

The people, the spirit, the future.

Join us in celebrating
The Governor's
Council for People
with Disabilities 17th
annual Conference,
Celebrating Community.

The Conference is a
unique professional
development and
training opportunity
for people with and
without disabilities
who wish to make
a difference in their
communities.

Experience top-notch
educational sessions
and inspiring keynote
speakers. The Council
underwrites the cost
of the Conference to
make it affordable
for all participants.

PRESENTERS

Partial list of presenters subject to change

**Attend workshops led by presenters from throughout
the Midwest on a variety of community-focused topics.**

Keira Amstutz
Indiana Humanities

**Mariann McGee Bernlohr
and Derek Trovillion**
Office of Faith-Based and
Community Initiatives

John Cardwell
Generations Project

Sheri Caveda
Fifth Freedom

Paul Chase, J.D.
Indiana AARP

Kim Dodson
The Arc of Indiana

Ric Edwards
ADA Indiana

Jane Feinberg
Communications
Consultant

**Amy Hanna and
Emily Collins**
Borshoff

Steve McCaffrey, J.D.
Mental Health America
of Indiana

Deborah McCarty
Back Home in Indiana
Alliance

Nancy Morris
Indiana Department
of Homeland Security

Matt Norris
Indiana Institute on
Disability and Community;
Center for Planning and
Policy Studies

Phil Stafford, Ph.D.
Indiana Institute on
Disability and Community;
Center on Aging and
Community



Aaron Bishop

Executive Director, National Council on Disability (NCD)

Aaron Bishop has nearly 20 years of experience working with and for individuals with disabilities in both the service provision and public policy sectors. He was a professional staff member for the U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee where he handled disability-related policy. Bishop began his work on Capitol Hill through a Kennedy Foundation Public Policy Fellowship to specifically work on federal disability policy and legislation. He has also worked with the Association of University Centers on Disabilities, the Waisman Center University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, and the Mental Health Center of Dane County.

Glen Hiemstra

Founder and owner, Futurist.com

Glen Hiemstra is an internationally respected expert on future trends, long-range planning and creating the preferred future. He has advised businesses and government organizations for two decades, including Microsoft®, The Home Depot® and Procter & Gamble™. He has also served as technical advisor for futuristic television programs such as “NYPD Blue.” Hiemstra is the author of “Strategic Leadership: Achieving Your Preferred Future,” and “Turning the Future into Revenue: What Businesses and Individuals Need to Know To Shape Their Future.” His website offers snapshots of emerging ideas, trends and technologies.

Cesar McDowell

Professor of the Practice of Community Development, Department of Urban Studies and Planning, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

Cesar McDowell’s current work focuses on the development of community knowledge systems and civic engagement. He has been working on the use of narrative and story making as a tool for sharing and maintaining grassroots knowledge. His research includes the use of mass media and technology in promoting community building, the education of urban students, and the development and use of empathy in community work. McDowell is also the director of Dropping Knowledge International, a global civic engagement organization.



Tuesday, November 29

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Registration

8:00 a.m. Exhibit Hall Opens

(remains open until 6:30 p.m.)

9:00 – 11:30 a.m. Conference Opening

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Unveiling of the 2012 March Disability Awareness Month campaign poster

Community Connoisseurs

Celebrate the contributions of Indiana's community connoisseurs: We will recognize the 2011 Community Spirit Award Winners, including the Distinguished Leadership Award and Disability Awareness Campaign Award.

10 a.m. Assistive Technology Lab Opens

(remains open until 6:30 p.m.)

10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Keynote Session

Creating the Future You Prefer

Predicting the future is the science of studying trends. Issues such as the globalization of jobs, unstable housing markets, political unrest in the world and nanotechnology send shock waves throughout our communities. Glen Hiemstra will give us a glimpse of the future and provide ways you can create the future you prefer.

11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Break/Exhibit Viewing

12:15 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch

1:30 – 2:45 p.m. Keynote Session

The Washington Connection

During this session, Aaron Bishop will speak about the national picture and tenor of Washington, proposed legislation and policy implications affecting people with disabilities. Additionally, he will cover the ramifications of recent budget cuts and how people with disabilities can be a part of the conversation and have their voices heard.

2:45 – 3:15 p.m. Break/Exhibit Viewing

3:15 – 4:30 p.m. Concurrent Workshops

Livable Communities: Part One

Learn about the use of appropriate housing, supportive community features and services, and adequate mobility options to facilitate personal independence and the engagement of residents in civic and social life in part one of this two-part workshop.

