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Trending at ASK From the Desk of ASK's Executive Director

About Special Kids has a mission of helping children with special needs live better lives by educating, empowering, and connecting their families. As parents of children with special needs, we are very passionate about our mission. What happens in Washington, D.C., impacts the lives of families in Indiana, our families. America continues to struggle about how this country should address health care. The outcome of this debate may impact all of our lives for generations.

For a comparison of the ACA, the BCRA and the AHCA go to: <http://www.kff.org/.../proposals-to-replace-the-affordable-c.../>. Information is key to empowerment.

We urge you to become informed and then to become a voice. Congress is on the July 4th recess, which means they are in their home states listening to their constituents. Let them hear from you thoughts on how proposed changes may impact your life or the lives of your loved ones. You can find the contact information for your elected official at: <https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials/>

In an era of hyper polarized politics, we urge you to find common ground as you express your thoughts on any issue that affects the citizens of Indiana. We applaud you for finding your voice.

Educate...Empower...Connect!

Upcoming Trainings and Workshops

Transition to Adulthood Webinar: Residential and Community Resources

This is the 3rd webinar in our Transition to Adulthood series.

We will discuss the various residential options for adults with special needs, how to stay involved in the community, and finding community supports.

July 11, 2017



2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. EST
Presenters: Joe Gunn - accessABILITY
Leah Steere - New Hope of Indiana

To participate in the webinar:

1. Go to <http://www.ustream.com>
2. Search "ASK: Residential and Community Resources"
3. Click on the ASK Webinar. The webinar will begin at 2:00 p.m. EST.

Questions can be submitted during the webinar using the Chat screen.

ASK & Learn Sessions

The family-specific sessions are an opportunity for parents or caregivers 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 trained and experienced ASK Parent Liaisons.

Sessions are 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*). Please note that any family that is new to ASK will need to provide additional information for our documentation.

At ASK & Learn, 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
- be empowered with more information, resources and ideas that can be used to help their child reach his/her potential.

Space is Limited and **Registration is Required.**

Each session is intentionally limited in size to allow for individualized attention, facilitation of discussion and resource sharing.

Please note that children CANNOT be accommodated due to session formatting and space.

Family Member: \$0
Professionals: \$0
ASK Central Office
7172 Graham Road, Suite 100
Indianapolis, IN 46250

July 26 ~ 2:00 pm ~ [Register](#)

Questions asktraining@abouthspecialkids.org

Webinar: Transition to Adulthood: Post Secondary Training

This is the final webinar in our Transition to Adulthood Series.

This webinar will discuss the options for post-secondary training such as supports available at various colleges and trade schools, Adult Learning Centers, and the Erskine-Greene Institute.

July 19, 2017
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Presenter: Karly Sciortina-Poulter - The Arc of Indiana

To participate in the webinar:

1. Go to <http://www.ustream.com>
2. Search "ASK: Post Secondary Training"
3. Click on the ASK Webinar. The webinar will begin promptly at 2:00 p.m. EST.

Questions can be submitted during the webinar using the Chat screen.

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

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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

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