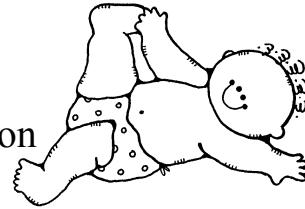


# Parent Pages

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What is Early Intervention? A program for newborns, infants and toddlers that provides developmental services designed with your family's concerns and goals in mind. If you have concerns about your child's development, please call Early Intervention at 740-371-3322.

## **November Awareness**

November is National Epilepsy Awareness Month  
November is National Child Mental Health Month  
November is American Diabetes Month  
November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month  
November is Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month  
November is National Alzheimer's Awareness Month  
November is Prematurity Awareness Month  
November is National Hospice Month  
November is National Family Caregivers Month  
November is Adoption Awareness Month

## **Autism Support Group**

This group is for families that have a toddler, preschooler or school aged child with Autism or behaviors similar to those with an Autism Spectrum Disorder diagnosis. Please join us on **Wednesday, November 29th, at 6:30pm at the Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities** at 7991 Columbus Pike, Lewis Center, 43035. Park in front of the building and enter through the front doors. Contact the Family Liaison, Bethany Mirka, at 740-666-2222 or [tbmirka@hotmail.com](mailto:tbmirka@hotmail.com) for more information.

## **Columbus Zoo Wildlights**

Central Ohio's favorite family holiday tradition went from a few strands of lights and a few trays of cookies to millions of LED lights, two animated musical light shows, Santa, Mrs. Claus, reindeer and other holiday festivities that can be found only at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium. This year's event offers more holiday fun than ever before!

**Dates: November 17th to January 1st**

**Times:** Zoo opens daily at 10 AM

**Wildlights activities operating:**

Sundays through Thursdays: 5 PM to 9 PM

Fridays and Saturdays: 5 PM to 10 PM

**Note:** Closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

**Cost:** regular admission rates apply, free to Columbus Zoo members

## **Quote of the Month**

"One tree can start a forest;  
One smile can begin a friendship;  
One hand can lift a soul;  
One word can frame the goal;  
One candle can wipe out darkness;  
One laugh can conquer gloom;  
One hope can raise your spirits;  
One touch can show you care;  
One life can make the difference,  
Be that ONE today."

~unknown



## **Sensory Sensitive Sunday at Chuck E. Cheese's**

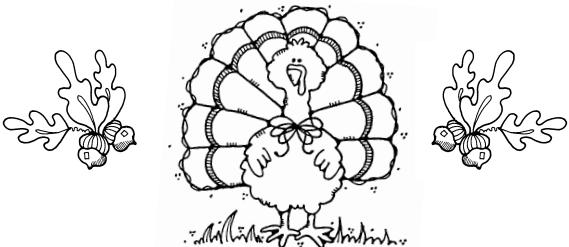
**Sunday, November 5th, 9:00 am - 11:00 am**  
**2711 Martin Rd, Dublin, 43017**

Now offered locally at the Dublin location!

Chuck E. Cheese's is proud to support families who have children with special needs. On the first Sunday of each month,

Chuck E. Cheese's will be open for a sensory-friendly experience. Trained and caring staff is there to make sure each guest has a fun filled visit. For more info, please call 614-791-9480. The Sensory Sensitive Sundays experience includes:

1. Less crowding and noise
2. Dimmed lighting
3. Show and music turned off or down
4. Limited appearances by Chuck E.
5. Food and games are offered. However, parents are permitted to bring snacks for their children if needed due to dietary restrictions during Sensory Sensitive Sundays.



## **Columbus Children's Theatre**

### **Sensory Friendly Performance (SFP) of "Mr. Scrooge"**

Join the Columbus Children's Theatre on  
**Friday, December 8th at 1:00 pm and  
Saturday, December 16th, at 10:00 am** for  
their Sensory Friendly Performance of  
"Mr. Scrooge".

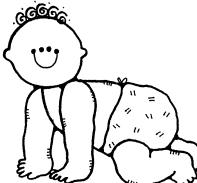
#### **WHAT IS A SENSORY FRIENDLY PERFORMANCE?**

Elimination of loud or sudden sounds  
Elimination of abrupt changes in lighting  
Professionally trained staff and volunteers  
House lights are kept on slightly to allow for safety  
and freedom of movement  
Limited seat sales for guests with spatial issues  
Quiet lobby area for breaks  
Communication cards for non-verbal guests  
Sensory Friendly Resource packages for families  
Safe, friendly, and judgment-free environment

Additionally, a Social Story is available for free  
download from their website at

[www.columbuschildrenstheatre.org](http://www.columbuschildrenstheatre.org). A Social Story is  
a picture book detailing the entire experience from  
walking up to the front door of the theatre,  
purchasing or picking up your tickets, choosing your  
seat, finding the bathrooms...everything! Audience  
members can review this at home with their family  
before leaving for the theatre so they know exactly  
what to expect. The Social Story is available for  
download now.

Most performances are held at the  
**PARK STREET THEATRE** located at 512 Park  
Street, Columbus, 43215. All tickets for SFP are \$8.  
Please call 614-224-6672 for tickets or more info.



*Have suggestions or comments about this newsletter? Do you have an  
upcoming event that you would like to have included in the next issue?  
Please contact Bethany Mirka, the Family Liaison to the Early Intervention  
Program of the Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities,  
at 740-666-2222 or [tbmirka@hotmail.com](mailto:tbmirka@hotmail.com).*

## **OCALICON 2016 - National Conference**

OCALICON, considered the nation's premier  
autism and disabilities conference, will be held

**on November 15th - 17th at the Greater**

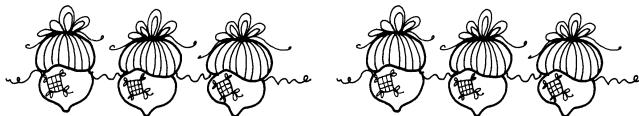
**Columbus Convention Center.** OCALICON is a

face to face gathering of state and national  
leaders, educators, parents, service providers,  
self-advocates, scholars, and policymakers to  
focus on common concerns and share proven  
solutions that address issues and challenges

faced by individuals with autism, sensory  
disabilities, and low-incidence disabilities across  
their lifespan. **More than 150 sessions** are  
scheduled! Discover and test drive the latest  
products and innovations in an exhibit hall full of  
leading companies and organizations.

Parent/Family Member rate to attend is \$75.

For details and to register, go to  
[www.conference.ocali.org](http://www.conference.ocali.org).



## **Buddies, Bubbles & Books**

Please join us for this story time with  
themed books, a picture schedule,  
songs with sign language, crafts, and a fun  
bubble activity in a welcoming and supportive  
environment for children, ages birth to 5, of all  
abilities and their parents and caregivers. This will  
be an inclusive event in which children with  
special needs are learning and playing alongside  
children without special needs.

When: **Wed, November 29th, 11:00 - 11:30 am**  
**(Please note this isn't the regularly scheduled  
4th Wednesday but rather the 5th Wednesday  
of the month due to Thanksgiving )**

Where: **Delaware Main Library**  
84 E. Winter St. Delaware, 43015

Who: Children ages 0-5 of all abilities and  
their caregivers

Cost: Free with no registration required

For more information, please contact  
Connie Pottle at 740-362-3861  
or Bethany Mirka at 740-666-2222 or  
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