

ICI Collaborating with University Medical Community on Projects

The Institute on Community Integration (ICI) is collaborating with the University medical community on three projects to better prepare professionals to provide health care for persons with developmental disabilities using a consumer-driven model. The projects include ICI and the School of Nursing, School of Public Health, and Department of Pediatrics.

One of the projects involves the School of Nursing and ICI in developing a new area of graduate study called Children with Special Health Care Needs. Developed by Barbara Leonard, Patricia Tomlinson, and Patricia Tommet of the School of Nursing, and Jennifer York of ICI, this program is the result of four years of collaborative work between the School of Nursing, ICI, the School of Public Health, and the Department of Educational Psychology. It prepares clinical nurse specialists for leadership roles in the care of children with special health care needs in interdisciplinary and community-based contexts. In addition to clinical skills, students acquire knowledge and skills needed to work across the various service systems and effect systemic change.

The second project is the four-week Developmental Disabilities Rotation required of all pediatric residents in the University's Medical School. The rotation is lead by Dr. Peter Blasco and coordinated by Harriet Kohen, both of the Department of Pediatrics. In addition to the clinical aspects of the rotation, residents participate in the Parents as Teachers component coordinated by PACER Center, and the Community Agency component coordinated by ICI. The objectives of the Community Agency component are for residents to become familiar with the design and implementation of community services for persons with disabilities, the roles of physicians in linking families with community services, and disability-related legislation. This component includes teaching and discussion sessions with the residents and two visits to community agencies. ICI staff participating in this component include Jennifer York, Marijo McBride, Teri Wallace, Terri Vandercook, and Mary McEvoy.

A third program through which ICI is impacting health care is through collaboration with the Department of Pediatrics project, Preparing Physicians and Other Health Care Professionals to Work with Special Educators and Vocational Counselors to Improve Services to Young People with Disabilities in Transition to Adult Roles. The ICI participates in this interdisciplinary program by providing courses at resident and fellowship levels of physician training and masters and doctoral levels of other health care professions. Fellows receive training through the collaborative efforts of ICI, the National Center for Youth with Disability, and the Center for Children with Chronic Illness and Disability. Dr. Robert Blum and Nancy Okinow of the Department of Pediatrics direct this program.

For further information on ICI's involvement in these programs, contact Jennifer York at 625-6387.

Staff Update

- **Staff Arrivals/Departures:** John Sauer is the new Coordinator for the Together We're Better project; Karl Knaublock is the new student secretary in the publications office; Michelle Krause, Ed Colon, and Patty Moran are leaving ICI.
- **Quality Conference:** The RRTC cosponsored the national conference, Reinventing Quality II, February 28 - March 1, in Hollywood, Florida. Two hundred participants from 41 states attended. One unusual feature of the conference was that service providers and state representatives jointly presented throughout. Plans are underway to publish a monograph compiling presentations from Reinventing Quality I and Reinventing Quality II. Participating RRTC staff were Charlie Lakin, Bob Prouty, and Ellen Blake. The conference was cosponsored with the American Network of Community Options and Resources.
- **President's Committee:** David R. Johnson and Charlie Lakin will be attending the President's Committee on Mental Retardation Policy Reform Conference, April 24-26. They'll be attending with Cliff Poetz and Irving Martin, two self-advocates who work extensively with ICI.
- **Correction:** The phone number for Amy Hewitt in the ICI phone list is incorrect. It should be 625-1098.

Dates to Remember . . .

