



Disability Awareness Month March 2020

People Not Punchlines

All events, unless indicated, are free and open to the public

March 3, 2020 – Opening Reception

University Hall Whitaker Room 110G, 5-6:30PM

Performance by: Anthony Duran

March 4, 2020 – #People Not Punchline

University Hall Whitaker Room 110G, 5-6:30PM

Presenters: Marlene Lu, ARC of Indiana & Peter Ciancone, Executive Director, The WILL Center

Take it from some people who've heard it all: People with disabilities are no joke. The goal of this presentation is to increase awareness and promote independence, integration and inclusion of all people with disabilities. Do *you* see #PeopleNotPunchlines?"

March 10, 2020 – #RepresentationMatters

University Hall Whitaker Room 110G, 5-6:30PM

Presenter: Amy Sekhar, PhD, Indiana Statewide Independent Living Council (INSILC), Director of Community Education & Training

This workshop will offer a presentation and interactive discussion providing context about how disability is typically portrayed by the media and how this reinforces ableist stereotypes and perpetuates the stigma surrounding the disabled body and experience. . To generate an even deeper level of understanding of #RepresentationMatters, the workshop presentation and discussion will illustrate authentic inclusive concepts related to disability from film, television, fashion, and toys.

March 11, 2020 – Using Free, Low Cost Technology

University Hall Whitaker Room 110G, 5-6:30PM

Facilitator: Josh Anderson, ATP, BSPA, Manager of Clinical Assistive Technology, Easterseals Crossroads

Today technology is more widely available, and accommodations can be as easy as downloading an app. This presentation will demonstrate free and low-cost apps that can assist individuals with memory, note taking, reading, communicating, reminders and many other tasks to accomplish their goals. Built in accessibility features will also be demonstrated. Attendees will be encouraged to download and try out the apps during the presentation and then use them to assist those that they serve, and maybe even themselves.

March 12, 2020 – Signing 101

University Hall Whitaker Room 110G, 5-6:30PM

Facilitator: Devin Morlan, Co-founder of Signing Sycamores

Learning American Sign Language (ASL) takes time, patience, practice, and a sense of humor. During this workshop, you will learn basics of

ASL. This workshop will include cultural and informational details for enhanced understanding of the deaf community. In addition, the workshop will consist of interactive exercises with the audience that will include some common words and phrases to help in communicating with a deaf person. The book: [Signing Made Easy \(A Complete Program for Learning Sign Language. Includes Sentence Drills and Exercises for Increased Comprehension and Signing Skill\)](#) by Rod R. Butterworth will be offered as prizes to those that attend.

March 17, 2020 – Changing Perspectives: Why Intersections of Disability, Race & Gender Matter

University Hall Whitaker Room 110G, 5-6:30PM

Presenters: Dr. Amy Sekhar, INSILC Director of Community Education & Training and Dr. Mercedes Cannon, IUPUI Associate Director for the Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

This presentation will challenge assumptions about disability identity and focus on the fundamental concept of intersectionality and how we as a disability community must do better to include other marginalized voices if we are to achieve our goal of collective liberation. We will also discuss the importance of allyship *within* the disability community exploring when to be the primary advocate and when to step back and support the lead of other multiply-marginalized voices in the community.

March 19, 2020 – Parent Panel

University Hall Whitaker Room 110G, 5-6:30PM

This panel includes parents of children with disabilities. Come and learn about their journeys while acquiring skills on how to work, live, and interact with individuals with disabilities.

*** March 21, 2020 – The WILL Center 2020 Fundraiser**

The Landing located at 3350 N. 4th Street, Terre Haute, Indiana, 7-10PM

**Sponsored by the WILL Center*

The WILL Center has been providing services to individuals with disabilities for 20 years. To celebrate, we will be hosting a special event with live music, food, and beverages. With the partnership of Price Vision Group in Indianapolis, one lucky person a chance to win standard Lasik surgery. *Purchase your tickets now and come celebrate with us!* **Download the flyer** to read more or visit **EventBrite page** to purchase your ticket.

***March 26, 2020 – Annual Disability Awareness Awards**

First Financial Conference Center located at 4353 S. 7th Street, Terre Haute, Indiana, 10AM-12PM

**Sponsored by the Indiana Business Leadership Network, Wabash Valley Chapter*

MARCH 31, 2020 – Disability Listening Session

Hulman Memorial Student Union, Dede II, 5-6:30PM

Moderator: Amber O'Haver, Executive Director, Indiana Statewide Independent Living Council (INSILC)

The purpose of the Disability Listening Session is for INSILC to hear directly from its peers with disabilities on their needs to live independently in the community. INSILC seeks feedback on disability-related issues and barriers its peers face when attempting to live independently (with or without supports/services) to help guide its future advocacy and legislative efforts and for the development of the next 3-year State Plan for Independent Living in Indiana.

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