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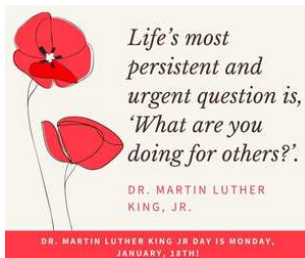
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Martin Luther King Jr Day - Monday, January 18th



The Martin Luther King Jr. holiday on Jan. 18, 2021, is the 26th anniversary of the day of service that celebrates the Civil Rights leader's life and legacy. MLK Day is the only federal holiday designated as a national day of service to encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities.

January is National Mentoring Month

Relationships are powerful and mentoring amplifies change.



Would you like to consider a role as an ASK Volunteer Parent Mentor?

A parent mentor is a trained volunteer parent of a child with special needs that provides peer support to families. We define peer support as encouragement, moral support, and empathetic sharing between the trained parent mentor and the referred family. Our hope is to help families feel less isolated and more confident about themselves through the relationship that is established. This approach assumes that families who have experienced disability can better understand and relate to individuals trying to deal with their own family member's disability. More information is available [HERE](#).

Thinking of mentoring youth? The Mentoring Connector offers a national database of opportunities to connect mentors and youth. This includes programs that offer quality mentoring relationships for young people with disabilities. Learn more [HERE](#).

Intro to ASK for Professionals Training - Updated for 2021

My Child is Transitioning to Adulthood - Now What? Zoom Training

1/26/2021
6:00 to 8:00 PM

FREE - Sponsored by Gordon Homes of Mass Mutual
More information and registration [HERE](#).



My Child has Special Needs - Now What? Zoom Training

2/16/2021
6:00 to 8:00 PM

FREE - Sponsored by Gordon Homes of Mass Mutual
More information and registration [HERE](#).

Our Intro to ASK Zoom training for professionals will be held on Tuesday, January 19th from 3:00 to 4:00 PM. All 2021 Intro to ASK trainings have been generously sponsored by [Greenwich Biosciences](#). Six Zoom training sessions are planned for 2021.

Join us to learn about:

- ASK Services
- How we impact families
- How our services and supports enhance those provided by our valued professionals
- How to refer a family to an ASK parent liaison for free parent-to-parent support

More information and registration is available [HERE](#).

Please consider supporting ASK through the **Kroger Community Rewards Program**.



If you shop at Kroger, please sign up! It is easy and it really helps us to serve more Hoosier families! Click [HERE](#) for additional details.

Would you like to help ASK to fulfill our mission?

We are looking for like-minded organizations to sponsor ASK in 2021. Our new 2021 Sponsorship Packet is now available, and more information can be found [HERE](#).

Please email Kathy Berman at kathy@abousspecialkids.org for more information.

About Special Kids Would Like to Share our New Address!

The ASK Mission Statement

About Special Kids values the power of parent-to-parent support and the vast potential of every child. We provide answers, resources, and connections vital to families raising children with special needs, preparing each family to meet their respective challenges and to achieve their goals while championing them to live their best lives.

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New Opportunities for 2021 - ASK January E-News



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