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About Special Kids



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2010 ASK Trainings

Roadmap to Special
Education: Laws and Process

Feb. 26th - Kokomo
March 12th - Evansville

Public Health Insurance: What
You Don't Know Can Cost You

Feb. 19th - New Albany

Additional trainings are added to
our calendar as they are
scheduled. To register for a
training, visit our website at
www.aboutspecialkids.org

New Resources

ASK is constantly adding new

Now Hiring

About Special Kids (ASK) is currently hiring for two Parent Liaison positions.

The Parent Liaison will help families of children with special needs, identify and navigate through available resources and programs to meet their child's physical, mental, emotional, and educational needs. The pay rate is \$13-\$15 per hour, dependent upon experience. Parents of children with special needs (physical disabilities, mental health diagnoses, chronic health conditions, developmental disabilities, etc) are encouraged to apply for this position that will provide parent to parent support in the counties identified.

ASK/ Family 2 Family Parent Liaison

This position will serve Benton, Warren, Fountain, White, Tippecanoe, Montgomery, Carroll, Clinton, and Boone counties, for families of children birth – 22 years old. Candidate must reside in one of these counties and be willing to travel periodically to the First Steps SPOE office in Lafayette. This position is for 20 hours per week and will work out of a home office.

ASK Parent Liaison

This position will serve Allen, Huntington, Wells, and Adams counties, for families of children birth – 22 years old. The candidate must reside in Allen county to be able to work from a community office in Fort Wayne. This position is for 20 hours per week and will work also work closely with the First Steps SPOE in Fort Wayne for family referrals.

Please send a cover letter and resume to Jane Scott, Director of Family Support at jane@aboutspecialkids.org or fax to 317-251-7488.

resources to our Resource Directory. This directory lists resources that are available for children with special needs and their families - from local to nationwide organizations.

You can visit the directory 24-hours a day at www.aboutspecialkids.org and search by keyword, county, or by service category.

There are listings for support groups, respite care, disability specific resources, recreation, camps, and much more. Visit the directory today!!

ASK Newsbox

The ASK website features a 'Did You Know?' section that lists events going on throughout the state. You can find information on upcoming conferences, trainings, info fair, and special events in your area.

Visit the website today to find events in your area.

Parent Mentors

If you have been through First Steps with your child and would like to help other families that are presently in the First Steps system, visit our website for information on becoming a parent mentor.

If you currently are in First Steps and would like someone to talk to who has been where you are and can offer peer support, contact your ASK Parent Liaison and ask to be matched with one of our parent mentors.

Website Makeover

This past year we have been gathering stories from ASK families who generously agreed to share their stories with us. The stories and photos of these remarkable, dedicated families have truly touched our hearts. Please visit www.aboutspecialkids.org to see this wonderful new addition to our website. These stories will change quarterly so be sure to stop back and see what's new... your comments are welcome!

If you are an ASK family or a professional who has worked with ASK and would like to share your own story with us, please contact media@aboutspecialkids.org.

We also added a new navigation tool at the top of the page to help new visitors to our site. These are the questions most frequently asked and will help visitors find their information quickly.

2nd Annual Indiana Special Education Law Working for YOU!

On March 16th the Riley Child Development Center and the Christian Sarkine Autism Treatment Center with support from Indiana's Governor's Council for People with Disabilities invite you to join us for the 2nd Annual Indiana Special Education Law Working for YOU!

The partnering organizations have planned a day that will allow participants to gain information to address their current goals and challenges related to Special Education Law in Indiana. Plan to attend and gain the critical general and topical information needed to support Hoosier students.

Visit our Newsbox for more information.

Sibshops

Sibshops are for kids who have a brother or sister with special health or developmental needs. They are a celebration of the many contributions made by brothers and sisters.

Here's what kids say about Sibshops:

- "At Sibshops you get to meet other brothers and sisters of kids with special needs."
- "Sibshops have outrageous games!"
- "At Sibshops you can talk about the good and not-so-good parts of having a brother or sister who has special needs."
- "Sibshops are a place to learn about cool things."
- "Sibshops have great crafts & cooking activities!"

Visit our Newsbox for dates and times of upcoming Sibshops.

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