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<https://sites.google.com/medinaesc.org/parentmentor>

Literacy Corner

Medina County Library Early Literacy Resources
<https://mcdl.info/earlyliteracy>

Wadsworth Library Early Literacy Resources
<https://www.wadsworthlibrary.com/families/early-literacy-interactive-play>

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Program
<https://www.ohioimaginationlibrary.org/enroll>

Parent Mentor is out of the office until August 2024.
Email/VM are checked periodically.

Learning Opportunities

See **ADDitude Magazine** for a lot of great ADHD webinars
<https://www.additudemag.com/adhd-expert-webinars-index/>

See Flyers in the newsletter for more information/opportunities!

Surrogate Parent Training available (Virtual, Free) This is a great free online training for parents to learn more about the special education process
<https://ohiosurrogateparent.org/>

Milestones for Autism Conference Registration is now open!
In Person June 10-11
[2024 Milestones National Autism Conference | Cleveland \(milestonesconference.org\)](https://2024.milestonesconference.org/)



Summer Camp Info

My website has links to summer program information.

<https://sites.google.com/medinaesc.org/parentmentor/resources/summer-camps>



Cody Clark Sensory-Friendly Magic Show *

Brunswick - Fri., Jul. 26, 10:30 am

Medina - Fri., Jul. 26, 2:00 pm

All ages - Motivational magic show that includes comedy and storytelling about what being autistic is like. See how autism makes Cody different, yet still as capable as anyone else. Cody removes loud noises, bright lights, and complex plots without removing the fun!

Summer is the perfect time to enjoy a good book!

Visit your local or not so local libraries to read a book, attend a library program, or enjoy a different indoor play space on a rainy day.



Visit a Museum or the Zoo. Many offer sensory friendly spaces and resources! <https://ohio.org/things-to-do/museums>



Northeastern Ohio Live Steamers: ALL ABOARD!

Lester Rail Trail

Saturday, June 22 from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 27 from 4 to 8 p.m.

Take a ride on a train with Ohio Live Steamers <https://neols.net/publicrundates.php>



JUNE 11 – AUGUST 7
11 AM
Every Tuesday and Wednesday!
\$1 PG-Rated Family Friendly Movies
Special Price! \$5 Snack Packs w/
\$3 Dippin' Dots Add on!

Check out a family friendly movie for only \$1 at Regal

Storytime in the Garden

Tue., Jun. 4, Jul. 2, Aug. 6
9:30 am, Medina Library

All ages - Share nature themed stories, songs and rhymes. A partnership with SustainEd and the Community Garden.

Held at Medina Community Garden
302 E. Liberty St., Medina

Cancelled if weather is bad.



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For more info:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/CuyahogaFalls/StepIntoAutismAkron>



One great cause impacting 33,000 local individuals with Autism and their families.

Step Into Autism Walk and Resource Fair is more than a fundraiser for ASGA programs and services. It is an opportunity for individuals with Autism, their families, and those who support them to connect with each other and the community.

What are you waiting for? Register today and feel the connection.

Gather your family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors and join us to raise acceptance and support for the Autism community. Two dates/locations to choose from:

June 8: Cuyahoga Falls Downtown Amphitheater (New Location)

June 22: McKinley National Memorial

What to Expect

Register as a Team Captain, gather your teammates, and raise funds for ASGA programs.

Everyone who raises \$50.00 gets a commemorative t-shirt.

On walk day, you can choose a 1 or 2-mile walk route, visit our resource fair, enjoy the game zone, meet mascots and characters, and join our dance party. It all starts at 10:00 am. There's plenty to do during the event and you're welcome to enjoy both venues after the event concludes at noon.

New this year is our Health and Safety Corridor

Akron Children's is sponsoring our Health Corridor – look for information about health and vaccine accessibility, along with Sensory Bags.

FirstEnergy is sponsoring the Safety Zone – with safety decals and information on elopement and water safety

Don't miss the Game Zone with games for all ages sponsored by JW Didado and REM Ohio.

