



May 15, 2002

ICI Receives National Service Inclusion Project Mini-Grant

The Institute's National Center on Secondary Education and Transition (NCSET) was recently awarded a mini-grant of \$6,000 to promote service learning opportunities for youth and adults with disabilities. The mini-grant, one of 13 awarded to UAPs nationwide, comes from the new National Service Inclusion Project, a collaboration between the Institute for Community Inclusion at the University of Massachusetts in Boston, and the Corporation for National Service.

Because of its specific focus on youth development and leadership, NCSET's mini-grant activities will include working with the Minnesota Commission on National and Community Service (CNCS) to:

- Participate in the Minnesota CNCS state advisory board and steering committee to increase the involvement of individuals with disabilities in national service activities.
- Provide technical assistance to the Minnesota CNCS with developing state disability plans, dispersing accommodation funds, building state resources, and sharing inclusionary practices.
- Partner with the Minnesota CNCS to develop a statewide newsletter to share resources and success stories of youth with disabilities participating in service.
- Participate in the statewide AmeriCorps Directors' meetings.
- Develop marketing strategies and materials to enhance outreach to individuals with disabilities, including NCSET's forthcoming youth Web site.
- Provide materials and training to assist CNCS entities to become familiar with disability resources and organizations.

There are currently over 80 youth with disabilities participating in service

activities throughout the state and many more who have voiced a strong interest in including these activities as part of their transition planning programs and services.

The National Service Inclusion Project, which awarded the ICI mini-grant, is implementing a comprehensive program of training, technical assistance, and dissemination designed to increase the participation of individuals with disabilities in national service programs, including AmeriCorps, Learn and Serve America, and National Senior Service Corps. To assist these programs in carrying out their commitment to inclusion, the project will develop and implement the following:

- Regional, state, and program-specific training and technical assistance.
- Ongoing needs and preference surveys to ensure applicable and meaningful training and technical assistance activities.
- A "one-stop" interactive web site (at <http://www.serviceandinclusion.org>).
- Strategies to develop state and local partnerships between national service entities and the disability community, particularly UAPs.
- Information dissemination focusing on opportunities for individuals with disabilities to become involved in national service.
- A national conference on Inclusion in National Service.

For information about NCSET's mini-grant, contact Julia Washenberger at (612) 624-2008, wash004@tc.umn.edu. For information about the National Service Inclusion Project, visit <http://www.serviceandinclusion.org>, or contact Paula Sotnik, project director, at (617) 355-4788 (v), (617) 355-6956 (TTY), or paula.sotnik@tch.harvard.edu.

Staff Update

- **Staff Arrivals.** Marit Gould, Student Secretary, NCSET; Ben Reichert, Info Tech Student Support, ICI. **Staff Departures.** Laura Hanson, Student Secretary, NCSET; Portia McClain, Community Program Assistant, School-Age Services.
- Institute Director David R. Johnson has been promoted to full professor by the Department of Educational Policy and Administration.
- Brian Abery presented on the Institute's Community Service Training Program in Developmental Disabilities at the College's Forum on Civic Engagement, May 1.
- Cammy Lehr presented a paper on "Dropout Prevention and Intervention: A Review of the Literature" at the National Association of School Psychologists conference, held in Chicago February 28-March 1. Paper co-authors included Mary Sinclair and Sandy Christenson.
- Roger Stancliffe has been appointed the incoming editor of the Journal of Intellectual & Developmental Disability. He will take up this appointment after he returns to Australia at the end of July.
- Teri Wallace was co-director of the National Paraprofessional Conference, held in the Twin Cities May 2-4, which was attended by 1300 people.

Dates to Remember . . .

- **May 23: Civil Service Staff Meeting and Luncheon**, 12-1 p.m., 118 Pattee.
- **May 24: Pizza Forum**, 12-1 p.m., 118 Pattee.

