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AREA 9 AGENCY AND MIAMI UNIVERSITY CO-SPONSOR “SNOEZELLEN” TRAINING

Area 9 In-Home and Community Services Agency, a service of Indiana University East, and Miami University are co-sponsoring a hands on Snoezelen training.

What is Snoezelen? Snoezelen is a special room for those suffering from Alzheimer’s Disease or dementia that promotes sensory stimulation. It is a safe, designated place that helps them reconnect with their senses: touch, sound, smell, taste, and sight. An alternative therapy approach, it helps to give these individuals back some control, to reconnect with each other, and to provide relaxation.

Presenting the training will be Susan McKinley, Director of Tangible Alternatives. Susan, a licensed massage therapist and Snoezelen trainer, will conduct a hands-on training using Snoezelen products that will educate caregivers, family members, professionals and teachers on the benefits of using alternative therapies to help with Alzheimer’s Disease or dementia.

Training will be January 22nd from 10:00am to 2:00pm at First Lutheran Church, 2727 E. Main Street in Richmond, and is open to all caregivers, family members, healthcare professionals, teachers and other interested individuals. A \$5.00 registration fee includes lunch. For more information or to register, contact Karisha Solomon at 765-966-1795 (ext. 240) or 800-458-9345 (ext. 240) or via email at ksolo@iue.edu.