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A Kid Again has an adventure scheduled for families of children with life-threatening illnesses. A



After nearly 8 years of leadership, About Special Kids says goodbye to Executive Director Joe Brubaker, who has accepted the position of Grants and Foundations Director with United Way of Central Indiana.

While at ASK Joe lead the organization through the strategic planning process, created a fundraising program, brought capacity building funding to the organization and increased relationships with community stakeholders. "It has been my distinct privilege to be part of such a passionate and dynamic group of individuals. By the work they do and the example they set, board, staff and volunteers of About Special Kids put life into our mission of helping children with special needs live better lives by educating, empowering and connecting their families."

We will miss Joe, and wish him the best as he continues to have a lasting impact on the lives of families living in Central Indiana. Joe's last day at ASK will be July 27th.

Trending at ASK

U.S. Department of Transportation Wants to Hear from You

Should there be changes to air travel rules for service animals?
Comment by July 9

As a result of complaints from consumers and airlines, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) is considering major changes for air travel rules for service animals. In 2017, DOT received 70 complaints against airlines from people with disabilities who have had difficulty traveling with their service animal. The airlines are having their

fantastic (FREE) adventure at Kings Island that includes:

- Admission
- Parking
- Picnic Lunch
- Each child will receive \$10 in Beagle Bucks to spend

Join A Kid Again for a fun-filled day of memory making.

Contact Kathy Derr at kderr@akidagain.org or call 800-543-9735 to get your family registered.

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own difficulties. One airline complaining to DOT stated that, since 2016, they have had an 84 percent spike in the number of behavior-related service animal problems, including urinating, defecating, or biting.

To address these complaints, DOT is considering amending its Air Carrier Access Act (ACAA) regulation on transportation of service animals. DOT wants to hear from you about how the regulations can be improved. Specifically, DOT wants to know:

- Should the DOT amend its service animal regulation so psychiatric service animals are treated the same as other service animals?
- Should the amended definition of a service animal include emotional support animals, or should emotional support animals be regulated separately from service animals?
- Should there be species limitations on service animals and/or emotional support animals? If so, what should these limitations be?
- Should there be a limit on the number of service animals/emotional support animals per passenger? If so, what should the limit be?

To read the full notice of the proposed changes, visit [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) here: <https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=DOT-OST-2018-0068-1157>. To leave a comment, click the blue "[Comment Now!](#)" button in the upper right corner. Comments are due by July 9.

For more information, contact Maegan Johnson, Senior Trial Attorney with the U.S. Department of Transportation, at 202-366-9342 or maegan.johnson@dot.gov.

[Service Animals \(Including Emotional Support Animals\)](#)



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