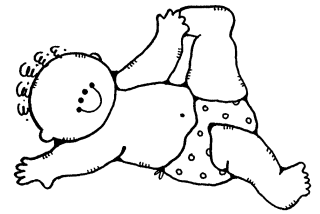


Parent Pages

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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.

February Awareness

February is Heart Disease Awareness Month
February is National Cancer Prevention Month
February is Low Vision Awareness Month
February is Prenatal Infection Prevention Month
February is National Children's Dental Health Month

Strand Movie Theater - Sensory Series

"The LEGO Movie: The Second Part"
Saturday, February 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.

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, February 27th, 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 tbmirka@hotmail.com for more information.

Quote of the Month

*"People don't always need advice. Sometimes all they need is a hand to hold, an ear to listen and a heart to understand."
~unknown*



2019 Developmental Disability Awareness & Advocacy Day

Tuesday, **March 5th**, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Ohio Statehouse, 1 Capitol Square
Columbus, OH 43215

Every year we celebrate March as National Developmental Disability Awareness month. This year's theme is "Supports Matter." People with and without disabilities working, going to school, playing and participating in their communities together.

Please join us for a full day of speakers and **meetings with our state senators, representatives and staff!** Attendance is very limited. If you'd like to attend, please register asap.

Register at www.ddohio.wordpress.com.
Contact Shane Schaefer at 614-224-6772 or sschaefer@opra.org with questions.

www.dcbdd.org

The website for the Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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, February 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
tbmirka@hotmail.com.



Little Buddies

Down Syndrome Parent Resource Group
Monday, February 25th, 6:30 - 8:30pm
Speaker: Vicki Leonart, Pediatric Massage
Therapist, Pediatric Yoga Instructor

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. Refreshments will be provided. 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 or 614-315-7010 for 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 Liaison to the Early Intervention Program of the Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities, at 740-666-2222 or tbmirka@hotmail.com.



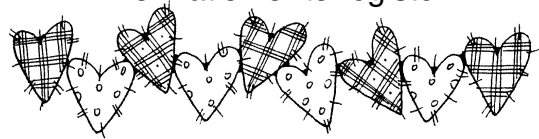
Miracle League of Central Ohio

Registration now open!

The Miracle League of Central Ohio was formed in 2004 with the mission of raising funds to build a unique baseball field for children with cognitive and physical challenges in the Central Ohio area. Baseball games are played at the Miracle Fields in Darree Fields located at 6259 Cosgray Road in Dublin on Saturdays. This field is fully accessible to all athletes with disabilities. The custom-designed venue incorporates a cushioned, synthetic surface with base paths, bases, batters' box, pitcher's mound, and home plate painted on the surface. This design eliminates barriers for children who are visually impaired, use wheelchairs or walkers, or any type of mobile assist device.

The Saturday League spans a wide range of ages, from ages 3 to 18. All of the players in the Saturday League have a volunteer buddy with them during the game. The organization finds and trains the buddy volunteers so the parents can watch their child play baseball from the stands.

Questions about Saturday League registration can be directed to ohiomiracleleague@gmail.com or visit www.ohiomiracleleague.org for more information or to register.



Sky Zone Trampoline Park

Sensory Night

Monday, February 25th, 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.