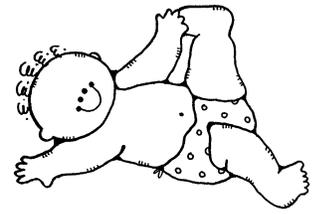


Parent Pages

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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.

August Awareness

- August is Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month
- August is Children's Eye Health and Safety Month
- August is National Immunization Awareness Month
- August is Cataract Awareness Month
- August is Psoriasis Awareness Month
- August 1st-7th is World Breastfeeding Week

Columbus Children's Theatre

**Sensory Friendly Performance (SFP) of
"Mary Poppins Jr"**

**on Friday, September 21st, at 10:00 am and
Saturday, September 22nd, at 10:00 am**

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 \$14, and Saturdays at the Lincoln Theatre \$18. Please call 614-224-6672 for tickets or more info.

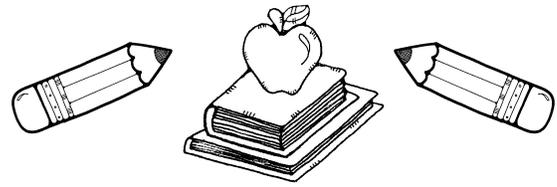
Quote of the Month

"Some days, life is all about your dreams, hopes and visions for the future.

But there are some days where life is just about putting one foot in front of the other.

And that's OK."

~unknown



OCALICON 2018 **National Conference**

OCALICON, considered the nation's premier autism and disabilities conference, will be held on **November 14th - 16th at the Greater Columbus Convention Center**. OCALICON is a face to face gathering of state and national leaders, educators, parents, service providers, self-advocates, scholars, and policymakers to focus on common concerns and share proven solutions that address issues and challenges faced by individuals with autism, sensory disabilities, and low-incidence disabilities across their lifespan. **More than 150 sessions** are scheduled! Discover and test drive the latest products and innovations in an exhibit hall full of leading companies and organizations. Parent/Family Member rate to attend is \$75.

For details and to register, go to www.conference.ocali.org.

www.ohioearlyintervention.org

The website for the State of Ohio
Early Intervention Program.

Strand Movie Theater - Sensory Series

“Christopher Robin*”

Saturday, August 18th, 10:00am

Doors open at 9:30am

*selected movie title may be subject to change

The 3rd Saturday of each month, The Strand Movie Theater provides showings for children, families, and adults in the community who may benefit from an alternative movie experience, such as our patrons on the autism spectrum or those living with other special needs. We turn up the lights, turn down the sound and welcome singing, dancing, movement, and any creative expression! Join us **every third Saturday of the month** and spread the word! **Free small popcorn and canned beverage for each person attending** provided by

the Autism Society of Central Ohio.

The Strand Movie Theater is located at 28 E Winter Street, Delaware, 43015. For questions, please call 740-816-1938.



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: **Wednesday, August 22nd, 11:00 - 11:30 am**

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.



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. Please join us on **Wednesday, August 22nd, 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.



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