Did you know?

ASGA receives **no funds** from the government or health insurance. We rely on fundraisers like Step Into Autism, donations, and grants to support our programs and services. We depend on you.

Sponsorships are available. Find out more - [DOWNLOAD SPONSORSHIP PACKAGE](#).

For more information, to become a sponsor, vendor, or volunteer:
Contact Kamelia Fisher via [EMAIL](#), or phone at 330.940.1441 ext. 8



Akron Children's

FirstEnergy

JW Didado Electric

REM Ohio

REGISTER - Summit

REGISTER - Stark

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For more info: <https://www.mcdl.info/>



Teen Summer Reading 2024

Teen Game

Teens entering grades 6-12 (and 2024 graduates!)

New this year: Earn up to 4 grand prize raffle tickets!

Read and log your minutes

120 minutes (2 hours) = Trip to the mystery box

300 minutes (5 hours) = Grand prize raffle ticket

600 minutes (10 hours) = Book of your choice + Grand prize raffle ticket

900 minutes (15 hours) = Grand prize raffle ticket

1,200 minutes (20 hours) = Grand prize raffle ticket

[Click here](#) to see large images and descriptions of each grand prize.

Raffle drawing will be held the week of August 19. Participants can pick up Level 1 (mystery box) and Level 2 (book) prizes through August 31.

Children's Game

Ages birth through entering grade 5

Pick up a game board at your library. Log your reading and earn prizes at 15 and 30 days!



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Adapted Toy Packs

Adapted Toy Packs include five themed books and an interactive toy equipped with an external button. These

inclusive toys are for children of all abilities.

Kit themes include construction, music, vehicles, favorite TV and movie characters and more. Made possible through a partnership with RePlay for Kids. *Available at all MCDL locations; limit one per library card.*

[Watch the Channel 5 News segment on Adapted Toy Packs.](#)

Early Literacy Kits

Share the joys of life-long reading and learning with children with MCDL's Early Literacy Kits. They're great to use with children at home or in the classroom. Every kit centers around a topic of interest to young children and contains books, activities, and puppets or toys related to that theme.

[View themes and reserve kits.](#)

Sensory Kits

Geared toward youth and adults with autism or sensory challenges, these kits include items that facilitate a calming effect. *Available at all MCDL locations for in-library use only.*

[Learn more about Sensory Kits.](#)

For Registration Info:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScr0nG66nrVWrzFnbO6yPurBeBhzg12qHMDMiBhSw0HkDcAdQ/viewform>

**Register for Our
Family Kickball Game and Cookout!** 🌞🍔🐱



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FAMILY KICKBALL GAME AND COOKOUT

**Sunday, June 9th
12 - 2 p.m.**
Seven Hills Rec.
Center T-Ball Fields



Join us for a
**beginner-friendly
game of backyard
kickball,
yard games, burgers
and hotdogs!**

**This is a FREE and
inclusive event!**


REGISTER TODAY! ↓

Get ready to kick off summer at our Family Kickball Game and Cookout!

Join us on Sunday, June 9th from 12 - 2 p.m. at the Seven Hills Rec Center for a beginner-friendly kickball game, yard games, burgers and hot dogs.

Please register using the [Google Form](#) below and reach out to Abby at abby@rec2connect.org with questions!

Email Amber to get more info:
amber@rec2connect.org



**2024
Rock
Climbing**

Save The Date!
Shaker Rocks

- May 7th
- May 21st
- June 4th
- June 18th

Cleveland Rocks

- April 23rd
- May 14th
- May 28th
- June 11th

Time:
5 - 7 p.m.

Cost:
\$45 (includes shoes and harness rental)


Ages:
Program designed for individuals ages 7+

Additional dates to be announced!

Included. Always.

Pre-registration is required at least 48 hours in advance.

To register, please contact Amber Bailey at amber@rec2connect.org.



