

IADE INFORMER

IADE's Quarterly Newsletter

Message From The President

Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter, the IADE Informer. Illinois Association of Disability Examiners (IADE) is your professional organization. We wish to support all DDS workers in their careers through Education, Advocacy, Networking, Professional Recognition and Appreciation and Charitable Work. We strive to make us all better at our jobs through education and training opportunities such as the State Training Conference, which we hold every Spring. We take time to recognize and appreciate not only IADE members, but all staff at the DDS for their hard work and dedication to their profession. Check out the list of award winners recognized at this year's conference in this edition of the Informer. We offer networking opportunities at both work-related events and after work events, such as our Meet and Greet in May. Through our parent organization, NADE, we advocate at both the State and Federal level on issues that affect the disability program and our jobs. Finally, IADE puts forth a lot of effort in giving back to our community through charitable projects such as Casual Weeks, our annual drive for the Central IL Food Bank and of course, our favorite, the ISD/ISVI Angel Tree Project. Through the Informer, IADE hopes to give everyone a better idea about what IADE is and what we do. We hope to use this format as a way to communicate with staff about the projects we are working on and upcoming events. Please be aware that you do not have to be an IADE member to participate in most of the events we host! We encourage and appreciate your interest and participation in our projects and events. Please feel free to contact me or any IADE member if you wish to join, or if you simply have any questions or ideas to share.

Sincerely,

Don't forget to order your **Avanti's** lunch by Monday June 6th!



Sandwiches delivered Wednesday, June 8th!



Paint Nite!

Join IADE and friends on

Tuesday, June 21st, 7:00 p.m.

Join us "Owl Night Long" at Arlington's Restaurant, 201 Broadway, for a night of creativity and cocktails to support IADE's training

and charitable endeavors. **Paint Nite** will donate a portion of ticket sales to IADE. Local artist Ashley Blake will assist and inspire us while we mix and mingle. Tickets are \$45 and must be purchased by **6/20/16**.

Go to <http://paintnite.com/pages/events/view/springfieldil/1077655>

to get your ticket today or see Karen Brown in H:33.

NADE/IADE Awards and Recognitions

IADE recently acknowledged IADE members and DDS staff at the annual State Training Conference.

Congratulations to the following award winners!

NADE AWARD

Erin Vincent

J.W. HILL AWARD

Arlee Grimsley

JOYCE PROCTOR AWARD

Angel Snowden

EXTRA MILE AWARD

Angelique Guerra

Dawn May

National Disability Professionals Week

June 20th—24th

IADE will be celebrating NDPW with a variety of activities. Tuesday, June 21st is Paint Nite—a fun after work event! Wednesday will be our Certification Luncheon, open to all IADE members. Thursday we show appreciation for all staff with our ice cream give away! Be sure to watch your email for more details on the above events!

New Faces

As we look around the agency these days it seems there are more unfamiliar than familiar faces. In the past few years, the face of the DDS has changed dramatically. We have seen a large number of employees retire and have hired over 100 new adjudicators, support staff and medical consultants! That is a lot of new faces! A study done by IADE a few years ago on employee satisfaction showed that one of the best things about working at the DDS are the people. For those of us who have been around a few years, take time to introduce yourself to some of these unfamiliar faces. And if you are one of the newer faces, introduce



yourself to the people you see on the elevator, in the break room or outside during break time! Another great way to meet your co-workers is to attend social events sponsored by IADE! This is a great place to make good friends, but you have to take the first step!

Disability Fraud

Did you know that from its inception through April 2016 the Cooperative Disability Investigations (CDI) Program efforts have resulted in \$3.4 billion in projected savings to SSA programs and \$2.3 billion in non-SSA programs nationwide? That is why it is very important to look for high risk fraud factors when adjudicating cases. Here is a brief list of factors that could point to potential fraud:

- Unreported work activity
- Allegation of illiteracy or no education
- Multiple family members receiving disability
- Frequent reapplications
- Mental impairments with no treatment or only very recent outpatient treatment
- Allegation of MR with no history of special education
- Poor cooperation on testing without good cause
- Pain allegation without documentation of pathology, no treating source or lack of response to treatment

The full list of high risk fraud factors can be found under adjudicator tools in the DDS Manuals. If you suspect possible fraud, be sure to refer your case to the fraud unit using the template e256! For more information, see Procedure 662.