

THE PARENT MENTOR

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A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ESC LORAIN COUNTY PARENT MENTOR PROGRAM

PLEASE JOIN US ON APRIL 11TH FOR THE ESCLC'S PARENT NIGHT



ESC
EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
of Lorain County

PARENT NIGHT

Do you have a student that is on an IEP or 504?
This night is for you!

JOIN US
APRIL 11, 2024 | 5:30-7:30 PM
Open Door Christian School, 8287 W. Ridge Rd., Elyria

TOPICS

- Organize Your IEP Binder (Please bring all IEP paperwork with- Binders to be provided)
- Legal Supported Decision Making by Lawyer Derek L. Graham
- Know Your Procedural Safeguards
- Understanding Preschool to Kindergarten Transition
- Essentials to Your Child's High School Transition Plan
- Navigating Service Providers (OOD and DODD)

FREE CHILDCARE & DINNER Provided
Chick-fil-A

SCAN TO REGISTER



QUESTIONS? CONTACT DANIELLE HOLZTRAGER
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IEP TIP CORNER

When going over your student's IEP draft, be sure to look at the Present Levels of Performance to see how your student is currently doing AND how they compare to their peers of the same age. That way you know what your student is working towards. [Here](#) is a great article with more of an explanation.



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PRESCHOOL

Did you know that your child has been learning since they were born? And when you talk, read, and sing with your child every day you are helping your child's brain grow! Click below for a great resource that highlights fun tips to do every day with your child to get them interested in communicating with others!

[Explore resource here.](#)

ELEMENTARY

Does your child have a hard time making and keeping friends? It's not uncommon for children to have difficulty making friends, but this article from ADDitude magazine helps you understand why it is so hard while providing strategies to help your child build helpful skills.

[Access article here](#)

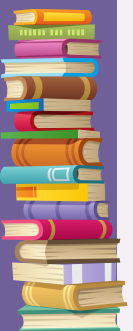


HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION AGE 14+

Legal Clinic: Social Security for Transition age youth.

This special education clinic offers parents and guardians an opportunity to ask questions following the presentation on a given topic.

Date: March 18th
Time: Noon
Location: Zoom
Registration: [Register here.](#)



RAINBOW BABIES AND CHILDREN 21ST ANNUAL AUTISM SEMINAR SERIES

DATE: March 20th
TIME: 5:00pm-6:30pm
LOCATION: Live Webinar

Part I - Anxiety in Autism Spectrum Disorders & Useful Interventions
Christine Barry, PhD, Pediatric Neuropsychologist, UH Rainbow Babies & Children's

Part II - Trauma in Children with Autism & Navigating Mental Health Support Services
Bradley Wyner, NADD-DDS, Education Director, Milestones Autism Resources

Registration link below. After registering, you will receive an email with information on how to join the webinar. A reminder email will be sent one hour prior to the webinar with a link and dial-in options to join.

[Register here.](#)



LEARNERS WITH COMPLEX NEEDS

This article may be of interest to those students who qualify for the alternate assessment.

[Access the article here.](#)



MUSIC THERAPY AND MORE

This month's theme is daily living and our team is bringing some great new musical tools to help your child with things like dressing, cleaning up, and more.

Date: March 28th

Location: North Ridgeville Branch of [Lorain Public Library System](#)

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Registration: [Register here.](#)



NEW OCECD APP

The Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities (OCECD) is thrilled to introduce the OCECD App, a dynamic mobile application designed to bring you swift access to a wealth of resources, events, and training information. We're putting everything OCECD at your fingertips, ensuring you stay seamlessly connected with the support and knowledge you need. [Learn more here.](#)

