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You're not alone

Connecting for Kids (CFK) provides education and support to families who have concerns about their child. We serve all families, including those children with and without formal diagnoses. CFK offers educational programs, support groups, a Parent Match Program and numerous resources.

Designed for your family

Programs are designed to educate and support families of children (birth - 12 years) who are struggling. Look for these icons to choose programs for your family:



Families with young children (0-6 years)

Families with elementaryaged children (7-12 years)

All families with children (0-12 years)

Free programs

All Connecting for Kids programs are free and open to the public. For more information or to register:

440-570-5908 info@connectingforkids.org connectingforkids.org/register

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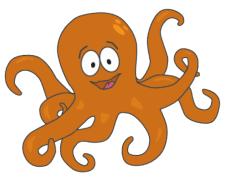
Concerned about your child? Whatever the reason... Connecting for Kids can help.

Sensory Consults

Does your child hate "itchy" clothes? Is your child bothered by noises or have difficulty with busy environments? Are you concerned about your child's frequent meltdowns and difficulty interacting with others? Does your child frequently spin, jump and crash his or her body into things? If so, come to our Sensory Consult where you and your child will meet with a pediatric occupational therapist. This consult is open to children ages 18 months-12 years. Your child will be encouraged to engage in some activities while you complete a checklist. You will also learn strategies to help him or her at home. This program is supported by Abilities First, LLC.

Tuesday, November 6, 6:30 pm Westlake Porter Public Library

Thursday, November 15, 6:00 pm Elyria Public Library System, West River Branch



Sensory Red Flags

Connecting for Kids' sensory red flags are designed to help families identify some of the most common struggles in children with sensory processing issues. If your child struggles with one or more of the red flags, you may want to consult an occupational therapist for further evaluation.

Learn more online at connectingforkids.org/sensoryaware

Register at connectingforkids.org/register

Email: info@connectingforkids.org | Phone: 440-570-5908

FALL PROGRAMS BY LOCATION

For location addresses and phone numbers, please see back cover or visit connectingforkids.org/library

Akron-Summit County Public Library, Ellet Branch (ASCPL) 9/8 Adapted Storytime

| 9/0 | Adapted Storytime |
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| 10/13 | Adapted Storytime |
| 11/10 | Adapted Storytime |
| 12/8 | Adapted Storytime |
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Akron-Summit County Public Library, Northwest Akron Branch (ASCPL)

| 9/15 | Adapted Storytime |
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| 10/20 | Adapted Storytime |
| 11/17 | Adapted Storytime |
| 12/15 | Adapted Storytime |
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Avon Lake Public Library (ALPL)

- 9/29 Adapted Storytime
- 10/21 Music Enrichment
- 11/10 Adapted Storytime

Cuyahoga County Public Library, Middleburg Heights Branch (CCPL)

- 9/15 Adapted Storytime9/22 Music Therapy & More
- 10/6 Adapted Storytime
- 10/20 Music Therapy & More
- 10/20 (EE) Tech Tools for Learning
- 11/3 Adapted Storytime
- 11/17 Music Therapy & More
- 12/8 Adapted Storytime

- Cuyahoga County Public Library, North Royalton Branch (CCPL)
- 9/8 Adapted Storytime

Cuyahoga County Public Library, Parma Branch (CCPL)

- 9/29 Adapted Storytime
- 10/13 Adapted Storytime

Cuyahoga County Public Library, Parma-Snow Branch (CCPL)

| 9/15 Sensory | Movie Event |
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- 10/19 Sensory Movie Event
- 11/10 Sensory Movie Event
- 11/28 (SS) Supporting the Social Development of Gifted Kids
- 12/8 Sensory Movie Event

Cuyahoga County Public Library, Solon Branch (CCPL)

10/5 Music Therapy & More 10/27 Adapted Storytime Music Therapy & More 11/211/10 (EE) Organization Station Adapted Storytime 11/17 (SS) Solutions for Picky 11/30 Eaters and Problem Feeders Music Therapy & More 12/712/15 Adapted Storytime

