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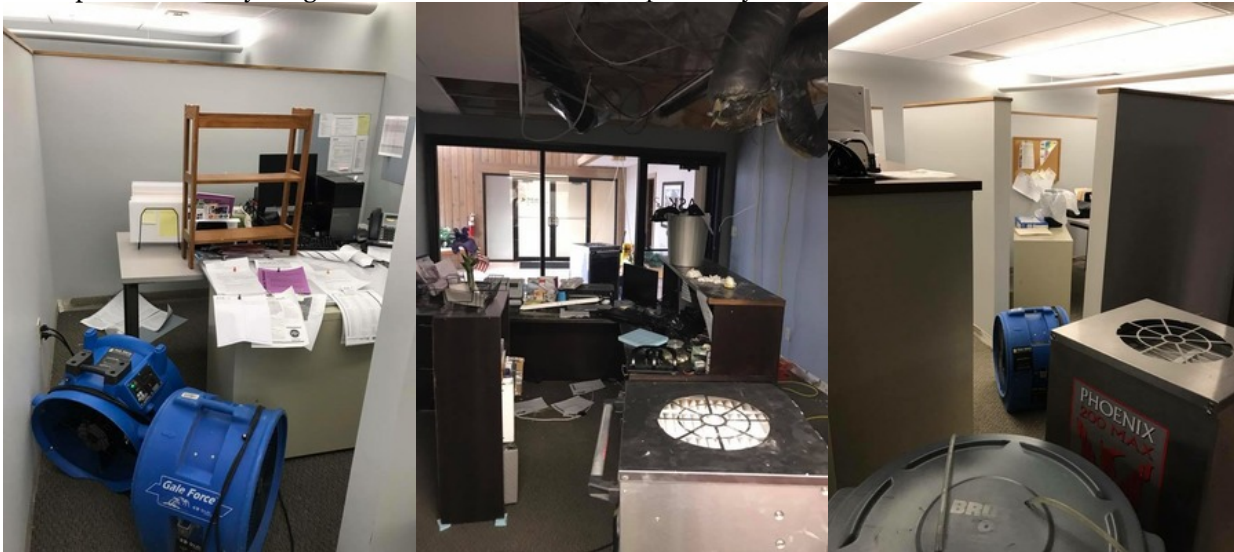
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Trending at ASK About Special Kids had a bit of a Bumpy Week

On Sunday June 11th our sprinkler pipes decided to burst – requiring us to close our offices for a while until we can get everything back up and going. Luckily with our technology, our Parent Liaisons have still been able to serve our families.

We hope to have everything back in order in the next couple of days.



Thanks for the Great Sponsors and all of the Walkers for being a part of ASK's Walking for Dreams 2017

With your help, ASK raised more than \$12,700 (the most ever) and had more walkers than ever had in the past - THANK YOU!!



Event



HighStepper



Cool Down



Hydration Station



Upcoming Trainings and Workshops

Webinar: The Transition Case Conference **2017 Transition to Adulthood Webinar Series**

When: June 20, 2017
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

About Special Kids is hosting a Transition to Adulthood webinar series. This webinar is the first in the series and will focus on the importance of the Transition Case Conference:

- How is this different from other case conferences
- What are the goals of this meeting
- How to prepare / what to bring
- Who should attend

Presenter: Joni Schmalzried, Ed. D

Joni Schmalzried is a Project Coordinator with the Center on Community Living and Careers, working primarily with the Indiana Secondary Transition Resource Center.

Joni has spent the last 33 years working in the field of special education. She started as a classroom teacher, both at the elementary and secondary level. She found her true passion as a Transition Coordinator in the early 1990s. She spent 7 years as a Director of Special Education for a 4-school corporation cooperative and, prior to coming to IIDC full time, worked as a full time Assistant Professor at Huntington University. At Huntington, Joni also helped start the ABLE



Program, a postsecondary program for students with Intellectual Disabilities.

Joni received her Bachelor's Degree from St. Francis College, and her Master's and Doctoral Degrees from Ball State University. Joni's dissertation focused on the connection between Special Education teachers and teachers at Career and Technical Education Centers and how they work on behalf of students with disabilities.

Joni has served on many committees and boards over the years including the Board of Directors for Pathfinders Services, Inc. in Huntington, Indiana and the. She has also been an active member on a Systems of Care Board, Community Success Board, and the Statewide Transition Advisory Board.

Registration is not required.

To participate in the webinar:

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

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

July 10 ~ 2:00 pm ~ [Register](#)

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

Questions asktraining@abousspecialkids.org

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Did you or will you be getting a nice refund for over paying your taxes? If so, here are some ideas for what you can do with it – payoff some debt, buy yourself something you need, blow a little on something fun, put a little away for emergencies/education, donate a little of it to ASK.

How about paying a small amount of that refund forward to help ASK serve families. Consider donating \$30 or more to help ASK celebrate our 30th Anniversary ~ yes you read that right – About Special Kids has been serving Indiana’s families of children with special needs regardless of the diagnosis or socioeconomic status of the family. **[Donate Now!](#)**



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