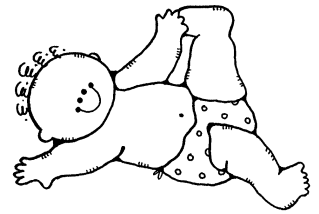# Parent Pages
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What is Early Intervention? A program for newborns, infants and toddlers that provides developmental services designed with your family's concerns and goals in mind. If you have concerns about your child's development, please call the Early Intervention Referral Line at 800-755-4769.

December Awareness
December is Crohn's Disease and Colitis Awareness Month
December 1st is World AIDS Day
December 5th is International Volunteer Day
December 10th is Human Rights Day
December 2nd - 8th is International Grief Awareness Week

Strand Movie Theater - Sensory Series
Movie & Sensitive Santa
"Dr. Seuss' The Grinch"
Movie: Saturday, December 21st, 10:00am
Doors open at 9:30am
Sensitive Santa: Saturday, December 21st, 11:30am - 12:30pm

This month, enjoy the Sensitive Santa event and receive a free photo with Santa, treats and a take home craft! Participants will receive a digital copy of their photograph after the event. All ages are welcome! Please bring a new hat or pair of gloves to donate to Common Grounds Free Store.

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.
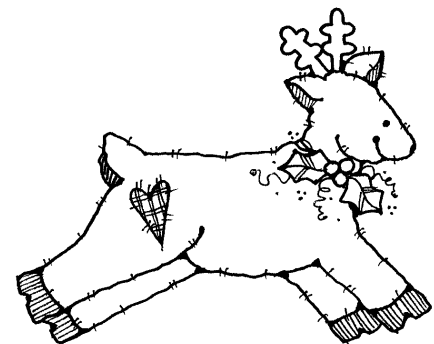
Autism Support Group
This group is for families that have a toddler, preschooler or school aged child with Autism or behaviors similar to those with an Autism Spectrum Disorder diagnosis. **The next meeting will be our annual Holiday Dinner!** Please join us on **Wednesday, December 18th at 6:30pm at Señor Antonio's Restaurant.** Señor Antonio's is located in the Northpointe Plaza at 8617 Columbus Pike, Lewis Center, 43035. Please RSVP if you plan on attending so an accurate reservation can be made. Contact the Family Support Specialist, Bethany Mirka, at 740-666-2222 or tbmirka@hotmail.com for more information.

www.ohioearlyintervention.org
The website for the State of Ohio Early Intervention Program.

Columbus Zoo Wildlights

Central Ohio's favorite family holiday tradition went from a few strands of lights and a few trays of cookies to millions of LED lights, animated musical light shows, Santa, Mrs. Claus, reindeer and other holiday festivities that can be found only at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium. This year's event offers more holiday fun than ever before!

Dates: Now until January 5th, 2020
Times: Zoo opens daily at 10 am
Wildlights activities operating:
Sundays through Thursdays: 5 to 9 pm
Fridays and Saturdays: 5 to 10 pm
Note: Closed on Christmas Eve
and Christmas Day
Cost: regular admission rates apply, free to Columbus Zoo members

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
Wednesday - 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
Thursday - 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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Holiday Open House & Sensitive Santa

Friday, December 6th, 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Orange Branch Library
7171 Gooding Blvd. Delaware, OH 43015

Families will enjoy holiday treats and a performance by folk band Lafferty Pike. A sensory-friendly visit from Santa will make the night extra special. Santa is presented through a partnership with the Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities. For more information, call 740-549-2665.

Columbus Children's Theatre

Sensory Friendly Performance (SFP) of
"Rapunzel"
Friday, December 13th 10:00 am &
Saturday, December 14th 1:00 pm

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, picking up your tickets, choosing your seat, finding the bathrooms…everything! Audience members can review this at home with family before leaving for the theatre so they know exactly what to expect. Please call 614-224-6672 for tickets or more information.

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 Support Specialist to the Early Intervention Program of the Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities, at 740-666-2222 or tbmirka@hotmail.com.