

## Protection & Advocacy Resources

### **ASK** (About Special Kids)

Parent to parent information network that provides answers, resources and access to information on subjects such as health insurance, special education and community services for families with special needs children and professionals that work with children with special needs.

<http://www.aboutspecialkids.org>

### **IN\*Source** (Indiana Resource Center for Families with Special Needs)

Provides assistance, support services and educational resources to individuals and organizations that serve and support people with disabilities.

<http://www.insource.org>

### **IPAS** (Indiana Protection and Advocacy)

Indiana's federally designated protection and advocacy system for the rights of people with disabilities. Provides information, advocating for rights in all areas of life, investigates reports of abuse or neglect, assures privacy rights, and corrects discrimination.

<http://www.in.gov/ipas/index.htm>

### **IIDC** (Indiana Institute on Disability and Community)

Works with communities to welcome, value, and support the meaningful participation of people of all ages and abilities through research, education and services. Comprised of centers that address life span issues in early intervention, school improvement and inclusion, transition, employment and careers, age-related change, Autism spectrum disorders, individual and family perspectives, planning and policy, disability information and referral, community agencies, schools, advocacy organizations, government, institutions of higher education and other community partners.

<http://www.iidc.indiana.edu>

### **ARC of Indiana**

Community Based Organization that advocates for people with intellectual or developmental disabilities and provides help for families with future planning, family and care giver training, information on community based services and providing helpful links. Supports self advocacy services and works to inspire change in public policy and attitudes for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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

### **GCPD** (Governor's Council for People with Disabilities)

Independent state agency that promotes public policy that leads to independence, productivity and inclusion of people with disabilities. Consumer driven, charged with how service is delivered in public and private sectors. Receives and disseminates federal funds to support innovated programs, influence public policy, and empower individuals with disabilities.

<http://www.in.gov/gpcpd/index.htm>