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Article 7 Update

On June 4th, the State Board of Education voted unanimously to accept the proposed changes as submitted by the Division of Exceptional Learners along with some minor technical amendments and changes. At this time, the changes have been submitted to the Attorney General's Office to be reviewed and approved. They will then be submitted to the Governor for approval. Once the updates have been approved by both of these parties, the rules will go into effect 30 days after filing. Depending on how long the above process takes, these will go into effect between mid-July and mid-September.

Article 7 / IEP Special Education Workshops

ASK is scheduling Article 7 / IEP workshops throughout Indiana. This training is a great opportunity for family members and professionals who advocate for children with a disability or serious chronic illness. The workshop is all day training that offers basic information about special education laws and regulations for Indiana children ages 3-21. It also introduces recent changes in federal law that will impact Indiana's state regulations. In addition, this training will provide information on how to prepare for a case conference and write an IEP.

June Trainings Available

June 21st 9:00 – 4:00 Evansville, IN	June 23rd 9:00 - 4:00 Indianapolis, IN
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Visit our website at www.aboutspecialkids.org for more information or to register. Additional trainings will also be available on the website training calendar as they are added.



In the Spotlight - Toni Modglin

Toni joined ASK in May of 2008 as the Parent Liaison for Lake and Porter counties. She currently works with families and professionals to provide information on community supports, special education law, health care financing, and family support. Toni's position is funded by a grant from federal Maternal & Child Health Bureau which provides funding for ASK to be

6th Annual Conference on Health, Disability and Law

Emergency and Disaster
Preparedness for Children with
Disabilities

Friday, June 20, 2008
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Indiana University School of Law
Lawrence W. Inlow Hall
530 West New York Street
Indianapolis, IN 46202

Cost: \$75.00

For more information or to
register, call 317-274-1951 or e-
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Community Collaboration Award

On May 15, 2008, AKS's Power Program was pleased to accept a Community Collaboration Award from the John H. Boner Community Center. The Power Program is funded by a grant from the federal Department of Education, Office of Special Education Services. ASK has enjoyed its partnership with the Boner Center and serving families on the near east side of Indianapolis. May 15th marked the building dedication for the new John H. Boner Community Center, in which the Power Program has offices. Congratulations to the Power Program staff and to all of the staff at the John H. Boner Community Center.

Indiana's Family to Family Health Care Information and Education Center (F2F HIC). The purpose of the grant is to improve access to accurate, timely information on health care financing options, community resources, and special education issues for families who have children and youth with special needs (ages 0-22).

Toni and her husband, Chad, have been married for 10 years and reside in Lake county. They have two children, Damon who is 9 years old and very gifted, and Chase who is 6 and has a diagnosis of Autism. They also have guardianship of their 11 year old niece who has a unilateral hearing loss and learning disability. Toni's passion is educating and empowering families. She was a First Steps Service Coordinator in Cluster A for 3 years. Toni was drawn to ASK because of the opportunity to help families become their child's best advocate.

Toni can be reached at (219) 678-4746 or
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2008 Family 2 Family Summer Training Series

Family 2 Family is offering a series of FREE summer trainings available to parents around the state. The trainings are the result of a survey taken in the fall. Topics include:

Turning 3 – Ready, Set, Transition! This presentation will assist parents in knowing what the possibilities are for their child when he/she moves into preschool special education, child care, preschool, Head Start or takes advantage of other community programs.

Medicaid Waiver, what is it, who gets it, when do we apply? In this session the presenter will discuss the various waivers, identify resources for downloading the forms and offer tips for getting them completed in a timely manner.

Locating and Navigating Resources! This training will assist parents and professionals to navigate the various federal, state, and local resources available to families and children with special needs.

What IS My Child Saying? This workshop will present a general picture of how children develop essential communication skills during the first three years of their lives and how children use 'behavior' to communicate.

Introduction to Special Education for Families of Children Birth to Three. This training is designed to help answer common questions parents and family members may have about special education, specifically about the case conference and individualized education program (IEP).

Each of the training sessions will be presented LIVE in two clusters, then be available via the Internet on Wednesday evenings beginning July 2nd. They are two hour sessions.

For dates and locations and to register, go to either
www.inf2f.org or www.aboutspeciallykids.org.

2008 Trainings

ASK provides trainings through the state of Indiana on Article 7 / IEP Preparation and Healthcare Financing. To date in 2008, we have held trainings attended by over 80 individual (both family members and professionals).

Visit our website training calendar at www.aboutspecialkids.org for upcoming dates and locations.

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