Elyria Public Library System,

| Central Branch (EPLS) | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| 9/17 | Adapted Storytime | |
| 10/15 | Adapted Storytime | |
| 11/19 | Adapted Storytime | |
| 12/17 | Adapted Storytime | |
| 1/21 | Adapted Storytime | |
| Elyria Pub | lic Library System, | |
| West River | Branch (EPLS) | |
| 9/29 | Adapted Storytime | |
| 10/4 | Teach Me to Play (Preschool) | |
| 10/11 | Music Therapy & More | |
| 10/18 | (CC) Down Syndrome: | |
| | Support and Resources | |
| 10/27 | Adapted Storytime | |
| 11/1 | Teach Me to Play (Preschool) | |
| 11/8 | Music Therapy & More | |
| 11/10 | Adapted Storytime | |
| 11/15 | Sensory Consult | |
| 12/1 | (EE) Social Series: Wrapping | |
| | Up Social Skills for the | |
| | Holidays | |
| 12/6 | Teach Me to Play (Preschool) | |
| 12/13 | Music Therapy & More | |
| 12/22 | Adapted Storytime | |
| Lakewood Public Library, | | |

Lakewood Public Librar Main Library (LPL)

| Main Library (LFL) | | |
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| 9/16 | Adapted Storytime | |
| 10/6 | Music Therapy & More | |
| 10/14 | Adapted Storytime | |
| 11/3 | Music Therapy & More | |
| 11/3 | (EE) Music | |
| 11/3 | (EE) Music for Children wit | |
| | Moderate-Severe Disabilit | |
| 11/11 | Adapted Storytime | |
| 11/13 | (SS) Positive Play with | |
| | Preschoolers | |
| 12/1 | Music Therapy & More | |
| 12/9 | Adapted Storytime | |
| Lorain Public Library System, | | |
| Avon Bran | nch (LPLS) | |
| 9/8 | Musical Toolbox | |
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| 9/22 | Adapted Storytime | |
| 10/20 | Adapted Storytime | |
| 10/27 | Musical Toolbox | |
| 11/3 | Adapted Storytime | |
| 12/1 | Adapted Storytime | |
| 12/8 | Musical Toolbox | |
| orain Public Library System, | | |

Lorain Public Library System, South Lorain Branch (LPLS)

- 11/5 Teach Me to Play (Toddler)
- 12/3 Teach Me to Play (Toddler)

| Rocky I | River | Public | Library | (RRPL) |
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- 9/15 Adapted Storytime
- 10/6 Adapted Storytime
- 11/3 Adapted Storytime
- 12/1 Adapted Storytime

Westlake Porter Public Library (WPPL)

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| | 9/8 | Adapted Storytime |
| | 9/14 | Music Therapy & More |
| | 9/15 | Music Therapy & More |
| | 9/17 | Adapted Storytime |
| | 9/18 | (SS) Solutions to Anger and |
| | | Defiance |
| | 9/20 | Teach Me to Play (Preschool) |
| | 9/21 | Teach Me to Play (Preschool |
| | | and Toddler) |
| | 10/2 | (CC) Dealing with a |
| | | Diagnosis |
| | 10/6 | Adapted Storytime |
| | 10/12 | Music Therapy & More |
| | 10/13 | Music Therapy & More |
| | 10/13 | (EE) Managing Anger and |
| | | Controlling Emotions |
| | 10/15 | Adapted Storytime |
| | 10/18 | Teach Me to Play (Preschool) |
| | 10/19 | Teach Me to Play (Preschool |
| | | and Toddler) |
| | 10/22 | Sensory-Friendly Movie |
| | 11/3 | Adapted Storytime |
| | 11/6 | Sensory Consult |
| | 11/9 | Music Therapy & More |
| | 11/10 | Music Therapy & More |
| | 11/12 | Adapted Storytime |
| | 11/15 | Teach Me to Play (Preschool) |
| | 11/16 | Teach Me to Play (Preschool |
| | | and Toddler) |
| | 12/1 | Adapted Storytime |
| | 12/13 | Sensation Stations |
| | 12/14 | Music Therapy & More |
| | 10/15 | Music Thereway Q Mere |

12/15 Music Therapy & More

ABBREVIATIONS

- CC Coffee and Chat
- EE Elementary Experiences
- SS Speaker Series

Note: Connecting for Kids programs are highlighted in orange. All other programs are offered by our library partners.

FALL PROGRAMS BY PROGRAM TYPE



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*

Solutions to Anger and Defiance

This program will explore the reasons behind your child's anger and defiance and discuss ways to create a calmer home through Dr. Ross Greene's Collaborative & Proactive Solutions Model (CPS). Join Dr. Nora McNamara and Dr. Solomon Zaraa of University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center as they answer questions from the audience about diagnoses, medications and CPS. This program is co-sponsored by National Alliance on Mental Illness Greater Cleveland (NAMI GC).

