

# AAIDD F.Y.I.

*Resources and Activities*

*September 2011*

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## **AAIDD News**

### **Save the Date: 136<sup>th</sup> AAIDD Annual Meeting**

June 18-21, 2012 in Charlotte, NC

**Call for Proposals Now Available!**

## **AAIDD Educational Opportunities**

### **AAIDD Screening for Developmental Neurotoxicity Webinar: An In Vitro Approach using High Content Imaging**

Dr. William Mundy will explain the EPA's exciting efforts to speed up testing of possible developmental neurotoxicants.

Tuesday, September 20, 2011, 2-3 pm Eastern

### **Online Courses Available at Your Convenience**

AAIDD is has partnered with Essential Learning to offer online continuing education and training opportunities to developmental disability professionals. New courses added routinely. AAIDD members receive a 10% discount on all courses in the Essential Learning library.

**AAIDD is very pleased to co-sponsor these upcoming conferences:**

- **US-Nordic International Conference on Intellectual Disabilities**  
October 2-4, 2011, Minot, North Dakota (online registration available)
- **Coleman Institute Conference: State of the States, State of the Nation 2011**  
October 13, 2011, Westminster, Colorado (no registration fee to attend)
- **ANCOR 3rd Annual Technology Leadership Summit: Technology Solutions for Tough Times**  
October 14, 2011, Westminster, Colorado (AAIDD members receive a substantial discount on registration)
- **NADD Annual Conference and Exhibit Show**  
November 2-4, 2011 in Nashville, TN (online registration available)

- **Alliance for Full Participation: AFP Summit 2.0: Real Jobs–It's Everyone's Business**  
November 11-19, 2011, Washington, DC (discounted registration and stipends available for self-advocates)

## AAIDD Online

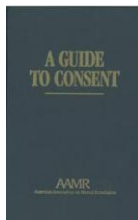
### **Help AAIDD Build a Stronger Online Presence on Facebook by “Liking” Our Page Today**

We update and post new information weekly.

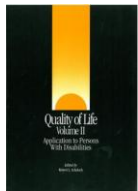
## AAIDD Publications

**Call for Book Proposals: AAIDD Seeks Proposals for new books on practice, policy, research and management in the intellectual and developmental disabilities arena.**

Best Buys at the **AAIDD Bookstore!** Members get an additional 15% off!



*A Guide to Consent* (Robert D. Dinerstein, Stanley S. Herr, Joan L. O’Sullivan, Editors) \$27.95. Written by a nationally recognized committee of experts and practitioners, this guide explores legal implications of consent in critical life events such as adult guardianship, sexual activity, and home ownership.



*Quality of Life: Volume II, Application to Persons with Disabilities* (Robert L. Schalock and Gary N. Siperstein, Editors) \$19.95. This volume in the Quality of Life series focuses on how the concepts and research on quality of life can be applied to people with intellectual disabilities.

## Policy

### **View AAIDD Position Statements on Important Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Issues**

The “Position Statements” page on the AAIDD website has recently been reformatted for greater clarity of position statement topics, year adopted, and if done uniquely by AAIDD or jointly with The Arc of the US.

## Job Opportunities and Posting

The **AAIDD Career Center** offers the opportunity for employers to post job opportunities and for those in the disability community to apply. A 90 day posting costs \$75 and is added to our weekly emails to members. **Recent postings are below:**

### **Program Administrator I, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene**

Baltimore, MD

### **Executive Director, SRVS**

Memphis, TN

**Founding Executive Director of the Buffett Early Childhood Institute, University of Nebraska**

Lincoln, NE

## **Recent Research Published in AAIDD Journals**

### **Special Issue on Employment First: An Essential Strategy**

The August issue of *Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities* is guest edited by William E. Kiernan (University of Massachusetts-Boston) and David Mank (Indiana University) and contains six articles and three perspectives on employment as not only a pathway to economic self-sufficiency but crucial to social relationships, community credibility, and meaningful activities. At the heart of this special issue are the presumptions that (a) all individuals can, or should, be provided with opportunities to work; (b) the policies, procedures, and practices (Employment First) place the focus on employment; (c) the desired outcome is competitive integrated employment; and (d) the goal is parity in the labor force participation rates for persons with and those without disabilities.” (full text of all articles available at no cost with member subscription to IDD)

### **Caregiver Report of Executive Functioning in a Population-Based Sample of Young Children With Down Syndrome**

A study published in the July issue of *American Journal on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities* by researchers affiliated with the University of Colorado and Colorado State University describes the executive function of young children (<10 years) with Down syndrome. Executive function is the collection of skills, including working memory, planning, inhibition, and cognitive flexibility, which are necessary to solve novel problems and cope with changing task demands. Authors report finding a specific pattern of executive function weaknesses in their sample, specifically in the area of working memory. (full text of all articles available at no cost with member subscription to AJIDD)

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## **AAIDD Membership**

### **Join AAIDD Today**

AAIDD is the definitive membership organization and the authoritative source of information for those in the intellectual disability profession. Our membership is over 5,000 professionals strong, in over 55 countries around the world. Joining AAIDD lets you tap into a network of top professionals who can help you find a job, show you the ropes, and deepen your involvement in your profession.

Members receive our journals, discounts at our online bookstore, conferences, webinars and receive the latest news and activities in weekly, monthly and quarterly reports directly to your email box.

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