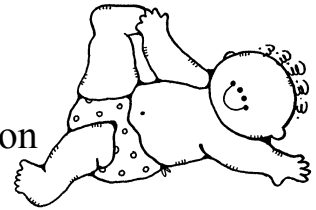


Parent Pages

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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 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

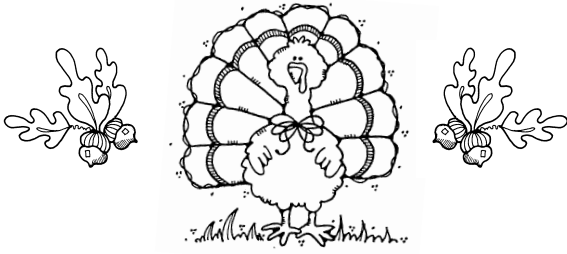
**Sunday, November 5th, 9:00 am - 11:00 am
2711 Martin Rd, Dublin, 43017**

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.

www.ohioearlyintervention.org

The new website for the State of Ohio
Early Intervention Program.



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

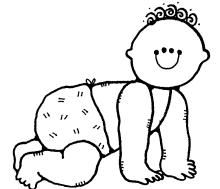
Additionally, a Social Story is available for free
download from their website at

www.columbuschildrenstheatre.org. 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.*



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.



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

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