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Found in 1970, the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community (IIDC), Indiana’s University Center for Excellence in Disabilities, is a leader in the transfer of research and new knowledge in disability from the university setting to communities in Indiana and nationally. To accomplish this, our work is conducted through six Centers that address issues across the lifespan and major life areas.

In Early Childhood...
- Advancing early education practices that bring about successful school readiness for all children is embedded in the work of the Institute’s early intervention focus. The Institute links research and practice in advancing the field of early education by providing leadership and assistance to agencies, organizations, and communities serving all young children (birth through five years), including children with disabilities and their families.

In Education...
- Our work in education is interdependent between schools and community. We see a responsibility to collaborate and connect with community partners in an effort to build schools and communities that welcome, include, educate, and support all learners across the lifespan. The Institute engages in a collaborative process to advise school districts as they work with stakeholders to design a teacher appraisal system that meets the requirements of the Indiana’s teacher evaluation legislation.

In Autism Spectrum Disorders...
- Recognizing that the prevalence rate of autism spectrum disorders is increasing (1 in 68 as of March 2014 - national CDC data), the Institute engages in work that leads to improved quality of life for individuals on the spectrum and their families. Specifically, work is focused on goals in early detection and diagnosis, effective early childhood and school-age programs that utilize evidence-based practices, transition across grade levels and stages of life, post-secondary opportunities, community employment and living options, and family support.

In Systems Change...
- The IIDC engages in collaborative systems change activities focused on community improvement for people with disabilities through policy, research, and practice activities. “Communities” may be governmental entities such as cities or towns, individual organizations such as schools or community agencies, higher education communities such as departments or task forces, and state government itself.

In Health Equity...
- The Institute’s efforts in the area of health equity serves as a catalyst for achieving the highest level of health for people with disabilities through research, education, and service by working to eliminate avoidable and unfair differences in health and health care.

In Supports for Self-Advocates and Families...
- The Indiana Institute works to increase the full participation of individuals with disabilities and their family members in their local communities. Our work is designed to ensure that persons with disabilities and families have access to information and choice. This is achieved through training and dissemination activities promoting the use of person-centered planning, self-directed funding, and self-advocacy.
OUR MISSION

The Indiana Institute works with communities to welcome, value, and support the meaningful participation of people of all ages and abilities through research, education, and service.

OUR CENTERS

- Early Childhood Center
- Center on Education and Lifelong Learning
- Center on Community Living and Careers
- Center for Health Equity
- Indiana Resource Center for Autism
- Center for Collaborative Systems Change

RESOURCES

The Indiana Institute has a full service lending library with a wide variety of resources about disabilities across the lifespan available on-line and for checkout. Staff are here to help you find the information and resources you need, when you need it.

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