



Connecting for Kids

February 2019 Programs

All programs are free and open to the public; however, registration is required. Register online at connectingforkids.org/register, email info@connectingforkids.org or call 440-570-5908



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Learn more at connectingforkids.org

Program locations

- L** Lakewood Public Library, 15425 Detroit Ave.
- S** Solon Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library, 34125 Portz Pkwy.
- W** Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Designed for your family

- Y** Families with young children (0-6 years)
- E** Families with elementary-aged children (7-12 years)
- A** All families with children (0-12 years)

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Solon programs are presented in partnership with Cuyahoga County Public Library.

The How to Apply for Grants for Children with Special Needs Speaker Series is supported by a grant from the Community Fund Management Foundation (CFMF). Westlake programs are presented in partnership with Westlake Porter Public Library.

Speaker Series

Join us for presentations on various childhood topics by local, pediatric professionals. Free, supervised children's activities are available, but adults and children must register separately. connectingforkids.org/speakerseries

How to Apply for Grants for Children with Special Needs **A W**

Would you like to apply for a grant to help fund your child's therapies, camps or equipment needs but aren't sure where to begin? How do you find which grants you may qualify for? Would you like someone to walk you through the application process? Join Julie K. Robie, Esq. of Community Fund Management Foundation (CFMF) as she takes participants step-by-step through the process of applying for CFMF Accessibility Grants and CFMF Education, Therapy, and Services Grants. Also, Amy Clawson of Ohio Family 2 Family will present how to create your child's medical summary and how to write a vision statement to supplement your grant applications and other uses. Families are encouraged to bring a laptop or other device to begin their application. Co-sponsored by CFMF and Ohio Family 2 Family.

Saturday, February 23, 1:00 pm

Potty Training the Challenging Child **A S**

Are you concerned because your child is not potty trained? Are you frustrated and could use some potty training tips from professionals? Are you wondering whether your child's inability to be trained could indicate a physical or emotional issue? Join Courtney Evenchik, MA, NCSP, and Nikki Jaras, MS, BCBA, COBA, of A+ Solutions, to discuss how and when to potty train. Attendees will break into two groups to talk about the issues most relevant to their situation: 1) Toddlers/Preschoolers who are resisting attempts to potty train; 2) Elementary-aged children who are not yet potty trained.

Wednesday, February 27, 6:30 pm



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Elementary ExperiencesSM

These hands-on training programs are designed for families and their children (ages 7-12 years) who are struggling. Families will learn targeted skills together and receive a handout with ideas and resources to use at home. Adults are expected to participate in the program with their children. Siblings (ages 7-12 years) may also attend but must register separately. connectingforkids.org/elementary

Tired? Silly? Overwhelmed? Move to Content! **E** **L**

Does your child seem bored or unmotivated? Does he or she act silly when they should be serious? When dealing with frustration, is a meltdown inevitable? Join Sarah Glass, MA, BCaBA, of Oh, Hi! Social Skills, as she teaches how to manage emotions using strategies such as the Zones of Regulation. Families will learn together how to identify different emotional states and ways to self-regulate. Glass will use role plays, video clips and visuals to illustrate how behavior in specific zones affects others.

Saturday, February 2, Sessions begin at 1:00 pm and 2:30 pm

Social Series: Using your Social Filter **E** **S**

Does your child often say things that are either inappropriate or hurtful to someone's feelings? Deciding what is OK to say or not say in a social situation can be tricky. Join Ellen Spear, MA, CCC-SLP, of Lakeshore Speech Therapy, LLC, as she helps children use their "brain filters" and understand how words and actions have an effect on others. Families will learn together how to decipher the hidden rules of inside thoughts versus expressing a thought out loud.

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