Rock Climbing

- This is a 2 hour structured program led by experienced and certified belay instructors.
- Beginner-friendly rock climbing course with skill-building activities and games.
- Program designed for individuals ages 7+.
- Cost for this program is \$45 and includes shoes and harness rental.
- Pre-registration is required at least 48 hours in advance.
- To register, email Amber at amber@rec2connect.org with 'Rock Climbing' as the subject line and the desired program date(s), along with the participant's name in the email.

For more information: <https://www.mcbdd.org/event/safety-town-plus/>



It's Time for Safety Town PLUS+



In partnership with the Medina County Sheriff's Office, the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities is happy to again be offering our annual **Safety Town PLUS+**. This program offers all the regular safety town fun "PLUS" the extra help some children with developmental disabilities may need.

Designed for Medina County students, in grades K-1, with disabilities, we will teach children how to make good choices for safety and how to take action in emergency situations. Learn more and enroll your child for this event by clicking the button below.

Monday, June 17 - Friday, June 21
9:30 am - 11:30 am

Space is limited. Please register by Friday, June 7.

To register:

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/xhtzrav/lp/9c3d6a55-038b-4f1c-8002-6f1f7bffa497>

medina county board of developmental disabilities - **Upcoming Presentation** -



Guardianship

**Tuesday,
June 25**

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

This presentation is offered virtually via Microsoft Teams and in-person at the Medina County Achievement Center, 4691 Windfall Road, Medina

Join Judge Dunn and Magistrate Hathcock from the Medina County Probate Court for a presentation on guardianship. Attendees will learn the basics about the guardianship process, requirements to become a guardian, and alternatives to guardianship.

This presentation is a hybrid event. The link to join virtually will be included in your confirmation email.

Registration Required

[Click Here to Register Online](#)

ANYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND



Questions or to register by phone - Call Marie Friss, MCBDD Community Supports Secretary, at 330-725-7751 x280 or email marief@mcbdd.org.



2024 Ice Cream Social

2024 ICE CREAM SOCIAL

June 20 at 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

ALL ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

All are invited to come make an ice cream sundae and enjoy an evening of entertainment and other activities, including contests and carnival games! This **FREE** family event is made possible entirely through our sponsors and generous private donations.

This special event is designed to generate awareness and promote inclusion of people with disabilities. Studies have shown that when people with disabilities are included in community activities, they develop the confidence often needed to achieve higher academic and social goals. The Ice Cream Social also provides the citizens of Medina County the opportunity to better understand and accept the unique differences in all of us.

Rainy day? No problem! In the case of inclement weather, this event will be held at the Achievement Center at 4691 Windfall Rd. Updates will be available on our website at www.mcbdd.org.



June

2024



INTEGRATED COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS

Social Enrichment Calendar

Groups are FREE unless participation fee indicated. **Registration required for all activities** at info@ics-oh.org or call Lisa Morrison at 216- 280-7755. Check out our website: www.ics-oh.org For up-to-date news, follow us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/Integrated.OHIO>



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Family and Friends are welcome to all groups! Please remember to register.</p>	3	4	5 Join us to see the many jobs at Panther Logistics! 84 Medina Rd Medina 6pm-7pm	6	7 Walk and Roll Buckeye Woods 6335 Wedgewood Rd. Medina 6:pm	8
9	10	11	12 Art Group Medina County Achievement Center 6pm-7pm \$5	13	14 Walk and Roll Lake Medina 3749 Medina Rd. Medina 6:pm	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Game Night Medina County Achievement Center 6pm-7pm	22 Dot Art Group Buehler's Community Room, Route 18 1:pm-3pm \$3
23	24	25	26 Art Group Medina County Achievement Center 6pm-7pm \$5	27	28 Game Night Medina County Achievement Center 6pm-7pm	29
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Save the date! Sept 17th

For more info:

