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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 to complete the process online.
2. Call us at 1-800-755-4769

Connect with us:



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Visit our website for more information on services provided by the Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities:
www.geaugadd.org

What's Happening?

- **Movin' with Music** (*in-person*) - for more information or to register, **please contact Ms. Carol:** ccolombo@geaugadd.org
- **Mini Music** (*in-person*) - for more information or to register, **please contact Ms. Carol:** 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!
- **2nd Annual Metzenbaum Trick or Treat** - Please join us Thursday, October 27, 2022, 10:00 AM at Metzenbaum for trick or treating! To sign up [click here](#) or contact JoAnn Anselmo (440) 729-9406 x 1317, janselmo@geaugadd.org
- **Cookies with Santa** - Please join us Friday December 2, 2022, 10:00 AM at Metzenbaum for cookies with Santa! To sign up [click here](#) or contact JoAnn Anselmo at: (440) 729-9406 x 1317, janselmo@geaugadd.org



Parade!



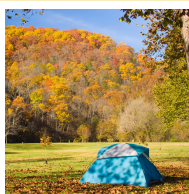
Thank you to our families that joined us at the Chesterland 4th of July Parade! For the 2nd year in a row we won 1st place for best in show!

4 FUN FALL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT

1. Go for a walk outside with your children
2. Collect a pile of leaves: listen to them crunch or smell the crisp leaves
3. Feel the chilly breeze
4. Toss them in the air and jump in a pile

Did you know you are working on auditory processing, sensory play, bilateral coordination, crossing midline, and fine motor skills like arch development, grasp strength, separation of the sides of the hand, and so much more. Most of all... you are creating **WONDERFUL** memories!!

Karla Faso, MS, OTR/L
Occupational Therapist
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5 DAYS OF FALL FOR TODDLERS

Monday:

- Go for a walk and collect leaves - discuss the different colored leaves. Count how many of each color you collect.

Skill: Color Recognition & Counting 1-5

Tuesday:

- Sign or say "eat" and "thank you" during meals - to prepare for Thanksgiving.

Skill: Sign Language & Expressive Communication using repetition

Wednesday:

- Practice following directions while putting on fall clothes - Ex: "Put your arm in" when putting on a jacket.

Skill: Following directions

Friday:

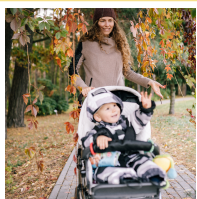
- Have a fall camp out - Make a tent with blankets. Read books about fall in the tent. Ask your toddler specific items in the book.

Skill: Pointing to items when asked

Thursday:

- Watch football together and practice clapping - Give high fives and say "yay!"

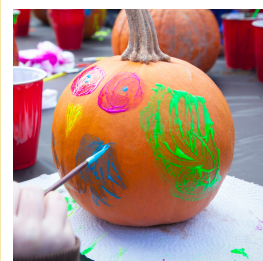
Skill: Gestural & Verbal Imitation



Ashley Bruno, M.A., CCC-SLP
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4 FALL FUN ACTIVITIES

1. Try painting pumpkins or apples
2. Apple printing - consider using 'corn on the cob' holders to help while you stamp!
3. Create a fall sensory bin - fill with small pumpkins, apples, leaves, etc.
4. Try an apple taste test with different dipping sauces



Polly Meil, DS
Developmental Specialist
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GEAUGA EI PLAYGROUPS



GREY SQUIRREL

Grey squirrel, grey squirrel
Shake your bushy tail.
Shake your bushy tail.
Wrinkle up your little NOSE
Put a nut between your TOES.
Grey squirrel, grey squirrel
Shake your bushy tail.

(let your baby feel the rhythm of grey squirrel with a tap and then wiggle on shake your bushy tail)

Carol Colombo

Music Therapist

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FUN FRIDAY WITH FRIENDS



SWIMMING PLAYGROUP

AT THE
pool



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Early Childhood Subcommittee Meeting

The Early Childhood Subcommittee meeting will be held Thursday, October 6, 2022 via Zoom at 10:00 AM (Meeting ID: 834 2303 3674 Password: 683171 - [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

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