

November 2019

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:

- 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)

Free programs

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

Call/Text: 440-570-5908
(para español 440-907-9130)
info@connectingforkids.org
connectingforkids.org/register

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NOVEMBER PROGRAMS: ADULTS

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 Get Your Preschooler to Listen **Y**

Are your requests to get ready for school, wash up for dinner or start the bedtime routine ignored? Do you need to scream at the top of your lungs before your kids will listen? Join Rachel Torrance, M.Ed, BCBA, COBA, and Jennifer Pearson, M.Ed, BCBA, COBA, of Accessing Abilities, as they provide families with the top 10 tips and tricks of the trade used by behavior analysts and educators. From grandma's rule to breaking into song and dance, they will share proven strategies to help increase desirable behaviors and set your child up for success. Learn skills that will make both your life and your child's life easier. This program is designed for both typically developing children as well as children with special needs.

Wednesday, November 6, 6:30 pm
Solon Branch of Cuyahoga County
Public Library

Late Language: When Repeat After Me Doesn't Work **Y**

How can I encourage my child to talk? What should I do if he won't imitate my language? How can I help her express herself? Join Kelly Wilber, MS, CCC-SLP, of Cleveland Clinic Children's Rehab as she teaches six practical strategies to enhance language development for "late talkers" or emergent communicators. Apply these strategies at home and supplement your child's speech therapy sessions with increased confidence. This program is for families of toddlers and preschoolers (ages 2-6 years) and will be relevant to children with and without a formal diagnosis. Co-sponsored by the Lakewood Family Room.

Tuesday, November 12, 6:30 pm
Lakewood Public Library

Register at connectingforkids.org/register

NOVEMBER PROGRAMS: WITH MY CHILD

Elementary ExperiencesSM **E**

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

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, November 16, Session begins at 1:00
Lakewood Public Library***

CFK Flier Connection

Join the CFK Flier Connection group on Facebook to see local events, adaptive programs, entertainment options, family education seminars, support groups, respites, camps and much more! To join, [visit facebook.com/groups/CFKFliers](https://www.facebook.com/groups/CFKFliers)

You will have the option to search by program type to find information specific to your child and situation. Join today!



Looking for even more programs to experience with your child?

Learn about adapted programming at a library near you when you check out our partner libraries online. Visit connectingforkids.org/library

Learn on the go!

Connecting for Kids Speaker Series presentations are all recorded and distributed as audio podcast programs. Best of all, you can download and play CFK podcasts on all of your favorite players.

Podcasts are grouped by topic and include talks that impact many CFK families. Some of our most popular podcasts include:

- Social Skills for Preschoolers
- Modify Your Child's Behavior Using the Kazdin Method
- Emotional Intensity in Gifted Children
- Electronic Addiction: The New Epidemic
- Strategies for Managing Hyperactivity/Impulsivity in Children with ADHD
- Changes to Ohio Waivers
- Understanding Your Child's Challenging Behaviors

To get started, select any podcast from our family education topics page at connectingforkids.org/Previous-Speakers.



There are lots of ways to connect with CFK!

We now have three Family Resource Specialists to help families find education and support. You can get to know Nicole Born-Crow, Andrea Campesino and Nikki Montgomery on our staff web page: connectingforkids.org/staff

Have Questions?

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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, November 14

Lakewood Public Library

Sessions begin at 10:30 am.
• Saturday, November 2

Middleburg Heights Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library

Sessions begin at 10:30 am.
• Saturday, November 16

Solon Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library

Sessions begin at 10:30 am.
• Friday, November 1

Westlake Porter Public Library

Sessions begin at 9:30 am and 10:30 am.
• Friday, November 8
• Saturday, November 9

Teach Me to PlaySM

Do you have questions or concerns about your child's development? Are you looking for a social opportunity for you and your child in the community? Do you want ideas about how to encourage your child's learning through play? With fun, new themes each month, Teach Me to Play offers your child a host of new activities and experiences each time he or she attends. For parents and caregivers, there is a Parent Education Focus every month that provides information on a variety of developmentally appropriate topics. Your child will enjoy playing with other children while practicing language and social skills. Since you attend together, you will have the option of interacting with our experienced Early Intervention Specialist and Speech-Language Pathologist. They can suggest strategies for managing problem behaviors, offer tips for increasing your child's communication skills, or share appropriate resources. This program is specifically designed for children ages 18 months-6 years who are struggling in an area of development. Come connect with other families in a supportive and accepting environment. connectingforkids.org/play

Elyria Public Library System, West River Branch

Preschool sessions begin at 6:00 pm.
• Thursday, November 7

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, November 21
• Friday, November 22

Play & Say

Join us for an adapted playgroup that is safe and welcoming for families who have concerns about their child (ages 0-6 years). Learn new skills, meet other families and connect to community resources to help your child. Play & Say will mix free play opportunities with small group activities such as parachute play or bubbles. As participants practice social and communication skills, staff members will be available to answer questions and offer tips. Each month, a new topic will be highlighted and families will go home with an educational handout. Typical siblings are welcome, but must register separately. Families are encouraged to play together at this program. The playgroup will be led by an experienced Speech-Language Pathologist from the Cleveland Hearing & Speech Center. connectingforkids.org/play-say

Solon Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library

Sessions begin at 10:30 am
• Friday, November 22



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

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Email

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With Our Thanks

Elyria

CFK programs are supported by a grant from The Nordson Corporation Foundation.

Lakewood

CFK programs are supported by a grant from Community West Foundation and presented in partnership with Lakewood Public Library. Music Therapy & More in Lakewood is supported by a grant from the Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River.

Middleburg Heights and Solon

CFK programs are presented in partnership with Cuyahoga County Public Library. Play & Say in Solon is supported by a grant from the Rotary Club of Solon.

Westlake

Music Therapy & More is supported in part by the residents of Cuyahoga County through a public grant from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture. Teach Me to Play is supported by a grant from GPD Employees' Foundation. CFK programs are presented in partnership with Westlake Porter Public Library.

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Locations

Akron-Summit County Public Library

Ellet Branch

2470 E. Market St.
330-784-2019

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

Warrensville Heights Branch

4415 Northfield Rd.
216-464-5280

Elyria Public Library System

West River Branch

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

Euclid Public Library

631 East 222nd St.
216-261-5300

Lakewood Public Library

15425 Detroit Ave.
216-226-8275 ext. 140

Lorain Public Library System

Avon Branch

37485 Harvest Dr.
440-934-4743

North Ridgeville Branch


35700 Bainbridge Rd.
440-327-8326

Rocky River Public Library

1600 Hampton Rd.
440-333-7610

Westlake Porter Public Library

27333 Center Ridge Rd.
440-871-2600

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