Tuesday, September 18, 6:30 pm Westlake Porter Public Library

Positive Play with Preschoolers

Join Rec2Connect as they discuss common challenges with preschoolers (both typically-developing children and those with special needs). They will provide simple strategies to encourage children to develop their social skills and stop behaviors such as hitting, being a sore loser when playing games, whining and playing solo while ignoring those around him or her. This program is co-sponsored by the Lakewood Family Room.

Tuesday, November 13, 6:30 pm Lakewood Public Library, Main Library

Supporting the Social Development of Gifted Kids

Join Dr. Meghan Barlow of Meghan Barlow and Associates as she explores the factors that interfere with the social relationships of gifted kids. She will discuss such topics as trouble connecting with peers, cognitive rigidity (a child's difficulty in changing his or her thinking) and uneven intellectual, physical and emotional development. Dr. Barlow will also provide recommendations for how parents and caregivers can best support their gifted child's social development.

Wednesday, November 28, 6:30 pm Parma-Snow Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library

Solutions for Picky Eaters and Problem Feeders

Whether you're worried about a child who won't eat vegetables or a child diagnosed with a feeding disorder, join us for an interactive, solutions-based discussion by Stefanie Peck, MA, CCC-SLP, and Brenda Richards, OTR/L, of The Center for LifeSkills. We will divide into two different small groups – one for picky eaters and one for more involved problem feeders. You'll walk away with tips you can put to use during your next meal at home.

Friday, November 30, 11:30 am Solon Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library

Coffee and Chat

Join our interactive support group and meet other families facing similar struggles. Coffee and Chat is for families of children ages 0-12 years. Free, supervised children's activities are available, but adults and children must register separately. Coffee is donated by Starbucks Coffee Company. connectingforkids.org/support

Dealing with a Diagnosis A

Receiving a diagnosis for your child is overwhelming. Meet other families and receive encouragement as we discuss the article, "When your Child is Diagnosed with Special Needs." Lisa Ruman, LISW, CHt, of The Child & Family Counseling Center of Westlake, will facilitate a discussion about common reactions, how to seek support, tips for telling family and friends, and taking it one day at a time.

Tuesday, October 2, 6:30 pm Westlake Porter Public Library

Down Syndrome: Support and Resources

Meet other families as we discuss challenges, share ideas and offer each other support. Learn about resources and local programs from co-sponsors GiGi's Playhouse Cleveland - Down Syndrome Achievement Center and The Up Side of Downs of Northeast Ohio. We will also be discussing the article, "21 Signs You Might Be the Parent of a Child With Down syndrome," and adding our own experiences to the list!

Thursday, October 18, 6:00 pm Elyria Public Library System, West River Branch

FALL PROGRAMS BY PROGRAM TYPE

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*

Managing Anger and Controlling Emotions

Does your child anger easily or get upset about seemingly inconsequential things? Is lack of control over his or her temper hindering your child's social skills, classroom behavior or ability to form lasting friendships? Wendy Lorince, OTR/L, of Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital for Rehabilitation will help children learn how to manage their anger and take control of their emotions. Using the book, "What to Do When Your Temper Flares," as a guide, Lorince will lead participants through a "Drivers Ed" session where she teaches children to be "good drivers" during fun, hands-on activities.

Saturday, October 13, Sessions begin at 1:00 pm and 2:30 pm Westlake Porter Public Library

Tech Tools for Learning

Is your child struggling in school? Would he or she benefit from an in-depth look at the various tech tools that iPads and Chromebooks have to offer to meet learning needs? This workshop, led by Jason Sepsi, Technology Director at Lawrence Lower School, will explore tech tools for elementary students, including Text to Speech, Dictation, Graphic Organizers and executive function tools. iPads will be used at the 1:00 pm session for children (ages 7-9) and Chromebooks will be used at the 2:30 pm session for students (ages 10-12). Devices will be provided.

Saturday, October 20, Sessions begin at 1:00 pm (7-9 years) and 2:30 pm (10-12 years) Middleburg Heights Branch of

Cuyahoga County Public Library

Music

Are you concerned about your child's anxiety, anger or sensory needs? Come and learn how to incorporate music to aid in self-regulation. Adults and children will participate together in this group music therapy session where musical experiences may include song writing, instrument playing, lyric analysis, listening practices and singing.

