



EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER of Lorain County

PARENT MENTOR PROGRAM MONTHLY NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2022



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Often the holiday season is a little different for our families, so we decided to wrap up the year with a list of 'special need friendly' activities and local events. If you know of any other events, please let us know so we can share with other families! Hope to see you out and about...



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CONNECTING FOR KIDS

Winter Holiday Events!

Connecting For Kids (CFK) has a website full of events for persons of all ages!

Check it out today! Click [HERE!](#)



HOLIDAY LIGHTS AT NIGHT

Equestrian Center | Diagonal Road, LaGrange

Take a drive out to the Lorain County Metro Parks Carlisle Reservation Equestrian Center, located at 13630 Diagonal Road, LaGrange to see a beautiful display of lights! Hours are 5:30 to 9 p.m. daily through Friday, Dec. 23.

The best part ... you get to stay in your car and cruise through the park at your own pace!

For more information, click [HERE!](#)



NIGHT TO SHINE

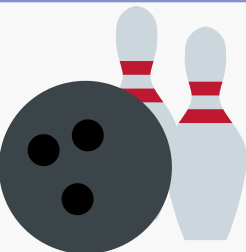
The annual "A Night to Shine" will be held at various locations throughout Northeast Ohio on Feb. 10, 2023. It's a wonderful event for those with special needs! It really is their time to SHINE! The event is open to those age 14 and older.

There are several locations in and around Lorain, Erie, Huron and Sandusky counties hosting A Night To Shine. We have narrowed our list down to include some of the nearest ones:

Night to Shine: Abiding Faith Bible Church, Columbia Station; Christ Church, Columbia Station; Norwalk First United Methodist Church; The Chapel, Sandusky; and Trinity Evangelical United Methodist Church, Sandusky.

For more information on the event and the history of A Night To Shine, click [HERE!](#)

CHAMPION BOWLING EVENT



Are you looking for something fun to do on a Saturday? Champions Winter Bowling bowls every Saturday now through May 2023 from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at Spevock's Nautical Lanes in Avon Lake. Cost is \$12, and includes bowling, shoes, bowling ball, pizza and soda. Friends and family can bowl for the same low price. No sign up, just show up! For more information, please email tasoltis@hotmail.com.



SENSORY-FRIENDLY NY EVE CELEBRATION

Ring in 2023 with a sensory-friendly celebration at the North Ridgeville Public Library. This program is for children who need a quieter, less-crowded and sensory-friendly environment. Pre-registration is required for all attending – children and caregivers. Siblings are welcome.

Pre-register by clicking [HERE!](#)



WINTER WONDERLAND CAMP

Friendship Circle, Pepper Pike

Children with developmental disabilities will be paired with a teen friend. Together they will enjoy a variety of activities, including sports, art, crafts, sensory, music, entertainment, field trips, and more! Drop off and Pick up are at Friendship Circle each day. We will take a bus on a field trip each Tuesday and Thursday!

For more information, including cost, please click [HERE!](#)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Life Out Loud - Erie County

Life Out Loud is a service providing agency in Erie County that specializes in inclusive practices with community integrated services and programs. It was established in the summer of 2013 and began with a flagship program, a community integrated summer camp. Programs are designed and implemented by licensed intervention specialists and includes research-based teaching practices and behavioral programming to support, teach and celebrate the building of new skills. Most programs, with the exception of the DREAMs Inc. summer camp are designed for those of 14 years of age and up.

Life Out Loud offers day trips, overnight weekends, DREAMs Inc., educational programs, adulting extravaganzas, HPC/Basic Support services, Cedar Point visits, New Year's Eve celebrations and more! For more information, call Life Out Loud Founder & Chief Executive Officer Lisa Cooper at (419) 502-2037 or "like" the organization on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/LIFEOUTLOUDLLC>.

