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Trending at ASK

Summer is Just Around the Corner ~ Research and Plan NOW!

Summer camps tend to fill up fast so you need to get an early jump on your planning. Make sure that you're doing plenty of research NOW so your child doesn't miss out on a great learning and fun opportunity. There are many types of camps including: sleep-away camps, day camps, religion based camps, sports camps, camps specifically for special needs, interest focused camps and many more.



When looking for camps make sure to check out camps that support siblings. Make sure the camp is compatible with your child and offers the supports need to meet your child's ability physically, emotionally and maturity.

If you are looking for camps for your child you can find options on [ASK's online resource directory](#) and/or you can find information on camps [HERE](#)

Did You Get Your Check from the IRS Yet?



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!](#)



Grab the Leash, Pooch and Family

Come and join ASK on May 21st as we Go Walking for Dreams; a fun family and pet 5k walk. Walking for Dreams is kid friendly with plenty of music & face painting – the GEICO Gecko may be there to dance with too.

Go online to [register](#) get your family and friends to do the same – have a fun competition to see who can raise the most and to get together the most walkers to join your team to help About Special Kids. **New This Year** – you can now join as a family or group – so get your office, church, or sports team involved in one fell swoop. **Prizes for team/individual that raise the most money and team with the most walkers!!!!**



1. Go to www.walkingfordreams.org
2. Left side of page click – **Register to Walk**
3. On the opening page for registration – you will have to click **I Agree** to proceed
4. You will see the following selections – choose the one that fits you best

Event Registration

I would like to:

[Start a Team](#)

[Join a Team](#)

[Register as an individual](#)

[Register as a family or group](#)



If you do not want to create your own team, ASK has already created one; just select – "About Special Kids – Leader: Andrew VanGordon" ~ ask your family and friends too



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[Complete Instructions and to Register](#)

Upcoming Trainings and Workshops

My Child is Transitioning to Adulthood: What Now?



Transition planning offers youth with disabilities a path to connect their daily high school activities to their goals for independent life after completing high school. This training will discuss options and how to start making plans to set up a positive future. Some areas covered will be:



- Transition IEPs
- Options for after High School: Employment, Secondary Education, Day Centers, etc.
- How to stay involved in the Community: Volunteering, Recreation, etc.
- Independent Living / Support Living
- Financial Planning
- Other Community and State Resources

Family Member: \$0
Professionals: \$25

May 16 ~ 6:00 PM
The League for the Blind and Disabled
5821 S Anthony Blvd - Community Room A
Ft. Wayne, IN 46816

[Register](#)

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

May 12 ~ 12:00 PM ~ [Register](#)

May 24 ~ 2:00 PM ~ [Register](#)

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