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About Special Kids is pleased to announce that we are now a part of Kroger's Community Rewards[®]. If you enroll in the program, each time you swipe your Kroger Plus Card a percentage of your purchase will benefit ASK. This is a very easy way you, your friends, and your family can support the work we do serving Indiana families of children with special needs.

See below on how to enroll in the program – please share with everyone in your social/family network

TO USE THE KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM:

- Simply register online at krogercommunityrewards.com
- Be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy.
- If you do not have a Kroger Plus card, they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger.
- Click on Sign In
- Most participants are new online customers, so they must click on SIGN UP TODAY in the 'New Customer?' box.
- Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering zip code, clicking on favorite store, entering your email address and creating a password, agreeing to the terms and conditions
- You will then get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.
- Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
- Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number.
- Update or confirm your information.
- Enter **11209** or select **About Special Kids** from list and click on confirm.
- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on the right side of your information page.
- REMEMBER, purchases will not count until after you register your card(s).
- Do you use your phone number at the register? Call 800-576-4377, select option 4 to get your Kroger Plus card number.

You must swipe your registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to your Kroger Plus card when shopping for each purchase to count. THANK YOU!!!

Let Someone Walk a Mile in Your Shoes



Help ASK by helping us educate Pediatric Residents on what life is truly like having a child with Special Needs. One of the great things about being associated with ASK is to share my real world experience of having a child with special needs with Pediatric Residents during some of my son's medical appointments. Trusting that this exposure may help these doctors understand what families like ours face on a daily basis and then provide their future patients with great care and compassion.

Would you like to help too? ASK has the great privilege of being part of an educational initiative with the IU School Of Medicine, in training Pediatric residents on the family perspective on caring for a child with special

needs. We do this through many venues, one being an opportunity for a future pediatrician to shadow a family to a doctor's appointment. The resident ONLY takes an observing role at this appointment. We have received great reports on this activity from previous residents...how this was their favorite part of their rotation to see these appointments through a family's eyes. This opportunity has a huge impact on future medical care for families that will someday be visiting these pediatricians/specialists in their offices.

So, here is where you come in...would you be willing to have a resident shadow you to your doctor's appointment (can be primary care or specialist) for your child with special needs?

We would like to offer the residents more opportunities to learn from families that have real experience. Each time we have residents, ASK will send you information about the residents' availability – if your child has an appointment in the Central Indiana area during that time, please let us know and we will connect you with the resident to coordinate. It usually is just an email between the two of you on where/when to meet up on the day of the appointment.

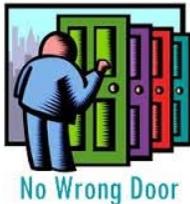
If you would like to have a resident come to your child's medical appoint please call 317-257-8683 or email jane@aboutspeciallykids.org – Thanks for your consideration!

Trending at ASK

FSSA is in the process of preparing a 3-year plan for implementing a No Wrong Door (NWD) system to improve how consumers and families learn about and access Long Term Services and Support (LTSS) in the state. This is not about service delivery but access to information, resources, and services. The goal is to get the right information at the right time to families so they are

sent to the right place and get what they need for their family member who needs LTSS.

Make your voice heard: <http://www.in.gov/fssa/4936.htm>



Upcoming Workshops

My Child Has Special Needs: Now What?

August 12
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
IPMG
1305 Cumberland Avenue, Suite 110
West Lafayette, IN 47906

Roadmap to Special Education: Laws and Process

August 24
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church
3050 E David Drive
Terre Haute, IN 47802

[Register Here](#)

Life with Stress, Balance and a Plan

September 2
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Noble
7701 E. 21st Street
Indianapolis, IN 46219

[Register Here](#)

ASK and Learn

8-20-2015
Children's Therapy Center
590 Missouri Avenue, Suite 205
Jeffersonville, Indiana 47130

[Register Here](#)

Roadmap to Special Education: Laws and Process

9-22-2015
Mad Anthony's Children's Hope House
7922 W Jefferson Blvd.
Ft. Wayne, IN 46804

Now Enrolling for Postsecondary Vocational Training

Erskine Green Training Institute



The Arc of Indiana, a statewide advocacy organization for people with disabilities, strives to empower people and inspire change in many ways – including expanding employment opportunities to tackle the extraordinarily high unemployment rate among people with disabilities. They are working to be part of that change by developing the Erskine Green Training Institute through The Arc of Indiana Foundation.

Individuals with disabilities can receive training at the institute, individuals will apply those skills through an internship at the Courtyard Muncie at Horizon Convention Center that is being developed by our for-profit affiliate, Arc Innovations. Other internship opportunities are available at the Thr3e Wise Men restaurant that will be located at the Courtyard Muncie and at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics in 2013, unemployment among individuals with disabilities was 82%. In the absence of employment, individuals with disabilities are forced to seek public assistance to survive. Hospitality is the world's fastest growing industry, according to a study conducted by Eastern Michigan University. The Institute and teaching hotel is Indiana's first statewide hospitality training center for individuals with disabilities.

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Basic Educational Advocacy Training *A program of Hands & Voices*



Level 1 ASTra Basic Training is intended for any individual – parent or family member and/or professional - who seeks the opportunity to increase knowledge and skills to advocate for his or her own child, and/or students with whom they work. ASTra training focuses on the collaboration between families and professionals to foster a unified approach towards educational planning for Deaf and Hard of Hearing students. The training will be based on the Educational Advocacy for Students who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing: The Hands & Voices Guidebook. Your registration will enter you to win a FREE guidebook!

Northeast Indiana – August 21, 2015
Central Indiana – August 28, 2015
Southeast Indiana – October 5, 2015
Southwest Indiana – November 6, 2015

For program, locations, and registration information, please visit <http://goo.gl/tNKbSg>.

Registration is **FREE** for parents and \$15 per professional.

Space is limited. Parents and families will be given attendance priority.

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