Saturday, November 3, Session begins at 1:00 pm Lakewood Public Library, Main Library

Music for Children with Moderate-Severe Disabilities

Join us to sing, play, move and experience all aspects of general music making to enhance cognition, motor, social, emotional, behavioral and communication needs. Adults and children will participate together in this group music therapy session which will include alternative communication devices as needed. Adaptations will be made for all needs for everyone's participation and enjoyment!

Saturday, November 3, Session begins at 2:30 pm Lakewood Public Library, Main Library

Organization Station

Are chores a challenge in your house? Does your child start a task and never finish it? We can help! Join therapists from Galvin Therapy Center for an interactive session where children can learn and practice organizational skills. Children will do "chores" at stations set up to represent rooms of a home including the kitchen and bedroom. Each station will feature activities to complete together and strategies that can be used at home.

Saturday, November 10, Sessions begin at 1:00 pm and 2:30 pm Solon Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library

Social Series: Wrapping up Social Skills for the Holidays

The holidays are a fun and exciting time but can also become overwhelming and confusing for those who struggle with social skills. This program, led by Ellen Spear, MA, CCC-SLP, of Lakeshore Speech Therapy, LLC., is designed to help navigate the many social situations, hidden rules and potential problems related to the holidays. Join us as we discuss how to make conversation with relatives and friends, tips for handling holiday parties and appropriate ways to give and receive gifts.

Saturday, December 1, Sessions begin at 1:00 pm (7-9 years) and 2:30 pm (10-12 years)

Elyria Public Library System, West River Branch

FALL PROGRAMS BY PROGRAM TYPE

Teach Me to PlaySM ♥

This play-based program is designed for families and their children (18 months-6 years) who are struggling in an area of development. Diverse opportunities for learning are provided, with an emphasis on facilitating communication, practicing social interactions and responding to behaviors in a positive way. Each themed session offers a variety of engaging individual, small and whole group activities. The staff coaches families, demonstrates and suggests strategies, responds to questions and provides resources. The program is led by an experienced Early Intervention Specialist and Speech-Language Pathologist. *connectingforkids.org/play*

Elyria Public Library System, West River Branch

Preschool sessions begin at 6:00 pm.

- Thursday, October 4
- Thursday, November 1
- Thursday, December 6

Lorain Public Library System, South Lorain Branch

Toddler sessions begin at 6:00 pm.

- Monday, October 1
- Monday, November 5
- Monday, December 3

Westlake Porter Public Library

Thursday Preschool sessions begin at 6:30 pm, Friday Preschool sessions begin at 9:30 am and Friday Toddler sessions begin at 11:30 am.

- Thursday, September 20
- Friday, September 21
- Thursday, October 18
- Friday, October 19
- Thursday, November 15
- Friday, November 16



A participant in our Elyria Teach Me to Play program experiences sensory play with props.

Music Therapy & MoresM ♥

This program is designed for families and their children (ages 0-6 years) who are struggling in an area of development. Join us for a hands-on program designed to teach families how to use music to improve their child's motor, communication and social skills as well as behavior. This program is led by a Board-Certified Music Therapist. Siblings (ages 0-6 years) may also attend but must register separately. *connectingforkids.org/music*

Elyria Public Library System, West River Branch

Sessions begin at 6:00 pm.

- Thursday, October 11
- Thursday, November 8
- Thursday, December 13

Lakewood Public Library, Main Library

Sessions begin at 10:30 am.

- Saturday, October 6
- Saturday, November 3
- Saturday, December 1

Middleburg Heights Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library Sessions begin at 10:30 am.

- Saturday, September 22
- Saturday, October 20
- Saturday, November 17

Solon Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library

Sessions begin at 10:30 am.

- Friday, October 5
- Friday, November 2
- Friday, December 7

Westlake Porter Public Library

Friday sessions begin at 9:30 am and 10:30 am. Saturday sessions begin at 9:30 am, 10:30 am and 11:30 am.

- Friday, September 14
- Saturday, September 15
- Friday, October 12
- Saturday, October 13
- Friday, November 9
- Saturday, November 10
- Friday, December 14
- Saturday, December 15

Special Needs Library Programs

For more information, visit connectingforkids.org/library

Adapted Storytimes

Children with varying learning styles and abilities learn together in a safe, supportive environment where respect and appreciation for differences is encouraged. This storytime, followed by a time for socialization, is designed for children who may not be successful in a typical storytime experience. Content is geared toward ages 3 to 7 years, but all ages are welcome. Siblings may also attend but must register separately.

