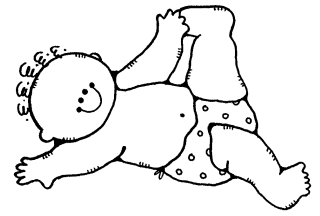


# Parent Pages

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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.

## October Awareness

- October is Down Syndrome Awareness Month
- October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- October is Spina Bifida Awareness Month
- October is Pregnancy & Infant Loss Awareness Month
- October is AIDS Awareness Month
- October is Rett Syndrome Awareness Month
- October is Liver Cancer Awareness Month
- October is National Physical Therapy Month
- October is Disability Employment Awareness Month
- October is SIDS Awareness Month
- October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- October is National Campaign for Healthier Babies Month
- October is National Psoriasis Month
- October is Energy Awareness Month



## 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, October 31st,**  
**(the last Wednesday of every month)**

**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

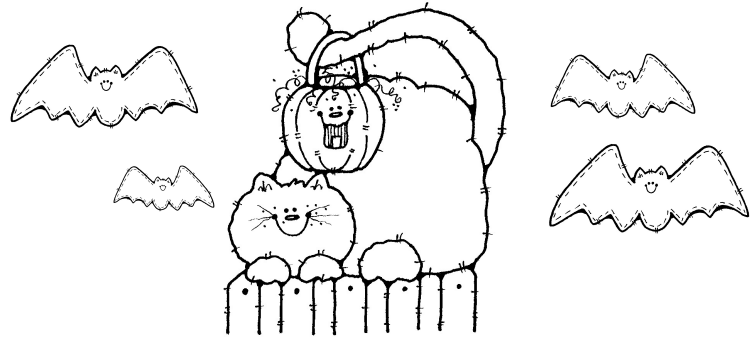
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## Quote of the Month

"What are you going to do  
with all that dark?"

"Find a way to glow in it."

~Amanda Torroni



## 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](http://www.conference.ocali.org).

**[www.ohioearlyintervention.org](http://www.ohioearlyintervention.org)**

The website for the State of Ohio  
Early Intervention Program.

## Sky Zone Trampoline Park

### **Sensory Night**

**Monday, October 29th, 5:00 - 8:00 pm**

Sky Zone Columbus will turn off the music and dial down the distractions for the comfort of the jumpers. Children and adults with special needs, their siblings, family, and friends are welcome to come jump! Every effort will be made to accommodate all jumpers with any kind of special needs. **Guests with special needs jump for free**, family and friends will receive the following reduced prices. Pricing: 60 min-\$10, 90 min-\$13, 120 min-\$16 Please call ahead for availability. Sky Zone Columbus is located at 459 Orange Point Drive, Suite E, Lewis Center, OH 43035. Please call 740-548-4004 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**



*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](mailto:tbmirka@hotmail.com).*



## [www.dcbdd.org](http://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, October 24th, 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](mailto:tbmirka@hotmail.com) for more information.



## Halloween Hop

**Saturday, October 20th, 10am - noon**  
**510 E. North Broadway, Columbus 43214**

Halloween Hop is a **FREE**, not-too-spooky trick-or-treat event for families and kids of all abilities. Columbus Speech & Hearing Center created Halloween Hop to provide a fun Fall experience for kids who may otherwise be sensitive to the lights, sounds and masks of other Halloween-themed events.

It is a Halloween experience that eliminates scary decorations, minimizes challenges that children with special needs often face, and encourages participation at each child's own level and pace.

Every child can trick-or-treat for edible and non-edible treats, enjoy a magic show, pet therapy dogs, partake in themed crafts, and watch live kid-friendly music.

In addition, educational packets are available for families on how to make Halloween a success, as well as strategies to make other everyday experiences and routines more successful.

Please call 614-263-5151 for more information. **\*\*Please note: In order to keep Halloween Hop safe and fun for all participants, we ask that all masks and scary face paint be removed prior to entering the building.\*\***