Picture This: Part One

Language paints pictures and images which, in turn, influence how we think about an issue. If we want an inclusive community, what are the images we need to convey? This workshop will assist everyday citizens in understanding the importance and concept of framing issues to get the desired results.

Giving Back: Volunteer Opportunities with AmeriCorp

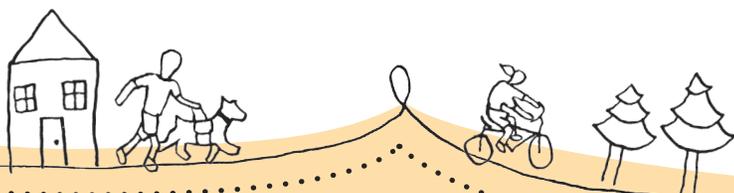
From 2003 to 2005, Hoosiers gave over 550 million hours of time to their communities. Volunteers make it possible for organizations across Indiana to positively impact their communities. In this workshop, the Indiana Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives will explore opportunities that exist through AmeriCorps and other programs.

Accessibility within the Community: ADA Report Card

In 2010, ADA Indiana released the ADA Report Card and Indiana Communities received a "C" overall. This revelation indicates there is still need for improvement. In this workshop, you will hear about opportunities to assist the community and gain better understanding of the law and what is required.

Community Spirit: Making a Difference through Spirit

Capturing community spirit is essential to successfully make a difference. In this workshop, you will learn the techniques needed to organize your neighbors, create a disability agenda and make a big difference.



4:30 – 4:45 p.m. Break/Exhibit Viewing

4:45 – 6:15 p.m. Concurrent Workshops

Livable Communities: Part Two

Part two of this workshop will focus on the action steps you need to take in order to achieve a livable community across Indiana. Helpful tips, insight and success stories will be shared to provide direction and inspiration.

Picture This: Part Two

You will have an opportunity in this workshop to practice the technique of framing while garnering advice and insight from a professional. You will walk away with the confidence to frame any issue and achieve your desired results.

Disability Awareness Month

Learn the techniques of holding successful Disability Awareness Month activities in your community. You'll hear success stories from a previous Community Spirit Award winner about creating a disability awareness campaign. Posters and information depicting the 2012 campaign will be available.

Encouraging Community Conversations

This workshop, offered by the Indiana Humanities Council, will explore ways that people with disabilities can get involved at the community level by participating in a variety of initiatives.

Emergency Preparedness

As an individual, you need to think about how you would evacuate and what measures are in place in your community to assist you when an emergency arises. This workshop will provide tools that will help you develop your individual and family emergency plan, as well as information on what community resources may exist.

6:15 - 7:00 p.m. Break

Use this time to freshen up and relax before the reception.

7:00 – 9:15 p.m. Reception

Celebrate the Great State of Indiana!

Join us in a celebration of all things Indiana! From sports teams, to designers, business and political leaders, entertainers, and everything in between – Hoosiers have a lot to be proud of. Enjoy an evening of refreshments, music and dancing while we celebrate everything Indiana.

Wednesday, November 30

8:00 – 9:30 a.m. Registration

8:00 a.m. Exhibit Hall and Assistive Technology Lab Open

(remains open until 9:30 a.m.)

8:00 – 9:40 a.m. Sitdown Breakfast Buffet

9:40 – 10:40 a.m. Legislative Session

The State of the State

This session will provide a breakdown of what legislation is being proposed and the tenor of the General Assembly. It will also examine strategies on how to advance the disability agenda in this challenging economic environment.

10:40 – 10:55 a.m. Break

10:55 a.m. – Noon Closing Keynote Session

Igniting the Community Spirit

Shaping the future of a community begins with active member participation. Ceasar McDowell will speak about the importance of civic engagement in changing communities, provide insight into new technologies available to assist in this change, and reflect on successful strategies to rely on should access to such technologies not be available in your community.

Workshop topics subject to change





ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Assistive Technology Lab

Visit the assistive technology lab, sponsored by INDATA, to learn about the latest assistive technology and software available. You'll see demonstrations of equipment and software, as well as learn about loans and funding assistance to purchase assistive technology.

Access Information

The Conference has accessible meeting space. Sign language interpreters and documents in alternate formats will be available upon request.

The Conference will provide limited personal care attendant services. Participants requiring substantial assistance are asked to secure their own attendants. See registration form for pricing.

This Conference is Fragrance Free!