Akron-Summit County Public Library

Ellet Branch

- Saturday, September 8, 10:30 am
- Saturday, October 13, 10:30 am
- Saturday, November 10, 10:30 am
- Saturday, December 8, 10:30 am

Northwest Akron Branch

- Saturday, September 15, 10:30 am and 11:30 am
- Saturday, October 20, 10:30 am and 11:30 am
- Saturday, November 17, 10:30 am and 11:30 am
- Saturday, December 15, 10:30 am and 11:30 am

Avon Lake Public Library

- Saturday, September 29, 10:30 am
- Saturday, November 10, 10:30 am

Cuyahoga County Public Library

Middleburg Heights Branch

- Saturday, September 15, 11:00 am
- Saturday, October 6, 11:00 am
- Saturday, November 3, 11:00 am
- Saturday, December 8, 11:00 am

North Royalton Branch

• Saturday, September 8, 10:00 am

Parma Branch

- Saturday, September 29, 2:00 pm
- Saturday, October 13, 2:00 pm

Solon Branch

- Saturday, October 27, 10:30 am
- Saturday, November 17, 10:30 am
- Saturday, December 15, 10:30 am

Elyria Public Library System Central Branch

- Monday, September 17, 6:00 pm
- Monday, October 15, 6:00 pm
- Monday, November 19, 6:00 pm
- Monday, December 17, 6:00 pm

West River Branch

- Saturday, September 29, 11:00 am
- Saturday, October 27, 11:00 am
- Saturday, November 10, 11:00 am
- Saturday, December 22, 11:00 am

Lakewood Public Library

- Sunday, September 16, 3:30 pm
- Sunday, October 14, 3:30 pm
- Sunday, November 11, 3:30 pm
- Sunday, December 9, 3:30 pm

Lorain Public Library System Avon Branch

- Saturday, September 22, 10:30 am
- Saturday, October 20, 10:30 am
- Saturday, November 3, 10:30 am
- Saturday, December 1, 10:30 am

Rocky River Public Library

- Saturday, September 15, 10:00 am
- Saturday, October 6, 10:00 am
- Saturday, November 3, 10:00 am
- Saturday, December 1, 10:00 am

Westlake Porter Public Library

- Saturday, September 8, 10:30 am
- Monday, September 17, 6:30 pm
- Saturday, October 6, 10:30 am
- Monday, October 15, 6:30 pm
- Saturday, November 3, 10:30 am
- Monday, November 12, 6:30 pm
- Saturday, December 1, 10:30 am

Additional Special Needs Programming

Musical Toolbox

Lorain Public Library System, Avon Branch Designed for children with special needs and their families, this fun and engaging music program is conducted by a boardcertified music therapist from MTEC, the Music Therapy Enrichment Center. Caregivers will be given musical tools to use with their children outside of class.

- Saturday, September 8, 10:30 am
- Saturday, October 27, 10:30 am
- Saturday, December 8, 10:30 am

Music Enrichment

Avon Lake Public Library

This fun and engaging music program is designed for children (ages 3-7 years) with special needs and their families and conducted by staff from Music on a Mission. Adults are expected to participate in the program with their child. Siblings may also attend but must register separately.

• Sunday, October 21, 2:00 pm

Sensation Stations

Westlake Porter Public Library Engage your child's senses by scooping, pouring and sorting a variety of materials. For children with special needs and their typical peers. Ages 3-6.

• Thursday, December 13, 10:30 am

Sensory-Friendly Movie

Westlake Porter Public Library A sensory-friendly environment including more light, less sound and the option to move around the room will help children with special needs and their families enjoy this free movie screening. All ages.

• Monday, October 22, 6:00 pm

Sensory Movie Events

Parma-Snow Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library

Experience movies where the sound is lower and the lights are brighter, and where talking, singing and moving is perfectly acceptable! Light snacks and covered beverages are welcome.

- Saturday, September 15, 2:30 pm
- Friday, October 19, 3:30 pm
- Saturday, November 10, 2:30 pm
- Saturday, December 8, 2:30 pm

Connecting for Kids Podcasts: The Resources You Need - Whenever You Need Them

We began taking audio recordings of presenters at Connecting for Kids Speaker Series programs in 2014, with the goal of creating a diverse content library that families could access at any time. Since our first recording, we have created more than 40 free podcasts.

