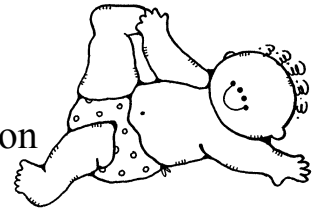


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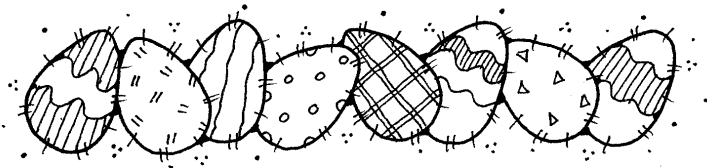
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What is Early Intervention? A program for newborns, infants and toddlers that provides developmental services designed with your family's concerns and goals in mind. If you have concerns about your child's development, please call Early Intervention at 740-371-3322.

April Awareness

- April is Autism Awareness Month
- April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month
- April is National Occupational Therapy Month
- April is the Month of the Military Child
- April is Parkinson's Awareness Month
- April is Esophageal Cancer Awareness Month
- April 10th is Siblings Day
- April 22nd is Earth Day



The Arc of Ohio Day at Cedar Point

5/23/18 Save the Date!

This year the Arc of Ohio Day at Cedar Point for individuals with disabilities, their families and their friends will be **May 23rd**. Mark your calendars and more details will be coming soon!

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, April 25th, 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.

Quote of the Month

"If only our eyes saw
souls instead of bodies,
how very different our ideals
of beauty would be."



~unknown



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.



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, April 18th, 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.

Website: www.wrightslaw.com

Parents, advocates and attorneys come to Wrightslaw for accurate, reliable information about special education law and advocacy for children with disabilities. You will find thousands of articles, cases and resources about dozens of topics in their Advocacy and Law Libraries. On Facebook? Consider liking their page to get frequent updates with helpful information.

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.



Sensory Sensitive Sunday at

Chuck E. Cheese's

Sundays, April 1st and May 6th

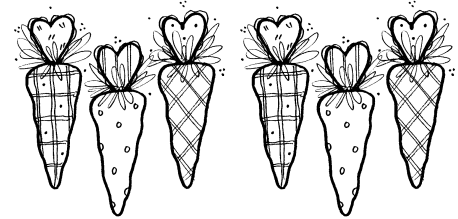
9:00 am - 11:00 am

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. 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.

For more information, please call Chuck E. Cheese's at 614-791-9480.



Sensory Friendly Films

Shaun the Sheep Movie

Saturday, April 21st, at 11:00 am

Gateway Film Center

1550 N High St, Columbus, Ohio 43201

Tickets: gatewayfilmcenter.org

For families and individuals with autism or developmental disabilities, these screenings are presented at a lower volume with the lights kept up in a "no-shushing" atmosphere. Tickets to the Sensory Friendly Screenings are always **free** and are presented in conjunction with The Ohio State University Nisonger Center.