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Did You Know



Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) working on Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

The ESSA was signed into law on December 10, 2015. It reauthorizes the 1965 Elementary and Secondary Education Act, and earlier No Child Left Behind.

The IDOE is currently in the process of determining how the requirements of ESSA will translate into state education practice: which practices will evolve as a result of ESSA, and which will remain the same. As a part of this work, the state remains committed to its mission of building an education system of equity and high quality that is focused on student-centered accountability.

IDOE, in collaboration with a statewide network of educators and partners, will draft a plan describing how Indiana will meet the requirements of ESSA.

During the development of the state plan there will be multiple opportunities for stakeholder engagement and input. These opportunities began on June 27th. It provided overview of ESSA and went into more details on the components of Assessment, Accountability, and Federal Funds.

The IDOE is planning for opportunities for Indiana ESSA plan input at upcoming regional events:

ESSA Listening Tour: Each event will encompass dedicated time in a community forum approach to discuss deeply School Improvement and dedicated time to discuss other ESSA components. Specific times and locations will be announced soon. Find dates and locations and read the full article – [here](#)

Great Information in our Latest Webinar School Billing Medicaid: The Who, What, When and Why

In accordance with both Medicaid and Education laws and rules, a public school district may access a student’s public insurance benefits (Medicaid) to help fund the costs to provide IEP-required health-related services to that student. This webinar will help answer questions as to when and why the schools can bill Medicaid, what services are covered, and how this affects the family’s benefits.

Presenter: Tracy Brunner - School-based Medicaid Specialist, Indiana Department of Education



[Click Here to View the Webinar](#)

Upcoming ASK Community Workshops

August 24 - A Life with Stress, Balance and a Plan - Bloomington

August 24 - My Child Has Special Needs: Now What - Bloomington

Locations are being finalized. If you would like to attend one, please check the [ASK Events Section](#) in the next couple days.



Trending at ASK



Indiana's Family and Social Service Administration is hosting **three** regional meetings and one virtual session in August 2016 to share key components of the final No Wrong Door Planning Grant.

No Wrong Door is intended to improve consumers' experiences in learning about and accessing Long Term Services and Supports. This is a great opportunity to learn about proposed steps to implement No Wrong Door and share your thoughts on it before final submission.

REGISTER FOR ONE OF FOUR OPPORTUNITIES TO HEAR ABOUT THE NWD PLAN AND SHARE YOUR VIEWS:

Date	Location	Address	Time
August 22, 2016	Allen County Public Library Meeting Room C	900 Library Plaza, Fort Wayne, IN 46802	2:30 pm - 3:30 pm EDT
August 24, 2016	SWIRCA & More Activity Center	16 W Virginia St., Evansville, IN 47710	12:30 pm - 2:30 pm CDT
August 25, 2016	CICOA Aging & In-Home Solutions	4755 Kingsway Drive, #200, Indianapolis, IN 46205	9:00 am - 11:00 am EDT
August 23, 2016	Webinar	https://goo.gl/By5Qyd	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm EDT

Register here: <https://goo.gl/19OX2>

If you would like more info on No Wrong Door click [here](#)

Hungry?

By Andrew VanGordon

The ASK e-Newsletter was designed to provide our stakeholders with relevant information that may help them in the special needs' journey. We try to keep everyone up to date on hot topics that are trending, tips on safety, camp information and events going on throughout the state.

We hope that our efforts that go into pulling the information together and writing our articles are helpful. I think we all know that there are times we need to unplug from all of the information and speculation of what is coming down the proverbial special need pipeline. I liken it to watching too much "news" and getting stressed because of the overload of information.

So, I think we are going to lighten up a bit and add a recipe section in our e-Newsletter. We are going share some of our staff's favorites and will in a couple of months ask our readers to provide their favorites too.

This month I am sharing a recipe from Kroger's website – it looks and sounds delicious. If you shop at Kroger, see some exciting information of what you can do with your Kroger Plus Card.

Bon Appétit

Grilled Chicken Sloppy Joes

Courtesy <https://www.kroger.com/recipes>

Ingredients

1 tablespoon olive oil
1 tablespoon brown sugar,
1/2 teaspoon dry mustard,
1 cup ketchup,
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce,
1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar,
6 Kaiser Rolls,
1 cup coleslaw,
4 chicken breasts, grilled, shred

Directions

Step 1 ~ In a saucepan, add oil, brown sugar, mustard, ketchup, Worcestershire sauce and vinegar. Heat for 3-5 minutes. Add chicken; combine. Cover and heat throughout, another 3-5 minutes.

Step 2 ~ Spoon 1/2 cup chicken mixture onto bottom half of bun. Top with coleslaw, cover with top of bun.



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- 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 About Special Kids on the right side of your information page.
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Employment Opportunity

ASK is currently hiring a Parent Liaison. The position will support our efforts in the central or southwestern region of Indiana. The Parent Liaison will provide information, one-on-one educational training, and support to families of children with special needs. This position requires reflective listening skills, understanding of individuals from diverse cultures, ability to communicate effectively on the phone and in writing, and basic understanding of the services and supports available to children with disabilities and their families. The ideal candidate is passionate about advocating and working with other parents to improve outcomes for children with special needs. This position will be 20 hours per week, (Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays) pay is competitive, based upon experience. Other benefits include 9 paid holidays per year and paid time off for sick and vacation time.

Parents of children with special needs (physical disabilities, mental health diagnoses, chronic health conditions, developmental disabilities, etc.) are encouraged to apply for this position that will provide parent to parent support. If you are interested in applying for this position, please send a cover letter and resume to Jane Scott, Deputy Director at jane@abouthspecialkids.org or fax to 317-251-7488. [Click here for Complete Job Description](#)

Giving Tuesday

This year, on Tuesday, November 29, About Special Kids is participating in #GivingTuesday, a global day dedicated to giving.

Last year, more than 45,000 organizations in 71 countries came together to celebrate #GivingTuesday. Since its founding in 2012, #GivingTuesday has inspired giving around the world, resulting in greater donations, volunteer hours, and activities that bring about real change in communities. We invite you to join the movement and to help get out and give this November 29

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