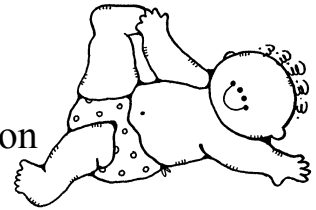


Parent Pages

A Delaware County Early Intervention Publication
February 2018



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.

February Awareness

February is Heart Disease Awareness Month
February is National Cancer Prevention Month
February is Low Vision Awareness Month
February is Prenatal Infection Prevention Month
February is National Children's Dental Health Month

Buddies, Bubbles & Books

Please join us for this story time with themed books, a picture schedule, songs with sign language, crafts, 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: **Wed, February 28th, 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

tbmirka@hotmail.com.

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.

Quote of the Month

"When you feel like giving up,
remember why you held on
for so long in the first place."

~unknown

Rockin' Jump Trampoline Park

Special Needs Jump Time

Rockin' Jump offers a great open workout for individuals with special needs and their caregivers to have fun and socialize in a fun, comfortable, friendly environment.

Three hours of jump from **4-7pm every first Tuesday of the month**. Includes 1 jumper and 1 caregiver for just \$15. Additional children are \$5.00 each. Special Needs Jump Time will run through May 2018.

To maintain a safe and clean environment, participants must jump in their free, reusable ROCKIN' SOCKS. Located at 1220 County Line Rd Westerville, OH 43081. For questions, please call 614-508-6088.



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, February 21st, 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 tbmirka@hotmail.com for more information.

www.ohioearlyintervention.org

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

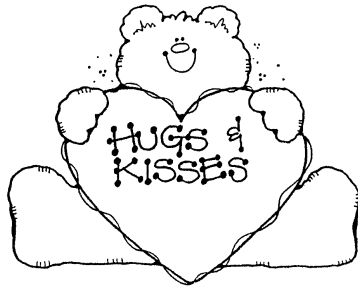
Sensitive Bunny

Sunday, March 18th at 9 am - 11 am

Polaris Fashion Place

1500 Polaris Pkwy, Columbus, Ohio 43240

This is a special time to visit The Easter Bunny, which is reserved for children with autism and their families. Polaris Fashion Place will make the Easter Bunny area "sensory friendly," with lower lighting and quieter surroundings. Plus, receive a free photo and enjoy sensory friendly games while you wait to see the bunny.



Miracle League of Central Ohio

Registration now open!

Miracle League of Central Ohio was formed in 2004 with the mission of raising funds to build a unique baseball field for children with mental and physical challenges in the Central Ohio area. Baseball games are played at the Miracle Fields in Darree Fields located at 6259 Cosgray Road in Dublin on Saturdays. This field is fully accessible to all athletes who are disabled. The custom-designed venue incorporates a cushioned, synthetic surface with base paths, bases, batters' box, pitcher's mound, and home plate painted on the surface. This design eliminates barriers for children who are visually impaired, wheelchair- or walker-restricted, or who use any type of mobile device. The Saturday League spans a wide range of ages, from ages 3 to 18. All of the players in the Saturday League have a buddy with them during the game. Questions about Saturday League registration can be directed to ohiomiracleleague@gmail.com or visit www.ohiomiracleleague.org for more information or to register.



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
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2018 Developmental Disability Awareness & Advocacy Day

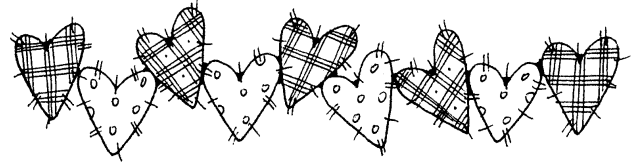
Wednesday, March 7th, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Ohio Statehouse, 1 Capitol Square

Columbus, OH 43215

Every year we celebrate March as National Developmental Disability Awareness month. This year's theme is "COMMUNITY." People with and without disabilities working, going to school, playing and participating in their communities together.

Please join us for a full day of speakers and **meetings with our state senators, representatives and staff!** Attendance is very limited. If you'd like to attend, please register asap. Register at www.ddohio.wordpress.com. Contact Shane Schaefer at 614-224-6772 or sschaefer@opra.org with questions.



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

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Thursday - 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm