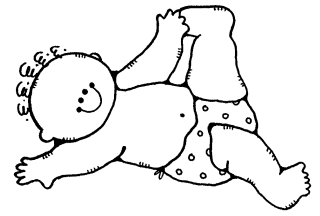


Parent Pages

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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 the Early Intervention Referral Line at 800-755-4769.

March Awareness

March is National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

March is Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month

March is Brain Injury Awareness Month

March is National Kidney Cancer Awareness Month

March is National Myeloma Awareness Month

March is National Endometriosis Month

March is National Nutrition Month

March is Hemophilia Month

March 24th is Tuberculosis Awareness Day

March 25th is National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day

Sensory Sensitive Sunday at

Chuck E. Cheese's

Sunday, April 5th 9:00 am - 10:00 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 open early for a sensory-friendly experience. Trained and caring staff is there to make sure each guest has a fun filled visit. 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.

For more information, please call Chuck E. Cheese's at 614-791-9492.

www.ohioearlyintervention.org

The website for the State of Ohio Early Intervention Program.

Quote of the Month

"Promise me you will not spend so much time treading water and trying to keep your head above the waves that you forget, truly forget, how much you have always loved to swim."
~Tyler Knott Gregson



Strand Movie Theater - Sensory Series

"Onward"

Saturday, March 21st, 10:00am

Doors open at 9:30am

The 3rd Saturday of each month, The Strand Movie Theater provides showings for children, families, and adults in the community who may benefit from an alternative movie experience, such as our patrons on the autism spectrum or those living with other special needs. We turn up the lights, turn down the sound and welcome singing, dancing, movement, and any creative expression! Join us **every third Saturday of the month** and spread the word! **Free small popcorn and canned beverage for each person attending** provided by the Autism Society of Central Ohio. The Strand Movie Theater is located at 28 E Winter Street, Delaware, 43015. For questions, please call 740-816-1938.

Buddies, Books & Bubbles

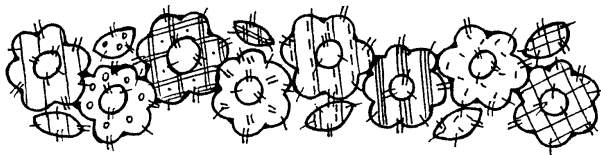
Please join us for this story time with themed books, a picture schedule, songs with sign language, crafts, and a fun bubble activity in a welcoming and supportive environment for children, ages birth to 5, **of all abilities** and their parents and caregivers. This will be an inclusive event in which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

When: **Wednesday, March 25th**
11:00 - 12:00 pm

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
Kelly Cochran at 740-362-3861.



Toy Lending Library

Strengthening Families Initiative through
United Way of Delaware County

Children learn from the time they are born and there is no better way to grow than through play! This toy lending library provides opportunities for families and education providers to engage with toys and games centered around fine motor skills, sensory, vocal recognition, balance, STEM education, and dramatic play. Through creative play, children from birth to five will have the opportunity to connect and learn! For more information, call 740-417-4733. Located on the **second floor of the Willis Education Center, 74 West William Street, Delaware 43015.**

HOURS:

Tuesday - 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Wednesday - 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Thursday - 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm



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 Support Specialist to the Early Intervention Program of the Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities, at 740-666-2222 or tbmirka@hotmail.com.



www.dcbdd.org

The website for the Delaware County Board
of Developmental Disabilities

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, March 25th, 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 Support Specialist, Bethany Mirka, at 740-666-2222 or tbmirka@hotmail.com for more information.

Columbus Children's Theatre

Sensory Friendly Performance (SFP) of

"Crawls, Flies & Squirms"

Friday, April 17th 11:30am

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, picking up your tickets, choosing your seat, finding the bathrooms...everything! Audience members can review this at home with family before leaving for the theatre so they know exactly what to expect. Please call 614-224-6672 for tickets or more information.