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Congratulations and Happy Retirement - July 26, 2019

ASK Deputy Director, Jane Scott

Salute to a Leader and Champion Advocate for Families of Children with Special Needs



Jane has earned every inch of the recognition and accolades for her leadership and contributions to ASK for its growth and development as an essential statewide partner to Indiana's families of children with special needs. Throughout her tenure, Jane has been a leader and champion advocate for children with disabilities and their families. She has served on numerous councils and work groups to help strengthen parents in their roles as advocates for their children, and she has developed partnerships that have been instrumental in supporting ASK's growth as a statewide free information and

resource for all Hoosier families of children with special needs.

One special recognition of Jane's contributions took place last fall when she was honored with the James K. Pauley Lifetime Achievement Award, given to a person "who demonstrates outstanding contributions promoting the inclusion and independence of persons with disabilities," by the Indianapolis Mayor's Council on Disability. The ASK Board of Directors recognized Jane with a Tribute Resolution at the Board's June 2019 meeting.

On behalf of the generations of Indiana families served by ASK, on behalf of the ASK staff and the ASK Board of Directors -- **Thank you, Jane.** Your calm, steady, and visionary leadership and good work accomplished what needed to be done and built strong foundations, partnerships, and progress for the leaders and champion advocates who will follow you to carry on ASK's mission.

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Building Bridges: Supporting Families and Self-Advocates through Engagement

Building Bridges events are opportunities for families and self-advocates to meet and speak with the Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services state staff. These meetings are solely for families and individuals with disabilities to provide a forum for valuable conversations.

All meetings will be from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. local time.

- July 10, 2019: Klondike Library, Tempest Homes Room, 3062 Lindberg Road, West Lafayette
- July 23, 2019: St Joseph Public Library Humphrey's Room, 304 S Main Street, South Bend
- July 30, 2019: Noble County Public Library, Cole Room, 813 E Main Street, Albion

Summer Splash Safety

by Lujia Zhang, Indiana University Pediatric Physician Resident



Summer is officially upon us and families are spending more time in and around water. It's important take steps to ensure water safety for all children, as drowning is the leading cause of injury death in children ages one to four. Here are some tips from the AAP to keep kids safe while cooling down around water:

- "Touch Supervision"- When young children and weak swimmers are in and around water, an adult should always be within arm's reach.
- Always use US Coast Guard approved and well-fitting life-jackets when in, on, or near natural bodies of water, such as lakes or rivers.
- "Water Watcher"- During busy parties at the pool or lake, assign an adult who will pay constant attention to children in the water. These adults should put down cell phones, and avoid other activities. Take turns to switch between adults.
- Empty water containers immediately after use. The biggest drowning threat for small children is unexpected and unsupervised access to water. Never leave a filled, open-top water container unattended. This include coolers with melted ice, large water bowels for pets, wading pools, and trashcans/recycling bins.
- Secure swimming pools with appropriate fencing from all 4 sides. Research suggests appropriate fencing can prevent more than half of all swimming pool drownings in young children.

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