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Do you have questions about ASK Parent to Parent Support?

An ASK Family Highlight The Importance of Following Your Instincts



Rosanna is the mom of two young daughters. Her professional experience in the field of social work presented her the opportunity to learn about community resources such as About Special Kids. She reached out to ASK in hopes of making sense of all the resources available to families when Rosanna's child was in the process of being diagnosed with Autism.

Rosanna was already skillfull at investigating resources for her family but there were so many things to consider, In hopes of getting some assistance in narrowing down a plan, she turned to ASK. A priority for Rosanana was the availability and options of ABA centers in her area.

When asked about the assistance provided by Lachelle, the ASK parent liaison, Rosanna described that in addition to the valuable resources and knowledge an important factor provided was encouragement. Lachelle gave Rosanna the confidence to trust her instincts and to not settle when choosing providers and therapists.

Lachelle also introduced Rosanna to the BDDS/FS Waiver and helped her with the application process. Her daughter is now targeted for the Medicaid Family Supports waiver.

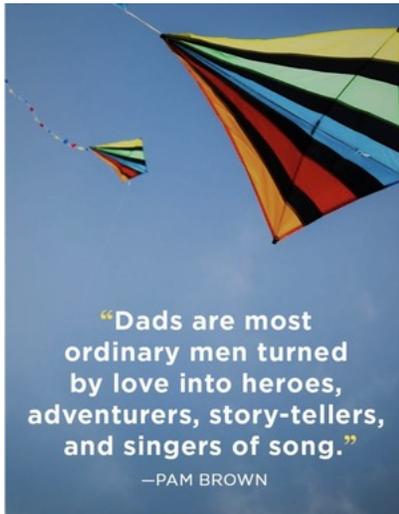
After Rosanna expressed interest in a volunteering, Lachelle introduced her to different groups such as Autism Speaks. Rosanna is



View this wonderful video by the Midwestern Public Health Training Center on the **Role of Family Peer Support Specialists** [HERE](#)

Father's Day is Sunday, June 21st

Wishing You a Wonderful Day!



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also interested in pursuing a volunteer role with ASK.

Rosanna speaks so kindly and positively about her association with ASK and describes how the overall interaction has reminded her of the importance of trusting her instincts. For example, she had passed on the opportunity to enroll her child in an available ABA center to wait patiently on a preferred ABA center, but her instincts were rewarded when services and therapies remained open and uninterrupted for her child during the stay at home order related to the COVID-19 crisis.

When asked how she would describe ASK services to another parent Rosanna stated, "speaking with an ASK parent liaison provides you with the assurance that you are not alone. They can answer all those questions. Turning to the internet can be overwhelming – you just don't know where to start when there is so much information. ASK will put you on a path forward. Probably the best thing about ASK is how personable the support is – it is not just business. ASK is really different than most organizations."

ASK breaks down the barriers to service for families of children with special needs and provides for the overall well-being of the family. ASK may focus on the child with special needs, but we ensure the entire family is on a successful path forward. Request contact with an ASK Parent Liaison at (800) 964-4746 or email familynetw@aboutspeakkids.org.

Please Join ASK for Walking for Dreams on Sunday, August 16th

Would you like to join ASK and our mission fulfillment. One of our key fundraising events is scheduled later this summer. We still need walkers, donors and sponsors! You can learn more about supporting ASK by contacting our Director of Community Relations, Kathy Berman at kathy@aboutspeakkids.org or visiting our the Walking for Dreams page on our website [HERE](#).



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has nearly 400
resources on
Pinterest



Check out our new Pinterest
Boards dedicated to COVID-19
Resources for Families [HERE](#)

NEW Boards Include:
Virtual Summer Camps
Parent Support During the
Pandemic and Beyond



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on **Instagram!** Follow us to learn
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and Our Continued Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

ASK continues our commitment to offering critical services to families during the COVID-19 crisis. We have implemented additional COVID-19 related programming to keep families updated and informed about many resources that will offer benefits both during and after this crisis.

Our ASK parent liaisons are available for support. You can request parent liaison contact [HERE](#).

For a list of updated COVID-19 related resources visit our website or click here [HERE](#).

Wishing you health and safety,
The ASK Staff

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