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### ✓ **Mark Your Calendar for April 19, 2:15 – 3:15 p.m.** **for a live ASK webinar on Social Skills**

Presented by: Dr. Cathy Pratt, BCBA-D  
Director of the Indiana Resource Center for Autism

Join Dr. Pratt to discuss how to best assess social skills of an individual and ideas for the development of social skills.



#### To participate:

1. Go to <http://www.ustream.com> and click "Watch"
2. Search "ASK Social Skills"
3. Click on the ASK Webinar. The webinar begins at 2:15 p.m. EST. <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/5ZRvXM8Ndpk>



To submit questions during the webinar, you will need to login to Ustream.

<http://www.aboutspecialkids.org/events/ask-webinar-social-skills/>

### **We are Hiring in Northeast Indiana**

ASK is currently hiring a Parent Liaison for the Northeast region of the state. Parent Liaisons provide parent to parent support by helping families of children with special needs identify and navigate available resources, systems, and programs to meet their child's physical, mental, emotional, and educational needs.

The majority of the work is done on the phone and email. This position will be 20 hours per week and will be out of a home office.

Parents of children with special needs or chronic health conditions, who live in Allen, Steuben, DeKalb, LaGrange, Noble, Kosciusko, Whitley, Huntington, Wabash, Grant, Wells, Adams, Blackford, or Jay are encouraged to apply for this position that will provide parent to parent support in northeast Indiana.

Please send a cover letter and resume to Jane Scott, Deputy Director at [jane@aboutspecialkids.org](mailto:jane@aboutspecialkids.org) or fax to 317-251-7488.

### **Do You Want to be a Certified Parent Support Provider**

NAMI Indiana is offering a one-week paid training course for parents, guardians or full-time caretakers, who want to work in the child mental health services system of care. Trainees will learn the skills needed to provide support to families with a child who is living with mental health challenges or serious emotional disturbances.

The candidate must have two years' experience parenting or caring for a child with complex mental health and/or substance use disorders within the past eight years. This experience of navigating the necessary mental health and child-care systems will make them the ideal peer support provider.

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8<sup>th</sup> Annual**





## About Special Kids Golf Outing

Friday, May 27, 2016

Registration and lunch 10:45 am

Shotgun 11:45 am



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

[Find Out More and Register](#)



## Grab the Leash & Let's Go Walking for Dreams

at the  
**Family and Pet 5k Walk**

Sunday, May 22, 2016

2:00 pm Step-off

Indianapolis Downtown Canal at *Buggs Temple*



Your participation in Walking for Dreams supports our mission to help families of children with special needs!

### [Register to Walk](#)

1. Go to [www.walkingfordreams.org/](http://www.walkingfordreams.org/)
2. Left side of page click – **Walker Registration**
3. On the opening page for registration – you will have to click **I Agree** to proceed
4. You will see the following options – choose the one that fits you best
  - Start a Team
  - Join a Team
  - Register as an individual



If you do not want to create your own team – just join the [About Special Kids](#) team and ask your family and friends to do so also.

### [Sponsor a Walker / Donate](#)

- Go to [www.walkingfordreams.org](http://www.walkingfordreams.org)
- Left side of page click – **Make a Donation**
- Under 'Credit My Donation' click either Individual Walker or Organization - Be sure to select a walker for **About Special Kids**

### [Become a Walking for Dreams Sponsor](#)

If your organization would like to become an Event Sponsor for this year's Walking for Dreams, click [here](#).

## **Trending at ASK**

### **You May be Eligible for a FREE Lifetime Pass to all National Parks**

A [free, lifetime pass](#) is available to U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the United States that have been medically determined to have a **permanent disability** (does not have to be a 100% disability) - that provides access to more than 2,000 recreation sites managed by five Federal agencies.

Access Passes may also be obtained via mail order from USGS. Mail-order applicants for the Access Pass must submit a completed [application](#), proof of residency and documentation of permanent disability, and pay the document processing fee of \$10 to obtain a pass through the mail. Once the application package is received, the documentation will be verified and a pass, with the pass owner's name pre-printed on it, will be issued to the applicant.

At many sites the Access Pass provides the [pass owner](#) a discount on [Expanded Amenity Fees](#) (such as camping, swimming, boat launching, and guided tours).

## **Effortless No-Cost Ways to Help ASK**

About Special Kids and all other non-profits have to ask for money frequently. We know that you cannot write a check every time you are asked. So we thought we would explore ways to capitalize on finding ways you can help by simply doing what you do all the time anyway. We put together ways that you can contribute regularly without it costing you anything.

If you shop at **Kroger** and use their reward card – Kroger will contribute 2% of your purchase. All you have to do is, select ASK by going here <https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow>



If you shop online, you can use **AmazonSmile** and they will donate .5% of eligible purchases to ASK. All of the products, prices and services are the same as Amazon. Go to <https://smile.amazon.com/> to enroll.

Do you like to look up things on the internet? If you use **GoodSearch** you can raise 1¢ per search – it doesn't seem like a lot – but it truly

adds up – if 1,000 people did four searches a week using GoodSearch, more than \$2,000 would come in to help us help families of children with special needs. To sign up just go to <http://www.goodsearch.com/nonprofit/about-special-kids.aspx>

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