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## Upcoming Trainings

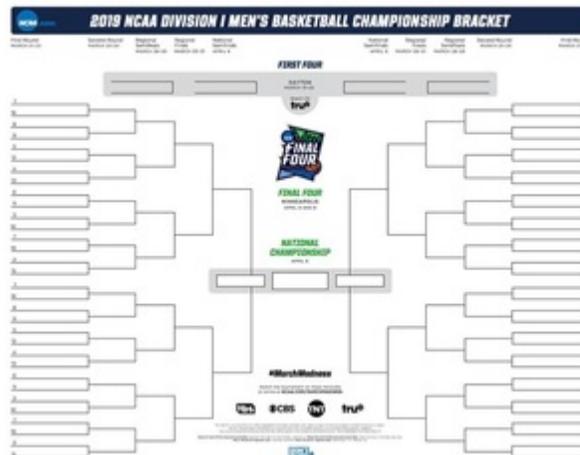
### My Child is Transitioning to Adulthood: What Now?

[March 18th - 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Indianapolis](#)

[March 19th - 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - New Albany](#)



College basketball reigns supreme in Indiana every year during March Madness. Holding your winning bracket in hand as your favorite team takes the top spot in the Final 4 tournament is one of life's greatest thrills. But an even greater thrill is the one that comes from seeing a child with special needs get a chance because of the life-transforming help that About Special Kids or ASK has been providing Indiana's families since 1987. ASK's parent liaisons are our champion starting players who work with families on an individual basis to help solve problems, questions, and challenges. During March Madness, choose to cheer on your favorite basketball team and About Special Kids through the entire tournament by signing up for the Charity Champs Challenge.



Here's how Charity Champs Challenge works:

- Create an account at <https://bfg.org/pools/champs-charity-challenge/predictions/new>

## My Child has Special Needs: Now What?

[April 2nd - 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. -  
New Albany](#)

[April 17th - 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
- Indianapolis](#)

For more information or to register, click on the links above.



## March is Disability Awareness Month

The 2019 Disability Awareness month campaign theme is **"Be Cool. We Are."** No matter the differences between people, it is always better to treat others the way you want to be treated, and this is especially true when interacting with friends, co-workers, and other Hoosiers who live with disabilities. The theme is all about the importance of being comfortable in your own skin and making the conscious decision to be yourself, because acting different around someone with a disability isn't cool.

- Between March 18th – 20th: sign in, fill out a bracket, and designate About Special Kids as the charity of your choice.
- The cost per bracket is only \$20 - \$10 of your donation will go directly to About Special Kids, and \$5 will go into the national prize pool where you'll be competing on behalf of ASK as your preferred charity of choice at the big dance!
- The national prize has been seeded with \$10,000, with \$5 being added to every bracket sold. The national prize is split among the charities of the 5 individuals that did the best job in picking their brackets.

Don't wait till the last minute! Pick your bracket and play to win for ASK.



## Join the ASK Team: Parent Liaison Opening

About Special Kids (ASK) is currently hiring a 20 hour per week Parent Liaison. This staff position will support our efforts state wide and will provide information, one-on-one educational training, and support to families of children with special needs. The positions require reflective listening skills, understanding of individuals from diverse cultures, ability to communicate effectively both on the phone and through written email and letters, and a basic understanding of the services and supports available to children with disabilities and their families. The ideal candidate is passionate about advocating and working with other parents to improve outcomes for children with special needs.

This position will be 20 hours per week. Other benefits include 9 paid holidays per year and paid time off for sick and vacation time. Parents of children with special needs (physical disabilities, mental health diagnoses, chronic health conditions, developmental disabilities, etc) are encouraged to apply for this position that will provide parent to parent support.

For a complete job description, please visit our website. If you are interested in applying for this position, please send a cover letter and resume to Lisa Kutschera, Director of Family Support, [lisaku@aboutspecialkids.org](mailto:lisaku@aboutspecialkids.org) or fax to 317-251-7488.

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