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“A Rewarding Part Time Marketing Career To Be Proud Of”

About Special Kids (ASK) wants YOU to help spread the word about the good things we are doing for families across the state of Indiana. Apply for our Marketing and Outreach Coordinator position and you will feel the rewards of your work daily. Ideal candidate will have an awareness of disability and family networks across the state as well as experience with development of marketing campaigns, materials and creative marketing strategies and connecting with businesses. This is a 30 hour per week position in our Indianapolis office with a pay range of \$15-\$17 per hour, based on marketing experience

Upcoming ASK Trainings

Article 7 (Special Education Workshop) & Preparing Your Child's IEP (Individual Education Program) Training - \$60*

Overview: This workshop, combining the Article 7 and IEP training, is an all day training that offers basic information about special education laws and regulations for Indiana children ages 3-21. In addition, this training will provide information on how to prepare for a case conference and write an IEP. This training is a great opportunity for family members and professionals who advocate for children with a disability or serious chronic illness.

November 18, 2008 - 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Easter Seals ARC
4919 Coldwater Rd., Conference Room 117
Ft. Wayne, IN 46825

Understanding Public Health Insurance for Children with Special Needs - \$60*

Overview: This full day training provides parents and professionals with information about public health insurance programs that can be accessed by families caring for children with special needs. It includes information on Medicaid (Part A, B, C, D & E), Medicaid Disability, Medicaid Waivers, Children's Special Healthcare Services, Hoosier Healthwise and SSI (Supplemental Security Income) as well as private insurance.

December 16, 2008 - 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.
Hobart Police South Station / Westfield Shopping Center
1915 Southlake Mall
Merrillville, IN 46410

and awareness of disability and business networks. Please respond to Rebecca@abouthepecialkids.org with resume, cover letter and writing and/or creative samples by Wednesday, November 19th. To receive a copy of the full job description, please contact Carol at carol@abouthepecialkids.org or 317-257-8683.

Update on OASIS

There is some key news for families concerned about the implementation of new uniform rates for Medicaid waiver services and the move to OASIS – the new process for allocating resources to people on the waiver.

Many people have heard from their providers that they are very concerned about their ability to maintain service levels, or even continue to operate, based upon early reviews of rates. However, there has been a great deal of work done that we believe has improved that situation.

Bulletins will be coming out from the state very shortly to address several key decisions and their impact on the program. You can view some highlights now at <http://www.arcind.org/PDF%20Files/OASIS%20Statement.pdf>.

Become a Parent Mentor

Have you been through First Steps with your child? Would you like to help other families that are presently in the First Steps system? Go to our website and click on Parent Mentor to find out how to get involved as a Parent Mentor.

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Additional trainings are added to our calendar as they are scheduled.

* While ASK does not want to charge for its trainings, in order to recoup our costs for qualified trainers, travel, printing of information etc. we have to charge for these trainings. We do have limited scholarships available through ASK, and families apply to the Family Involvement Fund at www.inf2f.org, to help cover the cost of these trainings.

To register for a training, visit our website at www.abouthepecialkids.org

Family to Family Trainings Now Available

The first F2F information series of five trainings for families and service providers is complete. These sessions were offered throughout Indiana during the summer of 2008 and are available as a CD for \$5 each to cover production (plus shipping and sales tax) or FREE 24/7 online viewing on the Family to Family website (www.inf2f.org/F2Fresources2.htm).

The five sessions include:

An Introduction to Special Education. Designed to help answer common questions parent and family members have about special education including the case conference and IEP.

Turning 3 - Ready, Set, Transition. Assists parents in understanding the process involved in moving from First Steps to public school preschool, and other community program opportunities for young children.

Locating and Navigating Community Resources. Helps families understand the multitude of resources available for their child and family.

Medicaid Waivers: What you need to know. Focuses on accessing financial support for children with special needs.

Behavior as Communication: What is my child saying?

Families are often challenged with understanding why their child seems to have out of the ordinary behavior during different routines or during certain times of the day. This session helps families understand these behaviors and how to guide positive interaction skills.

All session are less than an hour in length and contain the slides and notes for participant access.

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