

First Words

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From Indiana Family to Family (INF2F)

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Upcoming Trainings

From **ASK**

Roadmap to Special Education: Laws & Process

July 30 – Ft. Wayne

Public Health Insurance: What You Don't Know Can Cost You

July 21 - Greensburg

*Trainings are \$60 * **Families of children birth through 5 can apply to the Family Involvement Fund at www.inf2f.org to request a waived registration fee.** Visit our website for other scholarship options.

Questions: Email

asktraining@abouthealthkids.org

Register online at:

<http://www.abouthealthkids.org/Training.aspx>

From **IN*SOURCE**

Understanding Article 7

July 16 – Kokomo

August 4 – Indianapolis (Spanish)

August 7 – New Albany

July 29 – Indianapolis (Part of **INDATA conference (free)** Please [Register for INDATA conference](#).)

Understanding Article 7: Discipline

July 27 – Indianapolis

About **INSOURCE**: A Parent Center

August 19 – Indianapolis

September 13 – Bedford

Trainings are free to parents of children with disabilities:

Register online at

<http://www.insource.org/training.htm>



Check out Amazing Moms on Facebook for summertime fun for kids!

AmazingMoms
Keeping life fun and festive!

Meet the New F2F Parent Liaisons!



Valerie Potchka (Cluster C) has an Associate's Degree in Organizational Leadership and Supervision and a Bachelor's Degree in General Studies and was on the committee that planned Fort Wayne's "Walk Now for Autism Speaks." Valerie and her husband Tim, have two children, T.J. age eleven and Jack age five. She is honored to have the opportunity to use her first-hand experience to aid other families of kids with special needs.

Jennifer Elliott Meadows (Cluster D) attended Purdue University and earned a B.S. degree in child development and family studies and a M.S. in Early Childhood Studies, Parent Education and Special Education. Jennifer and her husband David adopted their son, Kaleb. Jennifer and Dave also have three grown children. Jennifer is eager to use her personal, educational and work experiences to be able to support, guide and empower Indiana families.

Melissa McCaffrey (Cluster H) has previously served as a First Steps Service Coordinator in Monroe county and as Vice Chair for the Monroe County LPCC. Melissa and her husband Steve have 5 children ranging in age from 10 to 19 years old. Melissa is a graduate of Partners in Policymaking and has testified before numerous legislative and administrative committees.



For even more trainings, check out the [Early Childhood Meeting Place – Events Calendar!](#)

Reminder!
Apply for financial support for trainings through the [Consumer Investment Fund](#) and/or The [Family Involvement Fund!](#)

ALSO financial support is available through the [Indiana Deafblind Services Project](#). Their Family Training Fund assists families in attending workshops or conferences and is available only to families of children who are reported on the Project's deafblind census. To apply, please fill out the **[Family Training Fund Application Form](#)** prior to the event and return it to: Sharon Bryan, Indiana Deafblind Services Project, Bayh College of Education, University Hall 009W, 401 North 7th Street, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN 47809.



IN*Source podcasts!

<http://insource.podbean.com/>

- Topics include:
- Cyber-bullying
- Autism spectrum disorder: Social Interaction Skills
- Extended School Year
- ISTART7/Electronic IEPs

Remember . . .

“The difference between the right word and the almost right word is the difference between lightning and the lightning bug.

~Mark Twain~

Use Person-First Language!

Free online trainings from ASK!



Modules are available in English and Spanish. Trainings are free, but you must register. For more information, contact About Special Kids!
1-800-964-4746

Article 7 Module: Transition

This training reviews Rules 43-1 thru 43-7 under Indiana's Special Education Law which pertain to transition. Under Indiana law transition is defined twice, once when a child moves from Early Intervention to Preschool and then again when the child turns 14. Both of these transitions are covered under this video.

Article 7 Module: Discipline Procedures

This training reviews Rules 44-1 thru 44-10 under Indiana's Special Education Law which pertain to discipline procedures.

Article 7 Module: Non-Public Schools

This training reviews Rules 34-1 thru 34-10 under Indiana's Special Education Law which pertain to students attending a non-public school.

Article 7 Module: Procedural Safeguards

This training reviews Rules 37 under Indiana's Special Education Law which pertains to Procedural Safeguards and parental rights.

For information or to register for an online training — [Click here](#)



New Publication for parents from Indiana's Deafblind Project!

The Indiana Parent Road Map: Your guide to raising a child with combined hearing and vision losses.

This booklet includes information, stories and pictures from and about families to better understand deafblindness! This publication also includes Indiana resources. Content was adapted from Minnesota's original parent Road Map booklet. Copies are available, free of charge, by emailing DB@indstate.edu. Please include your name and mailing address with your request.



Connecting Families



Free iPhone IEP Checklist App



PEATC is pleased to announce the release of the Individualized Education Program (IEP) Checklist iPhone application. This new IEP app helps parents of students with special needs become better-informed advocates

by keeping IEP information organized and making it easier to access.

The IEP app has been well received by both parents and educators around the world looking to better the care and advancement of their children in special education. For more information on the IEP Checklist Application, [click here](#).

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Mark Your Calendar!

Down syndrome Family Connection - Bloomington



Buddy Walk for Down Syndrome

Sunday, October 3 at Bryan Park in Bloomington, Indiana. Registration begins at 2pm, and the walk starts at 3pm. Concert to follow. Free, and fun for the whole family! For more information, visit www.buddywalkinbloomington.info.



New Website Helps Parents of Young Children with Disabilities

Help Me Grow is the state of Minnesota's early childhood special education program. Its website offers information, resources, and activities parents can use to help their young child grow, develop, and learn. Among the popular features are videos that show typical child development, answers to frequently asked questions, and links to helpful resources. The information is tailored for parents of newborns, 1- to 2-year-olds, and 3- to 5-year-olds. [More >>>](#)



Enjoy your summer!