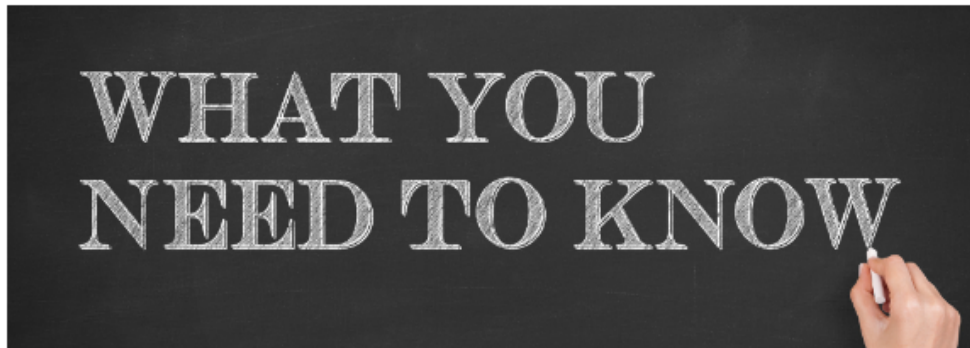
<https://autismakron.org/index.php/component/eventbooking/exploring-medina-board-of-dd-services-2/individual-registration?Itemid=>

Exploring Medina Board of DD Services

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Exploring Medina Board of DD Services

Tuesday, September 17 • 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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[REGISTER HERE](#)

County boards of developmental disabilities play a vital role in supporting individuals with Autism and other developmental disabilities to live meaningful and fulfilling lives within their communities. They serve as champions for inclusion, empowerment, and equal opportunities, working tirelessly to ensure that everyone has the chance to reach their full potential.

Join ASGA and Medina County Board of DD for an overview of their services. Attendees will hear about:

- Eligibility criteria
- Intake process
- Available services for all ages
- Role of DD Personnel

WHO SHOULD ATTEND THIS EVENT

This event is intended for parents, caregivers, and individuals with disabilities. The goal is to introduce attendees to the services Medina County Board of DD can provide individuals and their families and encourage them to begin the intake process on site. Individuals currently being served by Medina DD are encouraged to attend to learn about the redetermination process.

DO I HAVE TO REGISTER?

Admission is free, but registration is required for planning purposes.

QUESTIONS

If you have questions or need additional assistance, contact Theresa Maier, ASGA Support Specialist via [email here](#) or by phone at 330-940-1441 ext 1.

WE THANK OUR PARTNER!



Medina County Parent Mentor Cheryl Mendel



J.D., DePaul University, College of Law
B.A., University of Michigan

My experiences as a parent of children with special needs, my training as a Parent Mentor, and my involvement with the schools and community as a volunteer, substitute teacher and paraprofessional enable me to provide quality and knowledgeable support to families and serve as a liaison and partner between families, school staff and the community.

I look forward to being a resource for you. I am always happy to help!

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For More Information

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Office of Exceptional Children
Ohio Department of Education
ParentMentors@education.ohio.gov

To Find a Parent Mentor Near You:
<https://parentmentor.osu.edu>



Ohio's Parent Mentor Project

Parent Mentors are trained to help

We are guides, collaborators, and we are peers.

Ohio Parent Mentors are parents of children with disabilities. We provide support to families using our firsthand experiences, training and knowledge of special education laws and practices.

Parent Mentors are a resource and liaison between families, school staff and the community.

The Parent Mentor Program is funded through a grant with the Ohio Department of Education (ODE). All Parent Mentor services are free of charge to families.

Finding Solutions that work best for families

Ohio Parent Mentors provide families, students and schools to assist with the following:

- Provide information, support and resources on education laws, district programs and services, and community resources.
- Help parents understand their rights and responsibilities related to Special Education.
- Guide parents through the Special Education process.
- Attend meetings as requested by parent/school.
- Provide individual support to families.
- Provide resources to assist parents and professionals
- Host Parent to Parent Support Groups
- Provide on-demand resources: Website & Facebook page

<https://sites.google.com/medinaesc.org/parentmentor>

 @parentmentormedina

Medina County Parent Mentor serves families with home school districts of: Medina City Schools, Buckeye Local Schools, Cloverleaf Local Schools, Wadsworth City Schools, Highland Local Schools, Black River Local Schools.

