

# **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.

## 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

### OCALICON 2019 National Conference

OCALICON, considered the nation's premier autism and disabilities conference, will be held on November 20th - 22nd 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.

### www.ohioearlyintervention.org

The website for the State of Ohio Early Intervention Program. Quote of the Month "Children are not a

"Children are not a distraction from more important work. They are the most important work."

~ C.S. Lewis



## 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, October 23rd, 11:00 am (the 4th Wednesday of every month)
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.

### www.dcbdd.org

The website for the Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities

**Sky Zone Trampoline Park** Two Sensory Nights in October!! Monday, October 7th, 6:00 - 8:00 pm Monday, October 28th, 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.



Sensory Sensitive Sunday at Chuck E. Cheese's Sunday, October 6th 9:00 am - 11:00 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 be open 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 614-791-9480.

## 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 **Thursday, 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 Support Specialist, Bethany Mirka, at 740-666-2222 or tbmirka@hotmail.com for more information.



#### Strand Movie Theater - Sensory Series \*call or check online for title Saturday, October 19th, 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.



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

