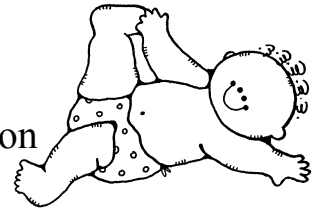


Parent Pages

A Delaware County Early Intervention Publication
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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.

January Awareness

January is National Birth Defects Awareness Month
January is National Glaucoma Awareness Month
January is National Thyroid Disease Awareness Month
January is National Blood Donor Month

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, January 24th, 11:00 - 11:30 am**
(the 4th Wednesday of each month)

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

tbmirka@hotmail.com.

Toddler "Drop In" Playgroup

Hosted by Delaware Speech & Hearing

When: Every Thursday, 5:00 - 5:30 pm

Where: Willis Education Center, 2nd floor

Age: Children 12-36 months

Purpose: Teach parents how to promote speech and language through play in their home

Additionally, every Thursday a certified Speech Language Pathologist is available from 3:30 pm to 7:00 pm for free consultation.

For more information, please call 740-369-3650.

Quote of the Month

"The central struggle of parenthood is to let our hopes for our children outweigh our fears."

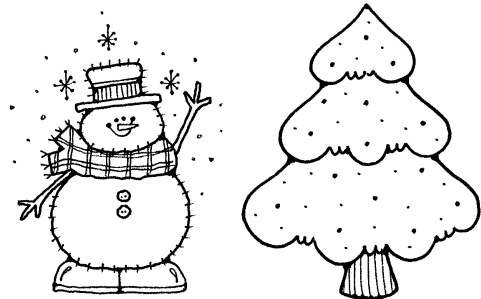
- Ellen Goodmann

Little Buddies

Down Syndrome Parent Resource Group
Monday, January 22nd, 6:30 - 8:30pm

Topic: Social (no planned topic this month; just an evening to connect with other families)

Parents of infants and toddlers, ages 0-4, with Down syndrome welcome. Refreshments and childcare will be provided. This group meets the 4th Monday of each month from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at the Worthington United Methodist Church located at 600 High Street, Worthington. Please contact April Horne at aprilhorne624@gmail.com or 740-360-7093 for more information.



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, January 17th, 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.

www.ohioearlyintervention.org

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



Columbus Children's Theatre **Sensory Friendly Performance (SFP) of** **"Little Red Riding Hood"**

Join the Columbus Children's Theatre on
Friday, January 19th at 1:00 pm and
Saturday, January 27th, at 10:00 am for
their Sensory Friendly Performance of
"Little Red Riding Hood".

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. Most performances are held at the **PARK STREET THEATRE** located at 512 Park Street, Columbus, 43215. All tickets to SFP performances are Fridays for \$10 and Saturdays for \$13. 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.



www.dcbdd.org

The website for the Delaware County Board
of Developmental Disabilities.

Sky Zone Trampoline Park **Sensory Night**

Monday, January 29th, 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Sky Zone Columbus will turn off the music and dial down the distractions for the comfort of the jumpers. Children and adults with special needs, their siblings, family, and friends are welcome to come jump! Every effort will be made to accommodate all jumpers with any kind of special needs. **Guests with special needs jump for free**, family and friends will receive the following reduced prices.

Pricing: 30 min-\$8, 60 min-\$10,
90 min-\$13, 120 min-\$16. Please call ahead for availability. Sky Zone Columbus is located at 459 Orange Point Drive, Suite E, Lewis Center, OH 43035. Call 740-548-4004 for more information.



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 614-436-8929. Located on the **second floor of the Willis Education Center, 74 West William Street, Delaware 43015.**

HOURS:

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Thursday - 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm