



## May E-Newsletter

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### REMINDER: Walking for Dreams

Family and Pet 5k Walk  
is this  
Sunday, **May 17, 2015**  
2:00 pm Step-off

Indianapolis Downtown Canal at *Buggs Temple*

**Walking for Dreams Family and Pet Fun Walk**, is on the Indianapolis downtown canal. Please visit: [www.walkingfordreams.org](http://www.walkingfordreams.org) to start a team or you can join About Special Kids' Team

#### Here is how:

1. Go to [www.walkingfordreams.org](http://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 3 options – choose the one that fits you best  
**Event Registration**  
I would like to:  
[Start a Team](#)  
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4. To save yourself time you can join **About Special Kids'** team just select it and ask your family and friends to do so also.



**We are going to have another GREAT turnout  
You can still join us at the 7th Annual**



### Golf Outing

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

Hickory Stick Golf Club  
4422 Hickory Stick Blvd.

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### Jubilate Festival

*A choral experience for children with special needs!  
Presented by the Indianapolis Childrens Choir*

May 20 & 21, 5-7:30 p.m.

Butler University, Lilly Hall

4600 Sunset Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46208

#### Register/more info at:

<http://icchoir.org/jubilate-festival/>

Or contact Lauren Southard

[lsouthar@icchoir.org](mailto:lsouthar@icchoir.org) 317-940-8065

### 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 ~ 10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Mt. Pleasant United Methodist  
Terre Haute

July 6 ~ 10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Kokomo South Branch Library  
Kokomo

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

Communication is a key factor when

Greenwood, IN 46143



To register or sponsor:

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



**ASK wants YOUR Feedback!**

ASK would like to hear from you! If you received help or guidance from a parent liaison, took a workshop, and/or watched a webinar to help your family with an issue you were facing, please let us know if we were helpful.

Please email [familynetw@aboutspecialkids.org](mailto:familynetw@aboutspecialkids.org) about your experience with ASK.

### Welcome our new ASK Parent Liaisons



#### **Vicky Badgley serving Central Indiana**

Vicky's passion is working with families; especially those who require more care and attention. Vicky has a variety of medical background experience from both herself and her children. Vicky has three children: a daughter and twin boys. Her daughter suffered a Traumatic Brain Injury resulting in Cerebral Palsy, multiple kinds of seizures, feeding issues, Ventricular Partial Shunt and developmental delays. During her pregnancy, the twins were diagnosed with Twin-to-Twin Transfusion Syndrome. Vicky joined the ASK team to give back to the community of parents who need someone to talk to and help finding resources.



#### **Kristi Skinner serving Southwest Indiana**

Kristi and her husband have one son. Kristi left her corporate career to be a stay at home mom when their son was given a primary diagnosis of Cerebral Palsy at about 15 months of age. The past several years have been filled with countless hours attending occupational, physical, speech, developmental and behavioral therapies in various mediums such as hippo therapy, water therapy and robotic therapy therapies. There have also been countless specialist appointments, six surgeries for her son and various types of insurance transitions over the years. Through all the experiences in handling her son's health issues, Kristi really enjoys sharing the knowledge she has acquired along the way and has a great desire to assist other families of children with special needs in finding ways to obtain services, training and support.

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 11 ~ 10:00 am - 12:00  
Westfield Shopping Center  
Merriville

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

June 24 ~ 1:30 - 3:30 pm  
St. Mark's United Methodist  
Bloomington

June 25 ~ 4:00 - 6:00 pm  
Ronald McDonald House  
Ft. Wayne

June 26 ~ 1:00 - 3:00 pm  
Wabash Center  
Lafayette

### **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

May 19 ~ 6:00 - 8:00 pm  
Ronald McDonald House  
Ft. Wayne

May 27 ~ 4:00 - 6:00 pm  
Community Health Center  
La Porte

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

June 15 ~ 11:00 - 1:30 pm  
Indian Creek Christian Church  
Indianapolis

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

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

### **Training for Indiana's First Responders:**

The Indiana Resource Center for Autism (IRCA) believes in the importance of awareness training about autism spectrum disorders for first responders so they created training materials.

IRCA's training materials for First Responders are available in the following formats:

- Two PowerPoint presentations for training first responders are available at <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/index.php?pageId=3767>; one is for Law Enforcement the other for Firefighters and Emergency Service Personnel.
- The Kit is available, for loan from the Center for Disability Information and Referral. To borrow the Kit contact [cedir@indiana.edu](mailto:cedir@indiana.edu), call (800) 437-7924 or visit their website at <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/index.php?pageId=34>

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## **Trending at**

Summer time brings on camp time and we have been talking about camps a lot lately! If you have not signed up yet, it isn't too late. Camp can open up doors of fun, exploration, friendships, independence, and memories. Not sure where to start to find the right camp? What kinds of things should you ask a camp before you send in your application for your child? Can your child be accommodated at a camp that is set up for every child? How can I afford to send my child to camp? My child is not ready to stay overnight at camp, now what? Too many questions....too little time to sort them through and get answers?

Call About Special Kids and ask a parent liaison! They have some great ideas for **your** child to have a great experience this year at camp! And they too, as a parent, have had to make these choices and have had to send their child off on a new experience, away from home, maybe for the first time. We can help.

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