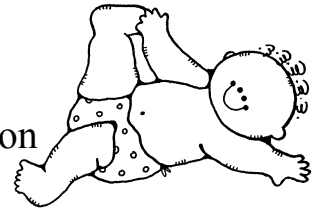


Parent Pages

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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.

December Awareness

December 1st is World AIDS Day
December 3rd is International Day of Persons with Disabilities
December 10th is Human Rights Day
December 1st - 7th is Crohn's and Colitis Awareness Week

Toddler "Drop In" Playgroup

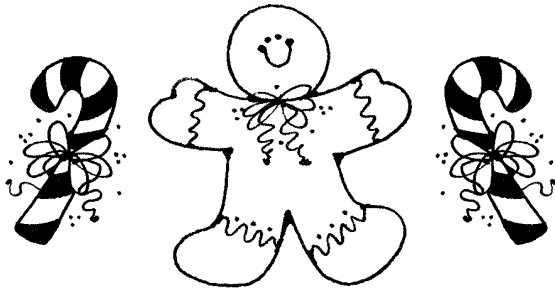
Hosted by Delaware Speech & Hearing

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.



Sensitive Santa

Saturday, December 2nd 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Delaware County Board of
Developmental Disabilities

7991 Columbus Pike, Lewis Center 43035
(Enter in back of building)

Join us for a free picture with Santa, treats, and a take home craft! Participants will receive a digital copy of their photograph after the event.

All ages are welcome.

PLEASE RSVP: <http://www.dcbdd.org/about-us/events/sensitive-santa/>

Please bring a new hat or pair of gloves to donate to Common Grounds Free Store.

Quote of the Month

"The tallest oak in the forest

was once just a little nut

that held its ground."

~unknown



Columbus Children's Theatre

**Sensory Friendly Performance (SFP) of
"Mr. Scrooge"**

Join the Columbus Children's Theatre on
**Friday, December 8th at 1:00 pm and
Saturday, December 16th, at 10:00 am** for
their Sensory Friendly Performance of
"Mr. Scrooge".

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 for SFP are \$8. Please call 614-224-6672 for tickets or more info.

www.ohioearlyintervention.org

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

Sensory Sensitive Sunday at Chuck E. Cheese's

**Sunday, December 3rd, 9:00 am - 11:00 am
2711 Martin Rd, Dublin, 43017**

Now offered locally at the Dublin location!
Chuck E. Cheese's is proud to support families who have children with special needs. On the first Sunday of each month, Chuck E. Cheese's will be open for a sensory-friendly experience. Trained and caring staff is there to make sure each guest has a fun filled visit. For more info, please call 614-791-9480. The Sensory Sensitive Sundays experience includes:

1. Less crowding and noise
2. Dimmed lighting
3. Show and music turned off or down
4. Limited appearances by Chuck E.
5. Food and games are offered. However, parents are permitted to bring snacks for their children if needed due to dietary restrictions during Sensory Sensitive Sundays.



Columbus Zoo Wildlights

Central Ohio's favorite family holiday tradition went from a few strands of lights and a few trays of cookies to millions of LED lights, two animated musical light shows, Santa, Mrs. Claus, reindeer and other holiday festivities that can be found only at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium. This year's event offers more holiday fun than ever before!

Dates: Now through January 1st

Times: Zoo opens daily at 10 AM

Wildlights activities operating:

Sundays through Thursdays: 5 PM to 9 PM

Fridays and Saturdays: 5 PM to 10 PM

Note: Closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Cost: regular admission rates apply, free to Columbus Zoo members



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.

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. ****The next meeting will be our annual Holiday Dinner!****

Please join us on **Wednesday, December 20th at 6:30pm at Señor Antonio's Restaurant.** Señor Antonio's is located in the Northpointe Plaza at 8617 Columbus Pike, Lewis Center, 43035. Please RSVP if you plan on attending so an accurate reservation can be made. Contact the Family Liaison, Bethany Mirka, at 740-666-2222 or tbmirka@hotmail.com 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:

Tuesday - 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Wednesday - 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Thursday - 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm