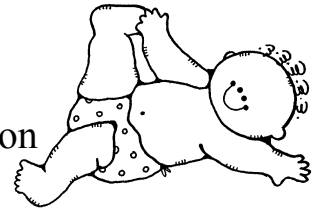


Parent Pages

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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 Early Intervention at 740-371-3322.

August Awareness

- August is Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month
- August is Children's Eye Health and Safety Month
- August is National Immunization Awareness Month
- August is Cataract Awareness Month
- August is Psoriasis Awareness Month
- August 1st-7th is World Breastfeeding Week

New Statewide Help Me Grow Intake and Referral System

Effective August 1st, 2017

Families and Professionals seeking general information or wish to make a referral to either Help Me Grow Home Visiting or to the Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities' Early Intervention Program may use one of the following options:

- Toll-Free Help Me Grow Referral Phone Line: 800-755-GROW (4769)
- Secure Web-Based Referral Form: <https://refer.ohiocentralintake.org>
- Local Help Me Grow Referral Line: 740-371-3322
- Help Me Grow Fax Line: 855-418-3322
- Help Me Grow Referrals by Email: hea@ohiocentralintake.org

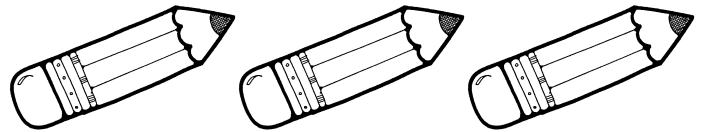


www.ohioearlyintervention.org

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

Quote of the Month

*"Your journey has molded you
for your greater good,
and it was exactly what it needed to be.
Don't think you've lost time.
It took each and every situation you have
encountered to bring you to the now.
And now is right on time."
~Asha Tyson*



OCALICON 2016 - National Conference

Registration is now open!

OCALICON, considered the nation's premier autism and disabilities conference, will be held on **November 15th - 17th at the Greater Columbus Convention Center**. OCALICON is a face to face gathering of state and national leaders, educators, parents, service providers, self-advocates, scholars, and policymakers to focus on common concerns and share proven solutions that address issues and challenges faced by individuals with autism, sensory disabilities, and low-incidence disabilities across their lifespan. **More than 150 sessions** are scheduled! Discover and test drive the latest products and innovations in an exhibit hall full of leading companies and organizations. Parent/Family Member rate to attend is \$75. For details or to register, go to www.conference.ocali.org.

www.dcbdd.org

The website for the Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Buddies, Bubbles & Books

Please join us for this story time with themed books, a picture schedule, songs with sign language, 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, August 23rd, 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

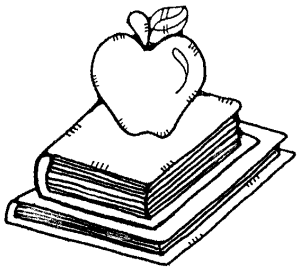
Cost: Free with no registration required

For more information, please contact

Connie Pottle at 740-362-3861

or Bethany Mirka at 740-666-2222 or

tbsmirka@hotmail.com.



Reel Movies for Real Needs

Nut Job 2: Nutty By Nature

Saturday, August 12th, 10:30 am

CROSSWOODS CINEMA

200 Hutchinson Ave. Columbus, OH 43235

Reel Movies for Real Needs creates a welcoming and comfortable environment – lower sound, lights up – where families with individuals who need accommodations will be able to share the experience of seeing family friendly films at a theatre. Regular matinee pricing applies. Call 614-436-9818 for more information. ***Please check the movie rating, prior to heading out, to make sure the movie is appropriate for the ages of the children you plan to bring.***

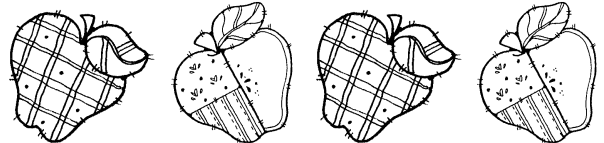


Have suggestions or comments about this newsletter? Do you have an upcoming event that you would like to have included in the next issue? Please contact Bethany Mirka, the Family Liaison to the Early Intervention Program of the Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities, at 740-666-2222 or tbsmirka@hotmail.com.



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, August 9th, 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 tbsmirka@hotmail.com for more information.



Leeds Farm Autism Harvest Festival!

Great family fun at Leeds Farm!

Saturday, September 23rd, 9:00 - 11:00 am

Leeds Farm

8738 State Route 36, Ostrander, OH 43061

Free to children with Autism and their immediate family, including grandparents!

Leeds Farm is hosting central Ohio children and adults with Autism and their immediate family at no charge. At 9:00 am, on Saturday, September 17th, Leeds Farm will be open exclusively for individuals with Autism and their families. Leeds Farm opens to the public at 10:00 am but families are welcome to stay as long as they want. Additionally, there will be Autism service provider booths to present information on services available for individuals with Autism. Providers will be available between 9:00 and 11:00 am. Farm activities include many barnyard and Play Barn activities such as hayrides, feeding farm animals, two Pumpkin Jumps, John Deere Titan II combine slide, farm pond, mountain slides, Big Zip and Mini Zip lines, rolling tubes, straw forts, pedal carts, and thousands of pumpkins and gourds grown right on the farm. For more information, visit www.LeedsFarm.com.

Please RSVP to Sherry Fisher at 740-225-3256 or sherryfisher99@gmail.com.