- **March 21: Institute Council Meeting, 9:30-Noon.**
118 Pattee

From the Front Office

News from ICI's Administrative Staff

- **ICI Payroll/Personnel Processes Move to College.** As of March 1, ICI personnel and payroll processes are being handled by the College of Education's Administrative Budget Office. This office was established to provide these services in a more efficient manner throughout the college by centralizing them in one office. Beth Nelson in 102 Pattee is still the first contact for ICI staff in regard to personnel and payroll issues. She is the person you come to initially for information regarding your appointment, new hires, changes in percentages for research assistants, and general payroll questions. However, it is now the responsibility of the Administrative Budget Office, rather than the responsibility of ICI, to process personnel and payroll documents accurately and in a timely manner. The success of this new system will depend on ICI staff allowing sufficient lead time for the office to process our documents, so please contact Beth as soon as you know of changes in personnel or payroll.
- **Building Cultural Bridges Training.** In May, ICI is sponsoring two workshops for staff titled, Building Cultural Bridges. These two half-day workshops are being presented by the University's Equal Opportunity Office, and will cover stereotypes, discrimination, intercultural communication, and formulation of an action plan for ICI to increase community and address differences within the staff. Session 1 will be offered twice on May 3: 9-12:30, and 1-4:30. Session 2 will be offered twice on May 5: 9-12:30 and 1-4:30. Fliers and sign-up sheets will be available soon. All ICI personnel are encouraged to attend the sessions. For further information contact members of the planning committee: Marijo McBride, Theresia Ahn, John Smith, Terri Vandercook, Laura Bloomberg, Charlie Lakin, Sara Axtell, and Nancy Krawetz.
- **Next Council Meeting.** The agenda for the March 21st Institute Council meeting includes updates from the Budget & Administration and Program Development work groups, and discussion of the College's Community Service Award.

Miscellaneous

- **Doing Large Mailings?** If you are doing a mass mailing of over 200 copies of a newsletter, brochure, or flier, you should use the University's Non-Profit permit on your mailing label and send the mailing list (labels or disk) and print materials to Addressing and Mailing. They will label, sort, bundle, and post it. There are very specific rules about this type of mailing and since it's the University's permit at stake, they prefer that you let the pros handle it. The advantage of using the permit is that the postage for this type of mailing is much less than regular mail. To use the permit there must be at least 200 pieces in the mailing and the return address must be here at the University. For further information contact Vicki Gaylord in the ICI Publications Office (4-6347).
- **TV/VCR.** The ICI has a new TV/VCR monitor, stored with the other audio-visual equipment in the AV room. The notebook for signing out equipment is in room 6 on the small table in the photocopy area. When signing out equipment, please include your name, the machine taken, and your start and finish times. If you find equipment needing repairs, let Ruth Berman in room 6 know about it.
- **Birthdays.** Kay Almer (3/20), Becky Delugach (4/8), Liz Carlon (3/26), Michelle Galinson (4/12), Patrice Greger (4/10), Nohoon Kwak (3/21), Jennifer Robey (3/19), Mike Sharpe (3/27), Terri Vandercook (3/25), Jim Barosko (4/6), Lori Sedlezky (3/25).

Bits & Pieces

Information from the Institute's Research and Technology Consulting Group (RTCG, 110 Pattee, 4-7337) and the Publications Office (109 Pattee, 4-4512).

- **Get on the Superhighway**
- **Information Superhighway Runs Through ICI.** There are a variety of electronic news services available on the Internet, and there are several free programs available that access these services. In addition, MINUET is a new program that the University has created for the IBM. It combines Gopher, POPMail, Lumina, and other network functions into one easy-to-use interface. If you would like to see MINUET in action or have it installed on your machine, or would like information about Internet news services, stop in at 110 Pattee.
- **New Stuff, Clean House**
- **New Publications.** Coming on March 17 are **Transition Strategies That Work, Part 2** and the **ICI Programs and Projects** booklet. **Transition Strategies** profiles successful high school transition programs in Minnesota. **The Programs and Projects** booklet describes all the ICI's current projects, lists staff, and includes ICI overview material; this booklet will be distributed to all staff when it arrives.
- **Help Us Clean House.** There are large quantities of the following ICI publications in storage. Please think of ways to promote/distribute them as you attend conferences, classes, etc:
IMPACT: Family Support (1990)
IMPACT: Transition (1990)
IMPACT: Trng. of Dir. Ser. Staff (1992)
IMPACT: Family Empowerment (1992)
IMPACT: Transition (1992)
IMPACT: ADA (1993)
IMPACT: Employment (1993)
Policy Research Brief: Persons with Mental Retardation and Related Conditions in State Institutions: Trends and Projections (1993)
Policy Research Brief: Health Care Issues in Residential Services for Older Adults with DD (1993)