

THE PARENT MENTOR

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A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ESC LORAIN COUNTY PARENT MENTOR PROGRAM

SOLUTIONS TO SIMPLIFY YOUR HOLIDAY SEASON

We wanted to share a resource with you as you prepare for your holiday season. [Parenting Special Needs Magazine](#) is a helpful resource and you can read it online. We hope you have a wonderful holiday season and please reach out if we can support you in any way!



LEARNERS WITH COMPLEX NEEDS

The form below provides critical information to help healthcare professionals know important medical information for a person with disabilities. The form can be downloaded by clicking on the link below.

[Access Form Here.](#)

Ohio's Medicaid Waiver System

Gary Tonks, President/CEO of The Arc of Ohio, will present a discussion of how to access DD supports, provider rate increases, and enhancements to the Level 1, SELF, and IO Waivers.

When: January 3rd at 6:00 PM

[Register for Zoom, here.](#)

PRESCHOOL

Special Olympics of Ohio - At Home Young Athletes Program

Young Athletes is a structured play program for children of all abilities, ages 2-7, that introduces fundamentals such as running, kicking, and throwing.

Special Olympics Ohio is now offering this program for families to practice these skills at home together!

Register using the link below and your family will receive equipment in a backpack and a free activity guide.

[Register Here.](#)



ELEMENTARY

Looking for a screen-free gift for your student with ADHD? Check out some ideas [here](#).



HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION AGE 14+

We have reached December and you may have students who are struggling and perhaps even failing class. This [article](#) from *The Pathway2Success* includes strategies for how students, educators, and parents can work together to get things back on track.



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READING

ADAPTED STORY TIME

Children with varying learning styles and abilities enjoy a program with stories, songs, games, and social time. While content is geared for ages 3 to 7, all ages are welcome. Parents and siblings are welcome to attend. Preregistration required.

Lorain Public Library System - Avon Branch

Date: Mon., December 18th

Time: 6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.



[Register Here.](#)

DEAF-FRIENDLY
ASL KIDS PARTY
at
MAKE BELIEVE
FAMILY FUN CENTER
8383 DAY DR., PARMA, OHIO 44129

Friday, December 15, 2023 • 6:00 - 9:00 pm

AN EVENING OF FOOD AND FUN FOR DEAF/HARD OF HEARING/CODA KIDS! THEY WILL RECEIVE UNLIMITED ACCESS TO:
Ballocity • Bumper Cars • Mini-Bowling • Laser Tag • Ropes Course • Rock Walls • Ninja Wall • \$5.00 in Arcade Play
PLUS: 2 slices of pizza and a soft drink

This event is free for DEAF/Hard of Hearing/Coda kids but space is limited! You must confirm the child's RSVP and sign a waiver to ensure their participation.

- RSVP by Wednesday, December 13 to Sandra at shalibovic@chsc.org
- Fill out a waiver for each child at this link <https://www.vantora.com/e/am/waiver/>

*Parents are not required to participate but are responsible to pay for all activities and food/beverages if they choose to participate.

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Community Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
CLEVELAND Hearing & Speech CENTER

ADVOCATES FOR KIDS

IEP TIP CORNER

Regarding Homework and IEPs/504s:

If you are helping your child with homework, always indicate

- How long the assignment took to complete
- how much parental assistance was needed.

Otherwise the team only sees a completed assignment.

HOLIDAY GIFTS WITH PURPOSE

We wanted to share a few local and out-of-state business supporting job opportunities for students of all abilities. You can link to each company website by clicking on their name.

FAROH'S CHOCOLATES

Supporting jobs for individuals with Autism
FAROH'S CANDY is located at Broadway Eats and Treats

NEW HOURS

Tuesday and Wednesday: 12:00 to 4:00

Thursday and Friday 12:00 to 6:00

Saturday: 10:00 to 12:00

Closed Sunday and Monday

440-752-1057



ABLE NOT LABEL

Entrepreneurs at North Ridgeville High School with varying abilities participate in the design, creation, and sale of each item so that they may learn every aspect of business. Able Not Label provides students with money management skills, social skills, vocational skills, and customer service. Proceeds earned go back toward community-based instruction, special projects, field trips, enhancing existing programs, and creating new programs where there is a need.

Location: 34100 Center Ridge Road

Hours: 10:15 AM - 11:30 AM During School Days

SCENTSABILITY CANDLES

Their mission is to provide workplace opportunities adapted for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities by creating beautifully scented candles.

CAMERON'S COFFEES & CHOCOLATE

Their mission is to provide employment to adults living with an intellectual disability through a supported group environment by teaching work and life skills to further independence.

JOHN'S CRAZY SOCKS

Founded by a young man with Down Syndrome, spreading happiness through socks!

