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There's no limit to what people with disabilities can do. Now, that includes saving, too.

With the INvestABLE Indiana, you can save for qualified disability expenses without losing your eligibility for certain assistance programs, like SSI and Medicaid.

Save with special tax advantages.

The earnings on your investments are federally tax-deferred and tax-free, if used for qualified disability expenses. That can help your savings compound, earning returns on your returns.

Maintain your current benefits.

- Balances of \$100,000 or less are excluded from your SSI resource limit.
- Only the amount OVER \$100,000 is counted against your limit, along with assets held in non-ABLE accounts.
- If your account causes you to exceed the SSI resource limit, then your SSI benefits will be suspended until the account balance no longer exceeds your resource limit.
- You'll continue to be eligible for Medicaid, regardless of your account balance.

Open an account in minutes.

Just tell us a little bit about yourself and select your investments. That's it. You can easily access your account at any time, from a PC, tablet, or mobile device. Plus, you can get started with as little as \$25.

Make withdrawals easily.

With the INvestABLE Indiana, you can access your savings by:

- going online
- calling us
- mailing a paper form
- debit card or check, when you contribute to the Fifth Third Bank Checking Option

Avoid hidden fees.

The annualized investment costs on assets per investment option range from 0.34% to 0.38%, depending on which investment option(s) you select. Each account is charged an annual account maintenance fee of \$40 and an annual paper delivery fee of \$15 for the printing and mailing of statements and confirmations.

Who's eligible?

Eligible individuals can open the account for themselves, or an authorized individual can open an account on their behalf. There are a few requirements that individuals with disabilities must meet to be able to have an account.

You're eligible if:

- You're entitled to SSI or SSDI because of your disability; and
- Your disability was present before age 26.

You must certify that:

- You have a physical or mental disability that can be expected to last for at least a year or can cause death; or you are blind; or your disability is included on the Social Security Administration's List of Compassionate Allowances Conditions; and
- Such blindness or disability occurred before age 26.

[To Learn more and to Apply](#)

Educate...Empower...Connect!

Upcoming ASK Trainings and Workshops

ASK & Learn

August 24 ~ 2:00 – 3:00 pm
ASK Central Office
7172 Graham Road, Suite 100
Indianapolis, IN 46250



The family-specific ASK & Learn sessions are an opportunity for parents or caregivers of children with special needs to ask questions and learn about resources, programs, and services that may benefit their child, with the added benefit of a small group, community-based setting and face-to-face interaction with highly trained and experienced ASK Parent Liaisons.

These sessions are primarily geared to families that have called and spoken with a parent liaison at least once within the past year. However, ASK is happy to serve any family raising a child with special needs that may have an interest in attending (if space allows – registration is required for all sessions).

At an ASK & Learn session, parents or caregivers can expect to:

- hear and receive information on various topical resources that are of interest to many families raising children with special needs;
- have the opportunity to have some of their specific questions addressed
- learn from the questions that other parents ask, as they are answered and discussed; and
- come away feeling empowered with more information, resources and ideas that can be used to help their child reach his/her potential

Child care is Not Provided
Space is Limited and **Registration is Required.**

A Life with Stress, Balance and a Plan

August 29 ~ 6:00 – 8:00 pm
BACA
9929 E 126th
Fishers, IN 46038

Parents of children with special needs live with added emotional, medical, social and financial challenges. These extenuating circumstances can often lead to feelings of loneliness, depression, marital and family problems and health issues. This training will focus on identifying types of stressors, identify coping mechanisms and providing ways to incorporate them into everyday life, and the importance of good communication.

This training is limited to family members of children with special needs. [Register Here](#)

Cost: FREE - Sponsored by BACA

[To view other archived webinars, click here](#)

Meet an ASK Founder

This is About Special Kids' 30th year of serving Indiana families of children with special needs. In 1987, we were founded by four individuals under the name Indiana Parent Information Network (IPIN) – on November 2nd ASK will be honoring our founders a fundraising breakfast – so over the course of next four months – ASK will introduce you to the people that helped establish this great organization that helps so many.

Gary Collings ~ was on the first IPIN Executive Board as its Secretary from April 1988 to April 1994. A great contribution Gary brought was serving as a liaison to local directors across the state. During his career he was an active member of the Indiana Council of Administrators of Special Education which provided an avenue for information to and from local Directors of Special Education. He was the Director of Special Education in both the Hamilton-Boone-Madison Cooperative, MSD Washington Township which made him increasingly aware of the need for enhanced communication and readily available resources for parents of children and youth with disabilities.



During the initial years of IPIN, he served as the Executive Director of the Indiana Special Education Administrators' Services project funded by the Division of Special Education and housed at Indiana State University. The project had a statewide mission to support special education administrators in solution seeking. Administrators included those in local school districts, faculty members in teacher preparation programs through a University Forum, and personnel in the state division of special education. This model proved to be a dynamic springboard for communication among diverse groups with shared interests including such endeavors as parent and child advocacy.

Gary Collings received both a B.S. degree from Indiana State University and an M.A. degree from the University of Northern Colorado (Greeley) in the major area of Special Education. He earned an Ed.D. degree from the University of Florida (Gainesville) in the field of Special Education Administration. Dr. Collings began his career as a special education teacher in Crawfordsville, IN and served as a Coordinator of Special Education in Ocala, FL. He held Director of Special Education positions in Joliet High School District #204 (IL), Hamilton-Boone-Madison (Carmel), MSD Washington (Indianapolis), and RISE Special Services/Southside Special Services of Marion County (Indianapolis).

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Charity Bowl

Woodland Bowl
3421 E 96th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46240



Please join Trends International 14th Annual Charity Bowl

When:

August 19, 2017

5:00 p.m. - Registration and Dinner
6:00 p.m. - Bowling Begins

Cost: \$45 / Individuals
\$240 / Team of up to Six

What is Included:

- Bowling
- Dinner
- Unlimited Soft Drinks
- Prizes
- Red Pin Strikes
- Silent Auction

Part of the proceeds will go to **About Special Kids**

For more information or to register, contact Jeff Loeser at 317-388-4068 or email jloeser@trendsinternational.com

**Come and Join ASK
for our
9th Annual
About Special Kids / ResCare Residential Services**



Wednesday, August 30, 2017
10:45 a.m. - Registration and lunch
11:45 a.m. - Shot Gun Start
Arrive early for lunch and use of driving range

Golf Club of Indiana
6905 South 525 East
Lebanon, IN 46052

Cost: \$125/player
Minimum age for golfers - 16

Sponsorship:
If you would like to sponsor this event, click [here](#)

Health Advocacy Summit

Do you have a high schooler with a chronic condition diagnosis? If so, please consider sending them to this free summit – it will feature high level, speakers, legislative education, networking opportunities and alumni engagement*

Saturday, October 21
IUPUI Campus
To Register or Nominate Someone
www.cidadvocacy.org

* - this is presented by the CIDA Foundation – and is not affiliated with About Special Kids



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