the past 10 years.
- Collected and analyzed child and family assessment data under Indiana’s Part C lead agency, to evaluate the program’s impact. Data analyzed included 6,142 children and 3,333 families.

**Center on Education and Lifelong Learning**
- Established the Indiana Teacher Appraisal and Support System (IN-TASS) to meet the needs of a 2011 law requiring Indiana schools to conduct annual evaluations of all teachers.
- Promotes teacher leadership in schools to support sustainable learning organizations through Universal Design for Differentiated Instruction (UDDI).
- Delivers support for teachers in instructional design that meets the needs of individual students through the Instructional Consultation Team process.
- Provided 15 quality program evaluations for special and unified education programs.
Center on Community Living and Careers

- Provides professional development for Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VRS) staff in areas related to benefits, mental health, career guidance, and independent living.
- Certified 43 employment service providers through the Employment Special Training Series.
- Works with the Indiana Department of Education to improve secondary transition education services and outcomes in schools through professional development.
- Supports the work of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) corporate initiatives in supported employment.
- Provides internships and work skills employment to 366 Project SEARCH participants.
- Trains statewide professional liaisons in benefits and work incentives (132 liaisons have reviewed 1,421 plans).
- Develops educational opportunities for students with disabilities at Indiana colleges and universities.
- Collects and analyzes Day and Employment Services Outcomes (DESOS) data tracking information from businesses that provide employment to people with disabilities.

Center on Aging and Community

- Provides consultation and support to three Indiana communities to encourage age-friendly neighborhood development.
- Preserves life stories of Indiana citizens through the Indiana Disability History Project.
- Administers a multi-day workshop series providing training in life areas for persons with disabilities.
- Supports 18 families from three communities in Indiana on issues of family care and support through social media.
- Provided access to careers and mentorships in the arts through ArtsWORK Indiana, an employment-focused website.

Indiana Resource Center for Autism

- Builds local capacity in schools and districts through evidence-based programming for students with autism (390 interdisciplinary teams have received training to date).
- Coached 25 Indiana schools/districts around evidence-based practices for guiding programming to build local capacity.
- Maintains a comprehensive website of services, resources, and training for families and professionals.

Center for Planning and Policy Studies

- Coordinates the ADA-Indiana project, a statewide resource for individuals, groups, and organizations to receive information, training, and technical assistance on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- Hosts a Collaborative Work Lab providing computer-supported meeting environments to support planning activities as strategic thinking, futures planning, and research support.

Center for Disability Information and Referral

- Works to identify primary disciplines and researchers contributing to the field of special education to increase awareness of core research sources in this multidisciplinary field.
- Maintains a lending library of over 5,000 holdings that are available to residents of Indiana and online through IU libraries (IUCAT) at http://www.iucat.iu.edu.