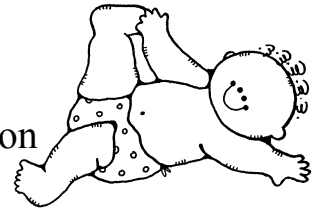


Parent Pages

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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.

March Awareness

March is National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

March is Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month

March is Brain Injury Awareness Month

March is National Kidney Cancer Awareness Month

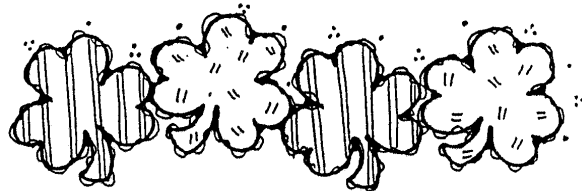
March is National Myeloma Awareness Month

March is National Endometriosis Month

March is National Nutrition Month

March is Hemophilia Month

March 24th is Tuberculosis Awareness Day



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.

Transportation Security

Administration

TSA Cares Program

Traveling for Spring Break? Are you concerned about traveling with a disability or medical condition? TSA Cares is a toll-free helpline for passengers with disabilities and medical conditions that provides information to those who need extra assistance before traveling.

Representatives are available at 1-855-787-2227 Monday - Friday 8 am to 11 pm and weekends and holidays 9 am - 8 pm.

Quote of the Month

"Laughter is the sun that drives winter from the human face."



~Victor Hugo



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, March 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.

www.ohioearlyintervention.org

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

www.dcbdd.org

The website for the Delaware County Board
of Developmental Disabilities.

Columbus Children's Theatre

Sensory Friendly Performance (SFP) of "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe"

Join the Columbus Children's Theatre on

Friday, April 13th, at 1:00 pm and

Saturday, April 21st, at 10:00 am for

their Sensory Friendly Performance of
"The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe".

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. The Social Story is available for

download now.

All tickets to SFP performances are Fridays for \$10,

Saturdays at Park Street Theatre \$13, and

Saturdays at the Lincoln Theatre \$18. Please call

614-224-6672 for tickets or more info.

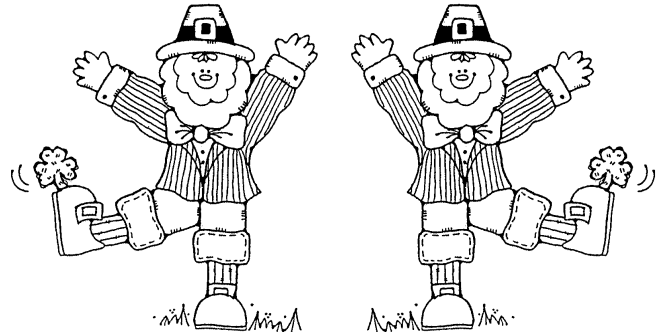


*Have suggestions or comments about this newsletter? Do you have an
upcoming event that you would like to have included in the next issue?
Please contact Bethany Mirka, the Family Liaison to the Early Intervention
Program of the Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities,
at 740-666-2222 or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



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, March 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.



Car Seat Installation Check

By the Delaware General Health District
Wednesday, March 21st, 4:00 - 7:00 pm

By appointment only

Liberty Township Fire Station

10150 Sawmill Rd, Powell 43065

The Delaware General Health District is
dedicated to helping parents and caregivers
keep children safe while riding in motor
vehicles by providing the Delaware County
Child Passenger Safety Program:

- Provide free car seats/boosters seats to qualifying residents of Delaware County
- Inspect car seat/booster seat installations
- Provide child passenger safety education and training

To schedule your free car seat
installation check, please call 740-203-2079.