Indiana Institute on Disability and Community

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RESEARCH • EDUCATION • SERVICE

... in schools and community settings

Indiana Institute Center Highlights for 2012

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 2012

Early Childhood Center

- Provided on-going evaluation of the First Steps Early Intervention System (Indiana's Part C Program under IDEA).
- Maintained the Early Childhood Meeting Place, a web-based gateway to information, services, and resources for Indiana’s early childhood professionals and families (9,700 visitors viewing 93,000 pages of events and resources).

Center on Education and Lifelong Learning

- Worked with six sites in Indiana to develop a mode of culturally responsive positive behavior supports (CR-PBIS).
- Provided teacher support in instruction to meet the needs of individual students, small groups, and/or whole classes through Instructional Consultation Teams.
- Prepared school districts to create teacher evaluation plans through the Indiana Teacher Appraisal and Support System (IN-TASS).
- Trained educators in designing units of study that respect learner differences through Universal Design for Differentiated Instruction.
- Provided quality program evaluations for special and unified education programs.
Center on Community Living and Careers

- Supported secondary transition education, services, and outcomes through the Indiana Secondary Transition Resource Center (INSTRC).
- Provided online training for Indiana Vocational Rehabilitation staff through the Vocational Rehabilitation Leadership Academy (VRLA).
- Supported the work of Vocational Rehabilitation's Employment Innovation unit.
- Coordinated 11 Project SEARCH sites providing transition-aged youth with employment internship experiences (101 Project SEARCH grads have obtained competitive employment).
- Trained statewide professional liaisons in benefit and work incentives (181 liaisons have reviewed 919 plans).
- Established an asset development curriculum.
- Developed educational opportunities for students with disabilities at Indiana colleges and universities.

Center on Aging and Community

- Supported a state-wide initiative including web-based resources promoting long-term sustainability for communities.
- Provided access to careers and mentorships in the arts through ArtsWORK Indiana, an employment-focused website.
- Expanded the Building Leadership Training Series (BLS), a workshop series on self-advocacy and leadership, to include a focus on relationships and community membership. BLS has graduated 90 individuals with 16 completing the second series.

Indiana Resource Center for Autism

- Builds local capacity in schools and districts to establish evidence-based programming for students across the autism spectrum. To date, 376 teams have been trained.
- Provided 13 Indiana schools with technical assistance on evidence-based practices measuring program outcomes.
- Maintained a Website of services, resources, and training opportunities for families and professionals.

Center for Planning and Policy Studies

- Hosted audio conferences and webinars on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- Coordinated ADA-Indiana's Community Implementation grants.
- Provided computer-supported meeting environments to facilitate collaborative planning activities such as state planning and public policy development.
- Participated in Indiana University's Disability Roundtable focusing on accessibility.

Center for Disability Information and Referral

- Identified how to best support the research needs of students in IU's School of Education.
- Identified primary disciplines and researchers contributing to the field of special education to increase awareness of core research.
- Maintained a lending library of over 5,000 holdings that are available to residents of Indiana and online through IU libraries.