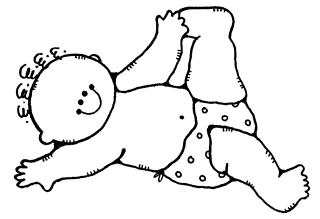


Parent Pages

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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.

May Awareness

- May is Mental Health Awareness Month
- May is National Stroke Awareness Month
- May is Apraxia Awareness Month
- May is Brain Cancer Awareness Month
- May is Skin Cancer Awareness Month
- May is Lupus Awareness Month
- May is National Foster Care Month
- May is National Asthma & Allergy Awareness Month
- May is National Arthritis Month
- May is National Neurofibromatosis Month
- May is National Tuberous Sclerosis Awareness Month
- May is National Celiac Disease Awareness Month
- May is National Osteoporosis Awareness Month
- May is Lyme Disease Awareness Month
- May is Hepatitis Awareness Month
- May is ALS Awareness Month
- May 9-15th is Food Allergy Awareness Week



Free Summer Lunch Program

This is a Delaware City School program, provided in partnership with Andrews House, and the Delaware City Schools Family Resource Center. **The lunch will be returning to**

Woodward Elementary located at 200 S. Washington Street, Delaware, 43015.

Beginning **Monday, June 4th**, and running through Friday, August 10th, there will be a free lunch for anyone, 18 years of age and younger, who arrives between 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm Monday through Friday. Fun activities every day after lunch until 1:00 pm. No income requirements! The first 100 children that come on Fridays get a backpack of food for the two lunches over the weekend. For more information, please call 740-369-4520.

Quote of the Month

"Maybe it's not about the happy ending.
Maybe it's about the story."

~unknown

Columbus Children's Theatre

Sensory Friendly Performance (SFP) of "Annie"

Join the Columbus Children's Theatre on **Saturday, May 5th, at 5:00 pm and Friday, May 11th, at 10:00 am** for their Sensory Friendly Performance of "Annie".

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.

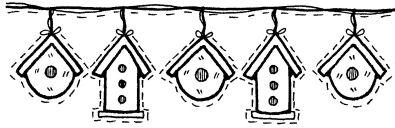
All tickets to SFP performances are Fridays for \$10, Saturdays at Park Street Theatre \$13, and Saturdays at the Lincoln Theatre \$18. Please call 614-224-6672 for tickets or more info.

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.



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, May 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

Kelly Cochran at 740-362-3861

or Bethany Mirka 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, May 16th, 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.



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.



Free National Parks Access Pass

*Available for Individuals with
Disabilities of any age!*

National parks and recreation sites are popular summer destinations! U.S. residents with disabilities can receive a free "Access Pass" that offers lifetime free admission for the passholder and up to three accompanying adults to these federal venues (not valid at State parks or local city/county recreation sites). To receive the pass, individuals with disabilities are asked to present official documentation of disability status to the National Parks Service, either in person or by mail. A physician's statement or a document issued by a state or federal agency (Veteran's Administration, Social Security Disability Income, Supplemental Security Income) is acceptable. Learn more about the Access Pass program, download application forms, and locate federal recreation sites at www.nps.gov/findapark/passes.htm.



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 2:30 pm to 7:00 pm for free consultation.

For more information, please call 740-369-3650.