



SCOPE NEWSLETTER

March 2022

FAQ's

What should I tell my community when they ask about my child?

While there are diagnoses of special needs within the South Asian community, families often do not share openly about sensitive issues due to stigma and cultural pressures. This may be why people may not be familiar with special needs (and need someone like you to help them to understand). Telling your family and friends is completely your choice; you can choose to share as little or as much as you are comfortable with when you are ready to do so. Keep it factual, and be strong and confident in speaking to others about your child.

People will react to your child based on how you project yourself. It is by being powerful advocates for children that negative perceptions within your community will be transformed. [Also see Advocacy.] You may be surprised at how much support you receive once people have better facts and avenues to help.

FAQ Booklet

Virtual Chai and Chat meetups!

Join us every 4th Saturday of the month to meet up with SCOPE parents virtually. Register to Receive Zoom invite: <https://tinyurl.com/3p9622e3>

Chai and Chat

SCOPE Parent to Parent Support Virtual Meetup



Facilitators – Indu Iyer, Tripti Bhaskaran

Fourth Saturday of the Month

7.00 – 8.00 pm

Share your story, ask questions, and create connections with parents in the same boat as you! Judgement free zone, find friends, learn/share some tricks to navigate your life better.

Register to Receive Zoom invite: <https://tinyurl.com/3p9622e3>

Email: info@sknfoundation.org

Contact us to connect with other South Asian families of children with special needs and become a part of a support network within your community.

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IEP Survey

the IEP process and how SKN SCOPE can help our families..

The survey is broken down into several sections which include:

- How you communicated with the school team conducting the meeting
 - How involved you felt during the IEP meeting
 - How empowered you were to advocate for your child
- Your overall satisfaction with the school team and IEP process

We hope that this survey research will help to shed light on the barriers and needs of SA parents of children with special needs so that school teams and other professionals can learn more directly from families.

Please click on the following link and provide your honest, anonymous responses:

<https://tinyurl.com/53xycuyx>

Thank you for considering being a part of this project.

Testimonial

Hi Indu, thank you for your help. I really appreciate it. I received great help for my IEP concerns from scope. I am able to get a working plan from my child's speech therapist finally. I have been able to draft my parent's concerns letter putting all those concerns. Also, we have been able to start ABA at home with a good 12 hours per week. Hopefully, everything goes well in 2022!

Thank you again for all your time

Parent: NISHA JAIN

PRACTICAL TIPS

Activity to learn sequencing and pattern making by stories

Brought to you by our partner organization

My Whole Child Center for Special Needs at GK2 in India



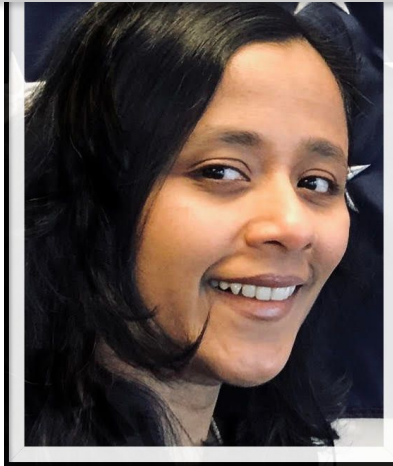
Join Our SCOPE Telegram Group & Connect with other Special Needs Families

Email info@sknfoundation.org to be added to the group

Please include your name and cell phone#

Sign Up for SCOPE Membership

SKN Foundation SCOPE Parent Resource Specialist
Indu Iyer



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Special Needs Community Outreach Program For Empowerment (SCOPE)

The mission of SCOPE (Special needs Community Outreach Program for Empowerment) is to support South Asian families of children with special needs through activities that educate, advocate, and empower.

What SCOPE Provides:

Support: Ongoing parent-to-parent mentoring facilitates mutual support and understanding. A Parent Support Specialist connects families to needed resources. The Parent Empowerment Program is designed to build self-advocacy skills and training for the first year of a new diagnosis. A virtual parent group provides a safe space and introduces parents to others with similar challenges and needs.

Education: Regular workshops and training address the felt needs of parents of children with special needs (ex. IEP education, toilet training). Guest speakers include pediatricians, therapists, or other specialists who can serve to educate parents about the health and well-being of their children and provide tips for improving quality of life and outcomes.

Community: Inclusive social events provide safe spaces for children and families to socialize. Several annual events, including Dance 4 A Cause, Halloween party, Valentine's bowling, and Christmas spectacular are opportunities for children to have fun and make friends in a judgment-free zone.

Resources: Situated between health systems and the community, SCOPE serves as a resource for both. We provide cultural competence resources to providers, and overall



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