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About Special Kids (ASK) is currently hiring a Bi-lingual Parent Liaison. The position will support our efforts in the state of Indiana. The Parent Liaison will provide information, one-on-one educational training, and support to families who are raising

## The 2021 ASK Founders Breakfast

Join us for our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Founders Kitchen Table Breakfast at the Children's Museum of Indianapolis.



When: October 14, 2021  
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

### Introducing our Founder's Award Honorees

- **Alexis Metakes** - Through the hardships of both the pandemic and her son's health challenges, Alexis turned her focus into an Etsy business, providing items for children who, much like her own son, need adaptive clothing
- **Ali Brown** - Ali is the Indianapolis City Councillor who created the Indy Autism Project - the citywide initiative to make Indy the 2nd "Autism-Certified" city in the country.
- **Brooke Moreland** - Brooke is helping to launch a exciting new initiative, Ready2bSocial, which is specifically designed for students in grades k-2 with developmental delays to promote social emotional development.
- **Craig Peterson** - Craig and his family have been dedicated to helping other families by raising awareness about mental health and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders.

### About our Emcee: Stephan Viehweg



Stephan Viehweg, LCSW, ACSW, IMH-E®, CYC-P is the Associate Director of the Riley Child Development Center, Indiana LEND at the IU School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics, the Associate Director of the IUPUI Center for Translating Research Into Practice, and Adjunct Professor of the IU School of Social Work. He currently serves as

the CDC's *Learn the Signs. Act Early.* Ambassador to Indiana. He is founding chair of Infancy Onward (Indiana's association for infant mental health), founding president of Family Voices Indiana, Treasurer of Mental Health America of Indiana, a member of the Nominating Committee of the Association of Social Work Boards, and serves a Governor appointment to the Indiana Behavioral Health Professions Licensing Board. He is co-author of *Tackling the Tough Stuff: A Home Visitor's Guide to Supporting Families at Risk.*

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children with special healthcare needs. The ideal candidate is passionate about advocating and working with other parents to improve outcomes for children with special needs and must speak both English and Spanish.

More information about this role in both English and Spanish is available on the ASK website [HERE](#).

### Telehealth and Telegenetics Resources

The National Genetics Education and Family Support Center (Family Center) has compiled a list of resources developed to provide more information about telegenetics and telehealth, including resources created in response to COVID-19.

For a list of these resources, click [here](#).

*You don't have to  
have it all  
figured out to  
move forward...  
just take the next  
step.*

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### Safe Socialization in the Age of COVID-19 for Children with Special Needs

Ben Snyder, PGY-3 Med/Peds Indiana University

Much type has been used to describe the complexities of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. After a summer of optimism, many are beginning to recognize the delicate balance and ongoing decisions that we must confront as a society as we seek to keep our most vulnerable populations safe while allowing everyone to thrive. Children have paid a severe price throughout the course of the pandemic losing out on many social and developmental opportunities through the impacts of virtual learning and the ongoing necessity of masking to reduce the spread of the virus responsible for causing COVID-19. A unique population in the pandemic is children with special medical and developmental needs who find themselves most vulnerable to the negative impacts of COVID-19 and without a vaccine available under the age of 12 to help prevent severe disease. To read the entire article, click [here](#)

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