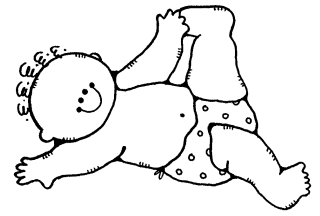


Parent Pages

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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.

September Awareness

- September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
- September is Neonatal Intensive Care (NICU) Awareness Month
- September is National Sickle Cell Awareness Month
- September is Leukemia Awareness Month
- September is Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month
- September is National Alopecia Awareness Month
- September is Baby Safety Awareness Month
- September is National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month
- September is National Alcohol & Drug Addiction Recovery Month

Leeds Farm Autism Harvest Festival!

Saturday, September 22nd, 9:00 - 11:00 am
8738 State Route 36, Ostrander, OH 43061

Free to children with Autism and their immediate family, including grandparents!

Leeds Farm is hosting central Ohio children and adults with Autism and their immediate family at no charge. At 9:00 am, on Saturday,

September 22nd, Leeds Farm will be open exclusively for individuals with Autism and their families. Leeds Farm opens to the public at 10:00 am but families are welcome to stay as long as they want. Additionally, there will be Autism service provider booths to present information on services available for individuals with Autism. Providers will be available between

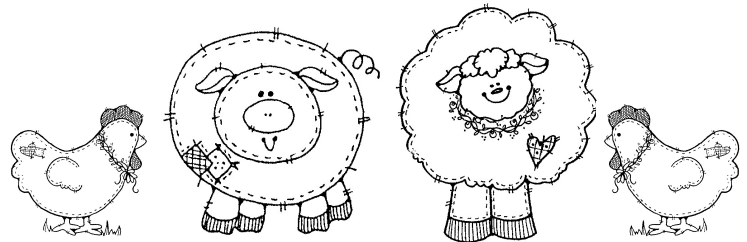
9:00 and 11:00 am. Farm activities include many barnyard and Play Barn activities such as hayrides, feeding farm animals, two Pumpkin Jumps, John Deere Titan II combine slide, farm pond, mountain slides, Big Zip and Mini Zip lines, rolling tubes, straw forts, pedal carts, and thousands of pumpkins and gourds grown right on the farm. For more information, visit www.LeedsFarm.com.

Please RSVP to Sherry Fisher at 740-225-3256 or sherryfisher99@gmail.com.

Quote of the Month

"One day she finally grasped that unexpected things were always going to happen in life. And with that, she realized the only control she had was how she chose to handle them. So, she made the decision to survive using courage, humor and grace. She was the queen of her own life and the choice was hers."

~ Kathy Kinney



The Columbus Buddy Walk®

17th annual, 2018 Columbus Buddy Walk®
Sunday, September 30th at 10:30am
Mapfre Stadium (previously known as The Columbus Crew Stadium) located at One Black & Gold Blvd, Columbus, OH 43211.

Join the Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio (DSACO) to unite for a common cause and raise funds at the 2018 Columbus Buddy Walk®. Whether you have Down syndrome, know someone who does, or just want to show your support, take the first step and donate or register today!

Help spread the word;
all are welcome for our day of celebration!
For details on registration or volunteering, call DSACO at 614-263-6020 or register at www.ds-stride.org/Columbusbuddywalk.

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, September 26th,
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.

Sensory Sensitive Sunday at Chuck E. Cheese's

**Sunday, October 7th, 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.



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.

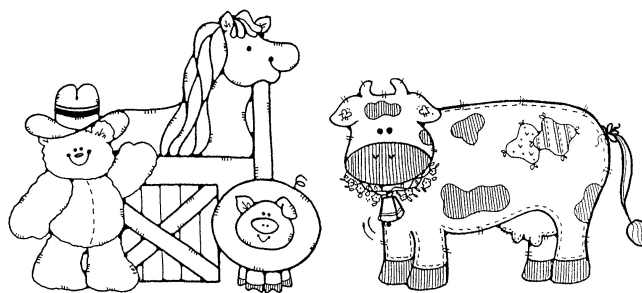


www.dcbdd.org

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, September 26th, 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