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ASK Day at Victory Field!

Join us Wednesday, June 23rd, at Victory Field for a 1 pm Indians game.

This game will be dedicated to raising awareness for ASK and what we do for Indiana families. We can root for the Indians team and for our ASK team too!

Please order your tickets by clicking [HERE](#) - the passcode is ASK. This is a section reserved for ASK and it is wheelchair accessible. In addition, \$5 of every ticket ordered through this link will be donated to ASK!

Please join us and introduce yourself to ASK staff... we'll be the people wearing green "ASK" shirts. We'd love to meet your family!



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2010 ASK Trainings

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

June 23rd - Merrillville
July 21st - Greensburg

Roadmap to Special Education: Laws and Process

2nd Annual ASK Golf Tournament

Join us for an afternoon of fun and golf on Friday, August 27th. ASK will be holding its 2nd Annual golf tournament fundraiser at Hickory Stick Golf Course located in Greenwood and is currently signing up golfers and sponsors! Visit our website for more information or to register.

- Shot Gun Start is at 1:00 pm! Come early to enjoy lunch and the driving range.
- Dinner, an awards presentation and the fabulous raffle will follow the tournament at Louie's Bar and Grill.

June 17th - Lafayette
July 30th - Ft. Wayne

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

College Bound?

Do you have a child that is thinking about secondary education? Are you looking for help paying for college?

Our Resource Directory has several listings of scholarships available to individuals with disabilities.

Visit our Resource Directory at www.aboutspecialkids.org and type in Education Scholarships to find a scholarship that will fit your needs.

The INDATA Statewide Assistive Technology Conference

On July 29 and 30, come to the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis for the INDATA Statewide Assistive Technology Conference.

At this free event, you will have the opportunity to meet dozens of assistive technology vendors as they explain their products, funding sources, advocacy, and education.

The conference will also feature a variety of informative workshops on topics like:

- Augmentative Communication
- Employment
- Education
- Independent Living
- Web Accessibility
- And much, much more

Visitors will also enjoy the Game Accessibility Arcade presented by the AbleGamers Foundation. This interactive presentation will

All proceeds from this event will go to ASK to help support families of children with special needs.

We hope to see you there.

New Online Trainings Now Available

The ASK website now has four new online trainings available on our website.

- **Article 7 Module: Transition-** This training reviews Rules 43-1 thru 43-7 under Indiana's Special Education Law which pertain to transition. Under Indiana law transition is defined twice, once when a child moves from Early Intervention to Preschool and then again when the child turns 14. Both of these transitions are covered under this video.
- **Article 7 Module: Discipline Procedures-** This training reviews Rules 44-1 thru 44-10 under Indiana's Special Education Law which pertain to discipline procedures.
- **Article 7 Module: Non-Public Schools-** This training reviews Rules 34-1 thru 34-10 under Indiana's Special Education Law which pertain to students attending a non-public school.
- **Article 7 Module: Procedural Safeguards-** This training reviews Rules 37 under Indiana's Special Education Law which pertain to Procedural Safeguards and parental rights.

At this time these are available in English only. Each unit will be available in Spanish within the next few months.

Parent Research Study: Problem Solving for Caregivers of Children with Mental Health Problems

Indiana University School of Nursing is conducting a research study examining a problem-solving intervention using the telephone for caregivers of children with mental health problems.

The purpose of this study is to examine how well the intervention works and what to do to make it better.

Who Can Participate?

Primary caregivers (parents—biological, adoptive, foster parents, relatives or guardians) of a child with a mental health problem who:

- a) has received mental health services in the community within the past year (at home, in-patient, school-based, etc.);
- b) has lived at home for at least 20 of the past 24 months; and
- c) is between the ages of 11 and 16 years when beginning the study.

What Happens?

demonstrate the latest accessibility tools that can be used to play today's most popular systems, including the Wii, the Xbox, the PS3, and PC games.

The keynote speaker will be John Bramblitt (<http://bramblitt.net>), an artist from Denton, Texas. Mr. Bramblitt will be conducting one of his award-winning art workshops.

Register for this free event [here](#). For more information, contact Sara Croft at 888-466-1314.

Summer Fun

If you are looking for a summer camp, sports clubs or recreational ideas for your child, visit our Online Resource Directory. Also watch for upcoming events around the state in the 'Did You Know' section of our website.

Looking to Help?

ASK is currently looking for a volunteer who can come into the central office for a few hours once a week to help with general clerical items such as copying and putting together information and training packets.

If you are interested, please call ASK can speak to Cindy.

NIH Study

The National Human Genome Research Institute at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is sponsoring a study that seeks to learn more about how parents of children with an undiagnosed medical condition think and feel about their child's condition.

We hope that this knowledge will improve the health care and

- You will contact the primary investigator or a co-investigator by email, telephone, or face-to-face to get questions answered and share your interest in participating
- You will be asked if you meet the inclusion criteria above
- If you meet the above inclusion criteria, more screening questions will be asked of you to see if you qualify, and you will receive a \$10 gift card for completing the screening
- You will let us know if you think you want to participate
- If interested and you qualify, informed consent will be mailed or given to you for you to sign and return if you are interested
- You will be assigned to either the intervention group or a wait-list control group
- You will complete a survey that will take about 1 hour
- You will participate in a 1-hour problem-solving intervention training session
- You will participate in 8 weekly problem-solving interventions by telephone
- You will be contacted by telephone 3 to 4 times for data collection during the study
- You may benefit by learning about problem solving, receiving individual attention from a mental health professional, and knowing you have helped
- You will receive gift cards for participation in the study

If interested, contact:
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A Special Thank You

ASK would like to thank the Autism Resource Center of Kokomo (ARCK) and Homefront Children's Foundation for partnering with ASK to host a "Public Health Insurance: What You Don't Know Can Cost You" training. ARCK and Homefront Children's Foundation, located in Kokomo, Indiana, sponsored all the participants as well as provided lunch for the training.



The ADA Survey Closes June 15th

Time is running out for you to SPEAK YOUR MIND about your community's progress in implementing the Americans with

counseling for these parents.

Men and women who are 18 years or older and have at least one child with a medical condition that has remained undiagnosed for more than 2 years are needed to take part in this study. Participation involves one survey that takes about 45 minutes to finish. The survey can be taken online or a paper copy can be mailed to you. For additional information about this study, you may review the Notice to Participants disclosure (click [here](#))

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Disabilities Act! How well is the ADA being implemented? What still needs to be done?

To complete the survey, go to www.thepollingplace.org
It takes only about 10-15 minutes.

The results of the ADA SURVEY will be used to create Indiana's 2010 "Report Card," which will be a highlight of our state's ADA Celebration in July. It will also be useful as a tool to educate policy makers, administrators and the public about what priorities need to be addressed so that Indiana communities meet the goals of the ADA.

The 2010 ADA Survey is being conducted by the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community, the Governor's Council for People with Disabilities, and Indiana Protection and Advocacy Services, in conjunction with the Great Lakes ADA Center in Chicago.

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