

Advocacy and Support

About Special Kids: Answers for families of kids with special needs

www.aboutspecialkids.org

A place for families and professionals to "ASK" questions about children with special needs and to access information and resources about a variety of topics such as health insurance, special education, and community resources.

ARC of Indiana <http://www.arcind.org>

The Arc Network is a resource to:

- Provide information on home and community-based services, including Medicaid Waivers
- Provide information on employment
- Help connect people with self-advocacy groups and opportunities

Hendricks County's local ARC Chapter: Sycamore Services
P.O. Box 369
1001 Sycamore Lane
Danville, IN 46122
317-745-4715

HANDS in Autism (Helping Answer Needs by Developing Specialists in Autism)

<https://handsinautism.iupui.edu>

The HANDS (Helping Answer Needs by Developing Specialists) in Autism program is the outreach and training extension of the Christian Sarkine Autism Treatment Center. The HANDS program has an active website with information, materials and e-learning opportunities and also sponsors series such as the Make It Take It workshops, Next Steps workshops, and the Learn It Live It workshop.

Indiana Resource Center for Autism <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu>

Hundreds of articles are available on the IRCA website regarding behavior, communication, educational programming, family, self help, sensory and social/ leisure. IRCA hosts workshops and events suitable for both parents & educators.

Indiana Institute on Disability and Community <http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/>

The Indiana Institute on Disability and Community, Indiana's University Center for Excellence on Disabilities, is committed to providing Hoosiers with disability-related information and services that touch the entire life span, from birth through older adulthood.

IN*SOURCE Indiana Resource Center for Families with Special Needs

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

General Information about the Autism Spectrum Disorders

Autism Society of America <http://www.autism-society.org/>

Centers for Disease Control <http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/>

State Agencies and Resources

Bureau of Developmental Disabilities (BDDS): 1-800-545-7763

<http://www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/2639.htm>

First Steps <https://www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/>

The mission of First Steps is to assure that all Indiana families with infants and toddlers experiencing developmental delays or disabilities have access to early intervention services close to home when they need them.

Family and Social Services Administration <http://www.in.gov/fssa/>

Governor's Council for People with Disabilities <http://www.in.gov/gpcpd/>

Indiana Department of Education <http://www.doe.in.gov/>

Transition to Post-Secondary Resources

Vocational Rehabilitation <http://www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/2636.htm>

Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VRS), a program of the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services (BRS), provides quality individualized services to enhance and support people with disabilities to prepare for, obtain or retain employment.

