

# **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.

#### **July Awareness**

July is Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Month July is National Cleft & Craniofacial Awareness Month July is Eye Injury Prevention Month July is Purposeful Parenting Month July is Cord Blood Awareness Month July is International Group B Strep Throat Awareness Month July 17th is Bladder Cancer Awareness Day July 28th is World Hepatitis Day



Columbus Children's Theatre Sensory Friendly Performance (SFP) of "Cinderella KIDS" Saturday, August 3rd at 2:30pm

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 <u>www.columbuschildrenstheatre.org</u>. 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 info. Quote of the Month

"Whenever we begin to feel as if we can no longer go on, hope whispers in our ear to remind us that we are strong."

~ Robert M. Hensel



#### **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, July 24th (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.

# 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, July 24th, 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 Liaison, Bethany Mirka, at 740-666-2222 for more information.

### Free Summer Lunch Program

The Summer Lunch Program is a partnership between Andrews House, Delaware City Schools and the Delaware City Schools Family Resource Center. **The lunch program will take place at Woodward Elementary located at 200 S. Washington Street, Delaware, 43015.** Running through Friday, **August 9th**, there will be a free lunch for anyone, 18 years of age and younger, who arrives between 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Fun activities every day after lunch until 1:00 pm. No income requirements! For more info, call 740-369-4520.

# 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

#### Strand Movie Theater - Sensory Series "The Lion King" Saturday, July 20th, 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 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.



## **Supplies for Scholars**

The United Way of Delaware County is coordinating a back to school event benefitting children pre-k through 12th grade in Delaware County. Supplies For Scholars provides a shopping spree experience to fill a backpack with grade-appropriate school supplies to maximize academic potential for Delaware County children. This incredible, free event is open to all Delaware County families. For more information, please call 740-417-4733.

Main Event:Friday, July 26th, 9 am - 11 amWillis Education Center74 West William Street, Delaware

Ashley Mobile Event Wednesday, July 24th, 12 pm - 2 pm Buckeye Valley Food Pantry Inc. 101 East High Street, Ashley



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 <u>tbmirka@hotmail.com</u>.

