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2010 ASK Trainings

Roadmap to Special
Education: Laws and Process

April 22 - Indianapolis
April 23 - Richmond
April 23 - Merrillville

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

Donate Your Equipment

It is that time of year when you start thinking flowers, warm weather and . . . spring cleaning. While cleaning out the closets and drawers you may come across special needs equipment that your child has outgrown. Don't discard these or put these back in the closet to gather more dust. Donate them for another child to use.

There are several organizations that take donations of equipment - everything from wheelchairs to diapers (i.e. strollers, weighted vests, feed tube supplies, etc). Some will even come to you for pick up.

Visit our Resource Directory and perform a keyword search for "equipment donations" for a list of organizations that accept donations. You can also contact local disability-specific chapters for suggestions (i.e. United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Indiana, Inc).

Support Services Waiver

There have been several questions regarding the Support Services Waiver for young adults leaving school. There have been no changes to this waiver.

The Arc has been working hard to make sure students with special needs and their families know they can receive services from the Support Services Waiver without being on a waiting

Summer Camps & Recreation

Summer is quickly approaching. If you are looking for a summer camp, sports clubs or recreational ideas for your child, visit our Online Resource Directory.

A Special Thank you

ASK would like to thank Ryan Moran for volunteering his time and talents at our March staff in-service.

Ryan is a motivational speaker who performs at schools throughout the country. His speeches focus on the acronym POSSE (be Positive, be Open, be Sincere, have Spirit, and don't be Exclusive) which gives students a way of thinking and behaving that will allow them to make their school, community, organization, etc. a better place.

For more information about Ryan, please visit his website at www.heavypenguins.com



list, thanks to this priority criteria. Students can apply now to be ready to transition onto the waiver when they end their high school experience in the spring. On average, 250-350 people per year have been able to take advantage of this opportunity over the past several years.

In consideration of the extraordinary pressures on the state budget, the Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services was asked to estimate how many people may apply and be found eligible under the priority criteria for the SS Waiver.

Unfortunately, the request was somehow misinterpreted, leading some to incorrectly believe a change had been made. The Arc has confirmed that there has been no change in the effort to move students leaving high school onto the Support Services waiver. BDDS is in fact only requesting information to better predict projected costs in a very difficult budget year. Students transitioning from special education programs should still apply for the Support Services Medicaid Waiver. As always, services will not begin until they leave school.

This information was made available by the Arc of Indiana



Morty's Comedy Club VIP Fundraiser Event for ASK

A special thanks to the newly reopened Morty's Comedy Joint on the north side of Indianapolis. Proceeds from Morty's VIP night on Wednesday, March 3rd went to ASK and totaled nearly \$700! Thanks for all who showed their support to ASK and to Morty's.

Please check out upcoming comedy shows at www.mortyscomedyclub.com.

ASK Wish List

There is never a charge to any family for the help they receive from ASK . . . that is why donations are so necessary. If you would like to help, below is a Wish List for items that will allow us to continue serving Indiana families and broaden our outreach efforts:

- Office Depot gift cards for supplies
- 2 Projectors for outreach and trainings
- Gas cards for outreach travel
- Auction items for Summer Golf Outing
- Financial contributions for training scholarships

Items can be sent to our central office: ASK, 7275 Shadeland

Ave., Suite 1, Indianapolis, IN 46250 or call 800-964-4746 for more information.

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