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Golf Outing

We are pleased to have Anthem as our 2015 Title Sponsor.

Friday, May 29, 2015
Registration and lunch 10:45 am
Shotgun 11:45 am

Hickory Stick Golf Club
4422 Hickory Stick Blvd.
Greenwood, IN 46143



To register or sponsor:

<https://www.aboutspecialkids.org/2015-golf-outing/>

Walking for Dreams

Family and Pet 5k Walk

Sunday, May 17, 2015

2:00 pm Step-off

Indianapolis Downtown Canal at *Buggs Temple*

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Upcoming ASK Workshops

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

This full day training provides information on Medicaid, Medicaid Disability, Medicaid Waivers, Children's Special Healthcare Services, Hoosier Healthwise, SSI, and private insurance.

May 22
Mt. Pleasant United Methodist
Terre Haute

June 8
East 91st Street Christian Church
Indianapolis

It's Not WHAT You Say . . . It's HOW You Say It: Effective Communication

Communication is a key factor when working with individuals and organizations. This training is geared toward parents of children with special needs to help build positive working relationships with schools, medical professionals through improved communication skills.

June 17 ~ 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Hopewell Center
Anderson

June 24 ~ 10:00 - 12:30 pm
St. Mark's United Methodist
Bloomington

Walking for Dreams Family and Pet Fun Walk, is on the Indianapolis downtown canal. This is a family and pet friendly, FUN activity. Please visit: www.walkingfordreams.org to start a team or you can join About Special Kids' Team

Here is how:

1. Go to www.walkingfordreams.org
2. Left side of page click – **Walker Registration**
On the opening page for registration – you will have to click **I Agree** to proceed
3. You will see the following selections – choose the one that fits you best

Event Registration

I would like to:

[Start a Team](#)

[Join a Team](#)

[Register as an individual](#)



4. If you do not want to create your own team; you can join **About Special Kids'** team just select it and ask your family and friends to do so also.

Time to Sign-Up for Summer Camp!

It is Mid-April and we are all getting the yard spruced up and planting flowers, which is great – **BUT**... If you want to have your child attend a summer camp, the time to sign up is **NOW!** Camps that are inclusive or specifically for children with special needs are limited and fill very quickly.

So start searching your local area for camps or use our [Resource Directory](#) where you can search by Zip, County, Keyword and/or Specific Disability.



Trending at

What is Hoosier Care Connect?

- A new coordinated care program for Hoosiers age 65 and over, or with blindness or a disability who live in the community and are not eligible for Medicare.
- In Hoosier Care Connect you enroll with a health plan that provides most of your Medicaid-covered benefits.
 - A health plan, also called a managed care entity (MCE), is a group of doctors, pharmacies and hospitals that work together to help you get the health services you need.

My Child Has Special Needs: Now What?

This training helps parents map out the next steps for their child and family with a brief overview of how to:

- > find support for your child and family,
- > find information and services,
- > find coverage to pay for services, and will help you start thinking about the future

Apr. 15 ~ 10:00 - 12:30 pm
Kokomo South Branch Library
Kokomo

Apr. 17 ~ 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Wabash Center
Lafayette

June 10 ~ 10:00 - 12:30 pm
First Christian Church
Shelbyville

[Register for any of ASK's Trainings Here](#)

Are You on the Medicaid Waiver

Check your status and keep your information updated at www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/4328.htm

Important Info from ARC of Indiana: Children under Age 6 Waiting for Family Supports Waiver

Families have been told in the past that a child under 6 can apply for the Family Supports Waiver, but would only be given provisional eligibility until age 6 when an assessment could be done. At that time, the original application date was to be honored for the waiting list. However, with the shorter wait times for the waiver, children under 6 are potentially being "targeted" for services now.

Families are encouraged to contact BDDS and ensure their child is on the waiting list for the **Family Supports Waiver** if they applied prior to age 6.
You can find a list of BDDS offices here: <http://www.in.gov/fssa/files/BDDS.pdf>

Camp Riley has extended the application deadline until **next Tuesday, April 21**. Please help spread the word! Children who have a physical disability and are between the ages of 8-18 are eligible to attend Camp Riley. They are particularly looking for campers for **Camp Kan-Du**, a one-week session for youth with physical and cognitive functioning levels assessed between 0-48 months.

Interested families can request an application by visiting www.RileyKids.org/camp or calling **Olivia Mozzi** Camp Coordinator at 317.808.8557.



How is Hoosier Care Connect different from Traditional Medicaid?

- You will receive full Medicaid benefits plus:
 - Enhanced benefits like disease management and wellness programs
 - Help from a health plan to connect with healthcare providers and specialists
 - Care coordination services based on your needs including:
 - Education on how to better manage your health and any chronic illnesses
 - Help in getting connected to medical, behavioral health and community resources
 - Support after you are discharged from the hospital to help you stay healthy and keep follow-up appointments
 - Access to a 24-hour Nurse Helpline

To Learn more <https://secure.in.gov/fssa/4913.htm>

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