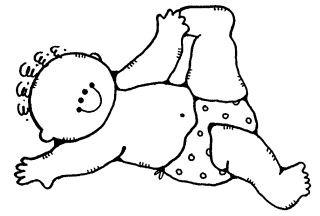


# Parent Pages

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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.

## March Awareness

- March is National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month
- March is Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month
- March is Brain Injury Awareness Month
- March is National Kidney Cancer Awareness Month
- March is National Myeloma Awareness Month
- March is National Endometriosis Month
- March is National Nutrition Month
- March is Hemophilia Month
- March 24th is Tuberculosis Awareness Day

Quote of the Month  
 "You're never too old,  
 too wacky, too wild, to pick  
 up a book and read to a child."  
 ~Dr. Seuss

## Strand Movie Theater - Sensory Series

**"Wonder Park"**

**Saturday, March 16th, 10:00am**

Doors open at 9:30am

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, Books & Bubbles

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, March 27th,  
(the 4th 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

[tbsmirka@hotmail.com](mailto:tbsmirka@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, March 20th, 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 [tbsmirka@hotmail.com](mailto:tbsmirka@hotmail.com) for more information.

## Little Buddies

### **Down Syndrome Parent Resource Group**

**Monday, March 25th, 6:30 - 8:30pm**

Speaker: Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio (DSACO) on their available scholarships

For new or expectant parents of babies with Down syndrome. This group helps ease the worries of new parents and provide the information they need. Childcare is available for siblings and children with Down syndrome who are mobile. All are welcome. This group meets the 4th Monday of each month from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at the Worthington United Methodist Church located at 600 High Street, Worthington. Please contact Carey Eash at [ceash@dsaco.net](mailto:ceash@dsaco.net) or 614-315-7010 for more information.



### **Sensory Sensitive Sunday at Chuck E. Cheese's**

**Sunday, April 7th 9:00 am - 10:00 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 open early for a sensory-friendly experience.

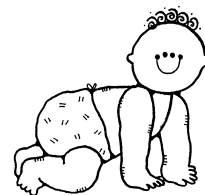
Trained and caring staff is there to make sure each guest has a fun filled visit. The Sensory Sensitive Sundays experience includes:

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 614-791-9492.



*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



### **Columbus Children's Theatre** **Sensory Friendly Performance (SFP) of** **"Tuck Everlasting"**

Join the Columbus Children's Theatre on **Saturday, March 23rd, at 10:00 am** for their Sensory Friendly Performance of "Tuck Everlasting".

#### 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](http://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 Saturdays at Park Street Theatre \$14 or Saturdays at the Lincoln Theatre \$19. Please call 614-224-6672 for tickets or more info.