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HANDS in Autism Summit 2010

You are cordially invited to participate in a unique opportunity to collaborate with individuals with varying backgrounds to discuss the needs in Indiana with regards to supporting individuals on the autism spectrum.

As part of the Indiana Resource Network (IRN) with the Indiana Department of Education, this summit is an opportunity to assist HANDS in Autism to further expand the program and opportunities for partnership state-wide. We will initiate the development of local community cadres (LCC), which will be comprised of representatives across medical, school, and home/community systems, to assist in developing and accessing supports and services needed in particular regions across Indiana.

The LCCs will be critical in accomplishing the following HANDS in Autism goals across the state: 1) facilitating, bridging and collaboration across medical, school and family/community systems to enable sharing of consistent and comprehensible information and resources across these systems, (2) advancing the local and state-wide capacity to sustain and provide consistency in knowledge and implementation of scientifically-based methods with individuals and families affected by ASD, and (3) informing the cadre communities as well as HANDS of the particular needs of families and professionals with regards to the care of individuals with autism and related disabilities within state regions to encourage shared responsibility and effort in addressing the needs.

In this development stage, it is imperative that we seek information from a wide range of informants and stakeholders. During the summit, we will conduct an informational session about the HANDS program and present options for partnership as well as the overall goals for developing cadres and facilitating local capacity in regional areas. We will also ask your assistance by being an active participant in facilitated brainstorming and action planning sessions with others across the state as well as within your own region. You will be called upon to assist in addressing identified goals and practical means for partnering with HANDS and across systems in your particular state region. You will help to identify your role in the cadre as well as those of potential others. We ultimately believe that this summit will be a beginning step in providing quality training, services and supports to individuals on the autism spectrum within each region in Indiana.

We look forward to beginning this process with representatives throughout the state with a diverse set of expertise as we work together to inform our next steps in advancing the service and training across the state of Indiana.

When: September 20, 2010

Breakfast and Registration:
7:45am – 8:30am

Summit: 8:30am – 4:00pm

Where: Riley Outpatient Center Auditorium (see attached directions)

Registration: Each individual participant will be required to register by *September 13, 2010*. Registration forms are available online at www.handsinautism.org/summit.html

Participants may submit registration forms electronically, by fax, or mail.

**Continental breakfast, lunch, and parking passes will be provided.*

**Teleconferencing options are available. If you are interested, please contact HANDS in Autism for more information at 317-278-4887.*

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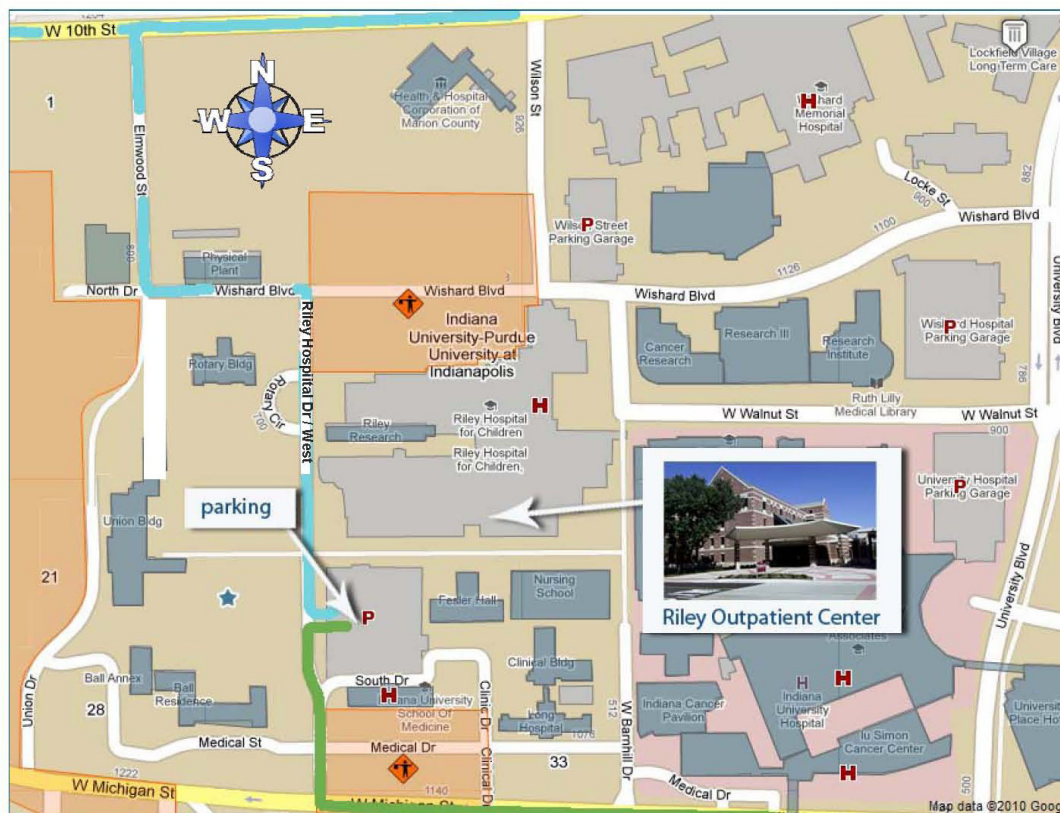


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For map & directions:
<http://www.iupui.edu/map/>



Directions

From 10th Street / 11th Street

(11th Street and 10th Street merge a block east of Indiana Ave)

Turn South onto Elmwood St

Turn left onto Wishard Blvd

Turn right onto Riley Hospital Drive (formerly West Drive)

Turn left into the Riley Outpatient garage

From Michigan Street

Turn right onto Riley Hospital Drive (formerly West Drive)

Turn right into the Riley Outpatient Garage