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Help Me Grow Geauga County Early Intervention Metzenbaum Newsletter

2025

Serving Geauga County children from birth to age 3 with
Developmental Disabilities. Helping people Live, Learn, and Earn in our community.

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

www.geaugadd.org



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Are you Concerned?

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. To make a referral: Visit www.ohioearlyintervention.org to complete the process online or call us at 1-800-755-GROW

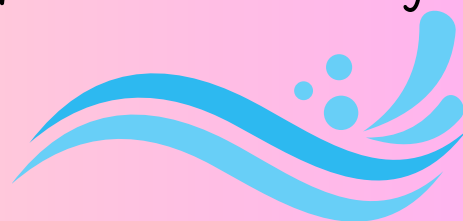


METZENBAUM CENTER

The Geauga County Board
Of Developmental Disabilities



There is open swimming for
Early Intervention families
with Brenda at the
Metzenbaum Center's
indoor therapeutic pool
on Wednesday mornings!
Contact Brenda at
bpowell@geaugadd.org
or 440-688-5846 for more
information or to sign up.





Share it. Amplify it. Let's build a more responsive system—together.



COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Help Us Understand What Northeast Ohio Families Need Most

Starting Point is conducting a Community Needs Assessment to collect real, local data that will shape Ohio's investments in child care, youth services, and family support.

We're asking for your help to share this survey with the families and individuals you serve.

Why it matters:

- This survey will be used by state decision-makers to understand the realities families face across our region.
- Honest, diverse voices—especially from those not already connected to services—are essential.
- The results will influence how resources are allocated and which programs are prioritized.

Let's make sure every family is counted.

Your network can help surface critical stories that often go unheard.

Point your smart phone camera to this QR code, or visit our website:
www.StartingPoint.org



STARTING POINT

Preparing children for success in education & beyond

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HEADQUARTERS

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Cleveland, Ohio

CHECK IT OUT



2025

TWINKLE LITE

AGES
3-5

FULL DAY SESSIONS:

MONDAY - FRIDAY

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM



Metzenbaum Center

**NOW ENROLLING PEER
ROLE MODELS AT
METZENBAUM!**

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WHO WE ARE:

The NEW Twinkle Lite Preschool program features fully licensed teachers by the Ohio Department of Education, all classroom sites proudly hold a Gold Award Step Up to Quality rating, reflecting our commitment to excellence in early childhood education.

WHAT WE OFFER:

A full-day classroom consisting of students with mild to moderate special needs, including communication, social-emotional, and behavioral needs, learning alongside role model peers (tuition-based).

Key Features:

- 5 day per week program
- Low tuition costs for role model peers
- A Highly structured learning environment
- Incorporates ABA, TEACCH, and sensory integration principles
- Developmentally appropriate curriculum aligned with the Ohio Early Learning Standards

WHAT IS A PEER ROLE MODEL?

Peer role models engage with special needs students, fostering a typical peer experience that supports their skill development.

What is a peer role model?

- A 3, 4, or 5 year old child without special needs with...
- Strong language skills
- Ability to socialize with peers and play cooperatively
- Toilet-trained
- Ability to follow basic classroom rules and routines
- Willingness to learn and have fun

Milestones in

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Action

- Developmental checklist provided by the CDC
- Includes Photo/Video library for ideas and examples



Music at the Library



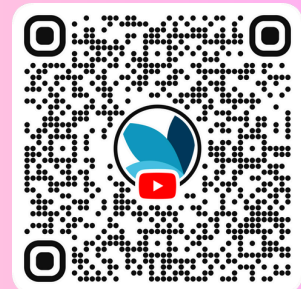
Movin with Music will be offered at the Thompson library on August 8th, October 3rd, and November 7th.

Contact the library for sign up.



SIGN UP TODAY

Ms. Carol's 2024 music videos are now available to view on the Geauga County Board of DD's You Tube channel. Scan below to check them out!



[Click here for 13 great playgrounds in Northeast Ohio by CLE for Kids](#)



THINGS *TO DO*



The Metzenbaum Playground located at 8200 Cedar Road is open everyday dawn to dusk!



Geauga Park District



geaugaparkdistrict.org

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FOR
Details*



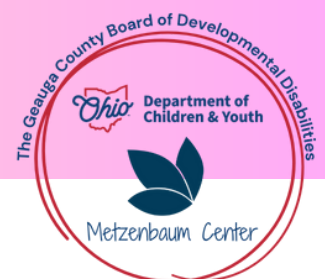
Memphiskiddiepark.com

Movin with Music celebrates 5 years of FB live videos!
Older videos will now be available on our YouTube channel.



The Early Childhood Subcommittee meeting will be held Thursday July 10, 2025
via zoom at 10:00 AM. Meeting ID 89105295251 Passcode 458254 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 Rights

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!