From the Front Office

News from ICI's Administrative Staff

- **Key Audit Completed Successfully.** The Administrative staff would like to thank all Pattee Hall staff for their cooperation with our recent key audit.
 - **Attention GRAs.** By now, you have received information on continuing your appointment through the summer term. Please turn in your memos/request for tuition benefit forms to 102 Pattee by Friday, May 17. Questions? Call Amy (4-6300) or Beth (6-8042).
 - **Attention GRA Supervisors.** Summer term begins on May 27. If you haven't already done so, please coordinate all your continuing GRA appointments with your accountant (Arly or Lucy). Let them know the status of your GRAs by Friday, May 17. Also, if you are planning to hire new GRAs, contact Beth (6-8042) ASAP.
 - **Attention Program Area Coordinators and PIs.** P&A Contract Determination Forms are being disseminated this week to Program Area Coordinators and PIs. Please work with your account-
- tant (Arly or Lucy) to determine P&A appointments for the 2002-03 academic year. Questions? Call Beth (6-8042).
- **Attention CS/BU Staff.** A reminder that if you haven't already used your Personal Holiday for this fiscal year, you have until June 30 to do so. When you use it, please indicate this on your absence card. The day must be taken as a whole day, which is 8.0 hours for 100% employees, 6.0 hours for 75% employees, etc. Questions? Call Beth (6-8042).
 - **CS/BU Staff 2002-03 Pay Plan.** Effective July 1, base pay will increase 3.0% for all CS/BU (Clerical and Technical) employees (job classifications 18xx and 49xx). More detailed info will be disseminated soon.
 - **Non-Academic Student Employee 2002-03 Pay Plan.** Effective June 17, there will be a recurring across-the-board increase of 3.0% for all non-academic student employees (job classifications 27xx). More detailed info will be disseminated soon.

Miscellaneous

- **People First of Minnesota News.** People First of Minnesota recently received a \$40,000 grant from the Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities. The organization also received distinguished service awards from the Minnesota State Council on Disability and Arc Anoka-Ramsey-Suburban in 2001. ICI staff John Smith and Cliff Poetz provide support to People First of Minnesota.
- **Scholarships for Female Graduate Students with Disabilities.** The Ethel Louise Armstrong Foundation, Inc. awards scholarships to females with physical disabilities who are currently enrolled or actively applying to graduate programs at accredited colleges or universities in the U.S. Application deadline is June 25. FFI visit http://www.ela.org/ada/frame_ada.html.
- **University Staff Day 2002.** The contributions of civil service and bargaining unit staff on the Twin Cities campus will be recognized on the fourth annual Staff Day, June 6. The Minneapolis campus celebration will take place from 11-1:30 on Northrop Plaza and will include entertainment, free food, info tables, and a short program. In addition, staff who attend and bring their invitation/coupon will receive a gift. FFI visit <http://www.umn.edu/csc/staff.htm>.
- **Birthdays.** Amy Hewitt (5/19), Amy Reschly Anderson (5/21), Nancy McCulloh (5/22), Jolene Factor (5/29), Laura Hagen (5/31), T.J. Majdecki (6/1), Jody Kougl Lindstrom (6/2), Joe Reichle (6/3), Julia Washenberger (6/7). Did we miss your birthday? Let us know! Call 4-6300 or email kuro0008@tc.umn.edu.

Bits & Pieces

Information from the Institute's Web Development Team (110 Pattee, 6-8649) and Publications Office (109 Pattee, 4-4512)

From the Publications Office

- **ICI Designer Receives Award.** At the University Communicators Forum 12th annual conference, Carnival of Connections, held May 1, Connie Burkhart received a Maroon Award for Communications Excellence at the University (3rd place) in the poster-flyer category for her Code of Ethics for Direct Support Professionals poster.
- **ICI Staff in Communicators Forum.** This past year, Connie Burkhart served on the annual-conference committee of the University's Communicators Forum, Chris Opsal and Michael Moore served on the Forum's Publicity Committee, and Michael also served on the Forum's Technology Committee.
ICI staff attending the Forum's annual conference were Megan Dushin, Dan Jackson, Michael Moore, Chris Opsal, and Pam Stenhjem.
- **Publications Now on the Web.**
Impact: Feature Issue on Faith Communities and Persons with Developmental Disabilities, now available at <http://ici.umn.edu/products/impact/143/>.
- **New NCSET Publications.** The Institute's National Center on Secondary Education and Transition has a new publication available:
Parent Brief: Age of Majority: Preparing Your Child for Making Good Choices
- **New Alternative Format Guide.** "A Guide to Making Documents Accessible to People who are Blind or Visually Impaired: An Online Technical Assistance Guide to Producing Documents in Alternate Formats" is now available at <http://www.acb.org/accessible-formats.html>.
- **FYI Deadline.** Items for the next FYI should be submitted to Chris in 109 Pattee or e-mailed to opsal001@tc.umn.edu by Tuesday, June 11.