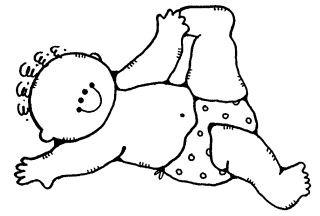


Parent Pages

A Delaware County Early Intervention Publication
May 2019



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 Tuberos 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 is Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month
- May is Better Speech and Hearing Month
- May 9-15th is Food Allergy Awareness Week

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, May 22nd,**
(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

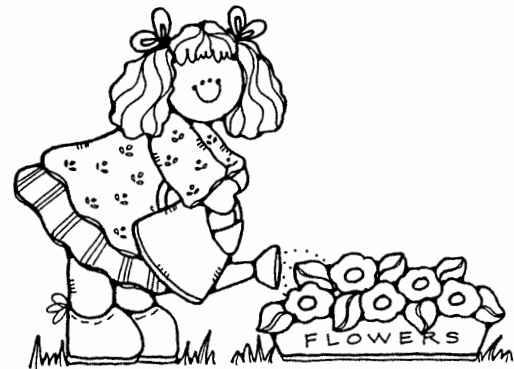
Cost: Free with no registration required

For more information, please contact Kelly Cochran at 740-362-3861 or Bethany Mirka at 740-666-2222 or tbmirka@hotmail.com.

Quote of the Month

"To my beautiful child, I can't give you the stars but I will always make sure you know you can reach them."

~ unknown



Free National Parks Access Pass

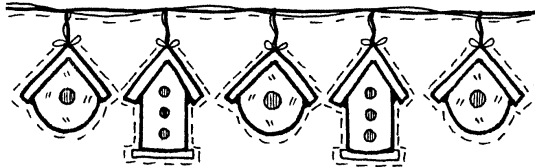
Available for Individuals with Disabilities of any age!

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.

Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio's Annual Summer Picnic

Saturday, June 8th 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Columbus Zoo & Aquarium 4850 W. Powell Rd

Join more than 500 people at the 2019 Annual Summer Picnic at the Columbus Zoo & Aquarium. DSACO will have lunch, music, bubbles, crafts and face painting available during the event, plus your tickets will get you all-day access to the Zoo! Tickets are required for this event, even if you have a zoo membership. The number of tickets sold are used for lunch. Tickets are available to individuals with Down syndrome, their parents and siblings that reside in the household. **Reserve your tickets no later than Monday, May 20, 2019. Tickets will be mailed out in May. Tickets are \$10/per family.** If you have any questions, contact Katie Garcia at kgarcia@dsaco.net or [614.263.6020](tel:614.263.6020) ext. 1040.



Strand Movie Theater - Sensory Series

Saturday, May 18th, 10:00am

Doors open at 9:30am

*Please call or check website/social media for movie title showing.

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.



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 tbsmirka@hotmail.com.

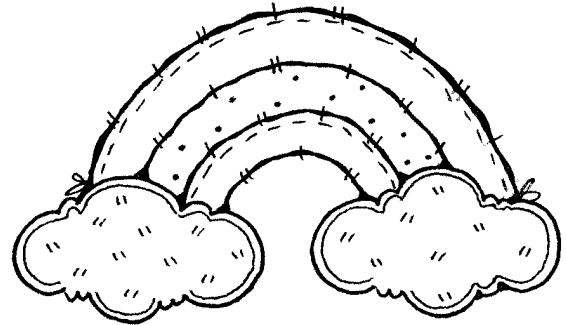


www.dcbdd.org

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, May 29th, 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 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 740-417-4733. Located on the **second floor of the Willis Education Center, 74 West William Street, Delaware 43015.**

HOURS:

Tuesday - 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

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Thursday - 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm