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# Help Me Grow Geauga County Early Intervention Newsletter



Serving Geauga County Children Birth To Age 3 With Developmental Disabilities  
Services are provided by the Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities

## There is No Need to Wait and See!

You know your child best. If you have concerns that your child has a delay/disability or know someone who has concerns, call us! There is no need to "wait and see."

Early Intervention (EI) works with families with children birth to age 3 who have developmental disabilities so that they have the best possible start in life. EI professionals work with you and your child to identify strengths and needs and address concerns as early as possible with services right where you live, play, and spend your day.

**ANYONE CAN MAKE A REFERRAL AND THE  
PROCESS IS SIMPLE. REFER YOUR CHILD TODAY.**

### To make a referral:

1. Visit [www.ohioearlyintervention.org](http://www.ohioearlyintervention.org) to complete the process online.
2. Call us at 1-800-755-4769

## Connect with us:



[@GeaugaDD](https://www.facebook.com/GeaugaDD)



[@GeaugaDD](https://www.instagram.com/GeaugaDD)

Visit our website for more information on services provided by the Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities:  
[www.geaugadd.org](http://www.geaugadd.org)

## What's Happening?

- **Movin' with Music** (*in-person*) - for more information or to register, **please contact Ms. Carol: [ccolombo@geaugadd.org](mailto:ccolombo@geaugadd.org)**
- **Mini Music** (*in-person*) - for more information or to register, **please contact Ms. Carol: [ccolombo@geaugadd.org](mailto:ccolombo@geaugadd.org)**
- **Movin' with Music** (*virtual*) - Every Wednesday live at 9:30 am on our Facebook page: [@GeaugaDD](https://www.facebook.com/GeaugaDD)
- **Swimming** - There are currently two time slots available every Wednesday, for more information or to register, **please contact Ms. Brenda at: (440) 313 - 6371**
- **Fun Fridays with Friends** - Be on the lookout on social media & in your email for more information on when these will be offered!
- **Chesterland 4th of July Parade** - Please join us Monday, July 4, 2022, 10:30 AM at St. Anselm to walk with us & help represent the Geauga County Board of DD! Parade begins promptly at 11:00 AM.

## Friday Fun!



## 5 QUICK TRICKS TO GET YOUR TODDLER TO EAT DINNER

1. Change it up!
2. Make sure they've had NOTHING to eat or drink, except water for at least 2 hours before the meal
3. Serve something they typically like to eat
4. Keep them in their chair
5. Give them a dip for their food!

### HAPPY EATING!

For more information visit [yourkidstable.com](http://yourkidstable.com)

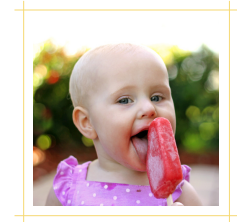
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Occupational Therapist  
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## 5 SUMMERTIME SPEECH & LANGUAGE ACTIVITIES FOR TODDLERS

1. **Play at a park:** Target vocabulary and sound repetition while playing.
2. **Make lemonade:** Works on ability to follow directions, sequencing & wakes up the mouth for speech.
3. **Eat a popsicle:** Strengthen the mouth muscles for speech with this summer treat.
4. **Attend story time at your local library:** Builds speech and social skills.
5. **Visit the zoo:** Targets animal sounds and vocabulary.

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## MUDDY TRUCKS & CAR WASH

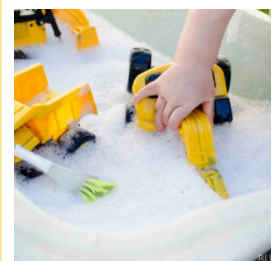
Sometimes you have to let the kids get messy! Outside messy activities are perfect for the summer time! This will give your child a sensory experience they won't forget!

### Materials:

1. Kiddie Pool
2. Dirt
3. Plastic container
4. Tear Free Soap
5. Water
6. Trucks

Place the dirt in the kiddie pool & add water to make mud. Let your child play with their cars/trucks in the mud. Place the water & soap in the plastic container to make soapy water for your child to clean their trucks/cars with.

Visit the [busytoddler.com](http://busytoddler.com) for more information.



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# GEAUGA EI PLAYGROUPS



## LITTLE GREEN FROG

Mmm, AH, went the little green frog one day!  
Mmm, AH, went the little green frog!  
Mmm, AH, went the little green frog one day!  
All he did was Mmm, Mmm, AH.

BUT!

We all know frogs go,  
Lahdeedahdeedah!  
Lahdeedahdeedah!  
Lahdeedahdeedah!  
We all know frogs go,  
Lahdeedahdeedah!  
They don't go Mmm, Mmm, AH!

Carol Colombo  
Music Therapist

Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities

(on Mmm close your lips together & look at baby on AH stick your tongue out & see if baby will imitate you)  
(Lahdeedahdeedah put pointer fingers out & dance your fingers)

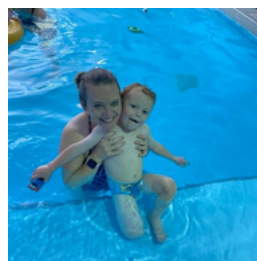
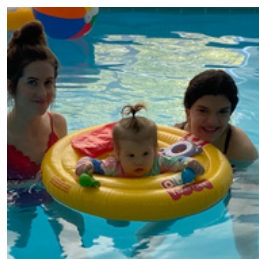
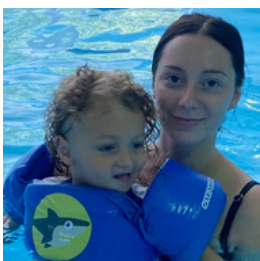
## FUN FRIDAY WITH FRIENDS



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## SWIMMING PLAYGROUP





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## Early Childhood Subcommittee Meeting

The Early Childhood Subcommittee meeting will be held Thursday, July 7, 2022 via Zoom at 10:00 am (Meeting ID: 891 0728 5346 Password: 964967 - [Meeting Link](#)).

The ECS is an advisory group of Geauga Family First Council. Membership is comprised of various community agencies, representatives, and parents who partner together to share ideas, experiences, and expertise in the area of early childhood development. The focus of the group is to gather input regarding direction, planning & success for the Geauga County Help Me Grow program. We encourage Help Me Grow parents to join us to share feedback about services they are receiving and/or gaps in services they might be experiencing. We value your opinions and your time is valuable to us and will send you a \$25 gift card for attending the meeting. Please contact your Service Coordinator if you have any questions.



## Parent Resources

### PARENT'S RIGHTS IN EARLY INTERVENTION & SYSTEM OF PAYMENT

To file a complaint about your child's early intervention services please contact:

The Ohio Department of DD EI via:

Phone: 614.466.6879

Email: [ei@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:ei@dodd.ohio.gov)

Mail: Ohio Dept. of DD

Early Intervention

30 East Broad Street, 12th Fl.

Columbus, OH 43215

[Click Here to View Your Rights as a Parent!](#)



Payment choices for additional Early Intervention (EI) services determined by child's IFSP. Additional EI services may include Audiology, assistive technology devices or other needed services to meet IFSP outcomes as determined by your child's EI team. For more information contact your child's Service Coordinator.  
[Click Here to Learn about System of Payment!](#)

For more information on community resources, please visit our website: [www.geaugadd.org](http://www.geaugadd.org)