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Upcoming Training Dates

My Child is Transitioning to Adulthood: What Now?

- [May 10, 2018 - Indianapolis](#)
- [June 19, 2018 - Indianapolis](#)

My Child Has Special Needs: Now What?

Happy Retirement

One of our wonderful parent liaisons, Marsha Cheesman, retired at the end of March. Marsha has been with ASK for 26 years.



We celebrated her retirement with a reception at ASK where she was presented with a gift of appreciation as well as a proclamation from the board of directors. She has been a valuable member of our staff and a remarkable support to families.

We wish her the best in her retirement.



April is Autism Awareness Month

Save the Date: Walking for Dreams



About Special Kids will be participating in the 14th Annual Walking for Dreams - An annual fundraising Family and Pet Walk to help local Indianapolis and Evansville non-profit organizations. The event is being held on May 20th. Registration begins at 1:00 and the walk starts at 2:00 p.m.

Dust off your walking shoes and come out to enjoy a beautiful day in downtown Indy and to support ASK.

For more information about the event or to register to walk, visit www.walkingfordreams.org.



APRIL IS NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER
is a range of conditions affecting social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech, and nonverbal communication.

APRIL IS NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH, with celebrations to understand this disorder. Here are some facts to learn what autism is and how you can help those who have it.

WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY IS April 2nd

AWARENESS

- Most obvious signs of autism appear between two and three years old.
- Children may fail to respond to their name or have a reduced interest in people.
- Around one third of people with autism stay nonverbal their whole life.
- Seizures, ADHD, and anxiety frequently accompany autism.



ACTION

- Developmental delay screenings should occur at nine months.
- Autism Spectrum Disorder screenings should be at 18 months.
- Child psychologists and neurologists can help detect autism in your child.

INCLUSION & ACCEPTANCE

- Children with Autism don't get the same sense of inclusion in schools as other children, making them feel excluded and alienated.
- Adults with autism often have trouble getting a job.
- Social inclusion is having access to education, health care, and services.
- The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities states those with autism have the right to be included in their community.



USE THE HASHTAG #LIGHTITUPBLUE ACROSS SOCIAL MEDIA platforms to share your experiences and help light the world in blue this April!

Trending at ASK

First Steps Public Hearings

The State of Indiana is accepting public comment on drafts of the 2018 Part C State Application and First Steps Policy Manual. For more information on public hearings or commenting online, click [here](#).

BDDS Person Centered Individualized Support Plan

The Bureau of Developmental Disabilities (BDDS) is excited to announce the roll out of the new Person Centered Individualized Support Plan (PCISP). By using the tools and philosophies of the LifeCourse Framework we have enhanced the current Individualized Support Plan to bring together a plan that will begin with an individual's vision for a preferred life and will take the concept of self-determination from theory to practice. For more information, click [here](#).

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