Podcasts are digital audio files made available on the Internet for downloading to a computer or mobile device. Accessing our collection from your computer or mobile device is quick and easy:

- 1. Visit connectingforkids.org/ previous-speakers
- Check the list of topics for presentations that have a podcast icon (4).
- 3. Click the podcast link and start the player by clicking the play button.
- 4. Download the presentation slides and follow along using the link below the player.





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Download a copy of the <u>presentation</u> in PDF format. If you do not have Adobe Acrobat reader, you can <u>download the software</u> from Adobe at no cost.

CONNECTING FOR KIDS FREE PODCASTS

Anxiety

- When is the Worry Too Much?
- Parenting Anxious Children
- Understanding Anxiety in Children

Attention Issues

- Attention Issues and ADHD: What You Need to Know
- How Visual Skills Impact Learning
 and Attention
- Executive Function 101
- Practical Ideas to Help Your Child to Organize and Focus
- Impulsivity in the School-Aged Child
- An Overview of ADHD

Behavior

- Setting Appropriate Limits for Your Child
- Building Social, Emotional and Behavioral Skills by Using Language
- Sleep Solutions
- Modify Your Child's Behavior Using
 Proven Kazdin Method
- Understanding Your Child's
 Challenging Behaviors
- Dealing with Preschool Behavior in Public
- Managing Meltdowns
- Childhood Disruptive Behaviors
- What is Typical Behavior for an Elementary School-Aged Child?
- Strategies to Deal with Challenging Behaviors in Elementary-Aged Children
- Why Doesn't My Kid LISTEN to Me? (and How to Make it Better)

Family Issues

- Is It Really Bullying?
- Fighting with Your Elementary-Aged Child Over Screen Time? Strategies and Resources
- How to Form an Emotional Connection with Your Elementary -Aged Child with Social Delays

Fine Motor

 Stepping Stones for Successful Writing

Food Allergies

• Living with Food Allergies: What You Need to Know

Giftedness

Emotional Intensity in Gifted
 Children

Nutrition

• No Body is Perfect

School Services

- All About Reading
- Taking the Battle Out of Homework
- Homework Hassles and Solutions
- Homework Strategies

Sensory Issues

- Managing Meltdowns
- Introducing Sensory: A Reason for Behavior Problems?
- Strategies to Deal with
 Challenging Behavior in
 Elementary-Aged Children

Social Skills Issues

- How to Help Your Child Make
 Friends
- Social Skills for Preschoolers
- How to Help Your Socially
- Awkward Pre-Teen Make Friends

Special Needs Parenting

- Understanding the ABLE Act
- The Wonderful World of Waivers
- How to Get the Most Out of Your Child's Therapy
- It's NOT All About the Diagnosis

Speech or Language Impairment

Communication Temptations

A participant in our Middleburg Heights Elementary Experiences program learns about social skills and friendship.



Connect With Us

It's free to join Connecting for Kids and start connecting with other Northeast Ohio families on a similar path.

Online

connectingforkids.org/joinus

Call or Text

440-570-5908

Email

info@connectingforkids.org



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Lakewood

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Middleburg Heights and Solon

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Locations

Akron-Summit County Public Library

Ellet Branch 2470 E. Market St. 330-784-2019

Northwest Akron Branch 1720 Shatto Ave. 330-643-4702

Avon Lake Public Library 32649 Electric Blvd. 440-933-8917

Cuyahoga County Public Library *Middleburg Heights Branch* 16699 Bagley Rd. 440-234-3600

North Royalton Branch 5071 Wallings Rd. 440-237-3800

Parma Branch 6996 Powers Blvd. 440-885-5362

Parma-Snow Branch 2121 Snow Rd. 216-661-4240

Solon Branch 34125 Portz Pkwy. 440-248-8777

Elyria Public Library System Central Branch 320 Washington Ave. 440-322-0287

West River Branch 1194 West River Rd. N. 440-324-2270

Lakewood Public Library 15425 Detroit Ave. 216-226-8275 ext. 140

Lorain Public Library System Avon Branch 37485 Harvest Dr. 440-934-4743

South Lorain Branch 2121 Homewood Dr. 440-277-5672

Rocky River Public Library 1600 Hampton Rd. 440-333-7610

Westlake Porter Public Library 27333 Center Ridge Rd. 440-871-2600