Conference participants should keep in mind that some colleagues have chemical sensitivities to such things as scented personal care products and smoke. All would appreciate your thoughtful consideration. Smoking is prohibited.

Workshop Arrival

All participants are requested to arrive at all sessions at the start times to keep this conference on schedule.

Story Tent

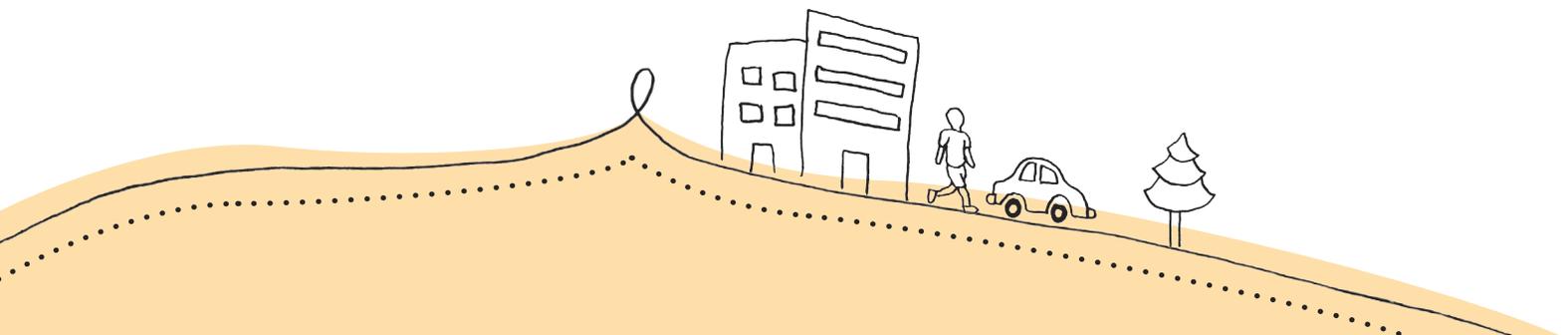
Please share your story at the on-site "Story Tent," which will be staffed by videographers and interviewers from the Center on Aging and Community of the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community. Story videos will be posted online. Every story is interesting, and every story is a worthwhile legacy for us all.

Community of Caring — Food Drive

Join us in being a caring member of the community! Please bring a canned good, boxed dinner or other non-perishable item to the Conference to donate to Gleaners Food Bank. A collection barrel will be available at each registration table. We appreciate your contribution!

Sixth-Annual Disability Poll

We encourage you to take part in this year's Disability Poll focused on "Livable Communities." Computers will be set up in the registration area to capture your viewpoints and opinions. Your insights are important to us!



Medical Emergency Policy

It is important that all attendees have a plan in case of an unexpected medical emergency, including:

- The names and phone numbers of persons to be notified
- Physician names and phone numbers
- Hospital preference
- Medical history
- Health insurance card(s)
- List of prescription medications

The Conference will abide by the Medical Emergency Policy of the Westin Hotel. The Council does not have the expertise or means to transport people to the hospital or other medical facilities. In the event of a medical emergency, the person will be given a choice of what services they require, where they want to be taken and by whom they want to be treated. In the event the person is:

- Not conscious,
- Unable to make a decision, or
- Does not have a person to represent them regarding medical decisions,

the Hotel security and local emergency personnel (911) will be contacted.

Continuing Education Units (CEUs)

The Conference has approval for nine continuing education units (CEUs) through the Indiana University School of Social Work.

Exhibitors and Door Prizes

Be sure to visit our exhibitors for a chance to win a door prize! Drawings for door prizes will be conducted during lunch on Tuesday.

LODGING

You are responsible for your own accommodations (unless you are a scholarship recipient). Note that non-scholarship recipients who need an accessible room should contact Sandy Kite Hunt. A block of rooms at the Westin Hotel Indianapolis has been reserved at special rates. Please mention the Conference when registering to receive the discounted rate. Parking rates are in addition to costs below.

Host Hotel

Westin, downtown Indianapolis
50 S. Capitol Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46204
(317) 262-8100

Rates

Single, double – \$89/day*

One Bedroom Suite – \$89/day
(upgrade at group rate)

Self parking is \$22/day
Valet parking is \$28/day

*Tax rate on all rooms is 17%
(not included in above rate).

To reserve an accessible room or to ask a question about arrangements for a scholarship recipient, please contact:

Sandy Kite Hunt
Indiana Conference for
People with Disabilities
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**Reservation deadline is 5 p.m.,
Monday, November 7, 2011**