

THE PARENT MENTOR

APRIL 2025
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A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ESC LORAIN COUNTY PARENT MENTOR PROGRAM



ENJOY YOUR SPRING BREAK! WE'RE AVAILABLE IF YOU NEED US

With many school districts on spring break, we are keeping our April newsletter short and sweet! Enjoy some time with your family and check out some of these upcoming events! If you need any assistance preparing for an upcoming meeting, feel free to reach out!



I'M POSSIBLE GAMES - AVON AND VERMILION

Many individuals born with differing abilities enjoy games and the benefits of playing board games go on forever! I'm Possible Games is a non-profit focused on helping to build skills for individuals with differing abilities. All events are free and open to all ages and abilities. No need to register.

April 2nd - 4-6 PM - Heritage Elementary, 35600 Bentley Dr., Avon
April 7th - 6-8 PM - Vermilion Library, 5680 Liberty Ave., Vermilion
April 9th - 6-8 PM - Willoway Nurseries, 4534 Center Road, Avon
April 28th - 6-8 PM - Vermilion Library, 5680 Liberty Ave., Vermilion



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PRESCHOOL

Learn & Grow Montessori Preschool Enrichment Summer Camp. Find more information [here](#).

ELEMENTARY

Find information on adapted baseball for grades K-6 [here](#).

TRANSITION AGE

For those students considering a college program use this [chart](#), for a brief overview of what support will look like in college compared to high school.

IEP TIP CORNER

Now is the perfect time to organize your student's IEP binder. These IEP tip sheets explain each section of the IEP. Click [here](#) to access it; don't hesitate to ask if you would like a printed copy.

SUMMER DIRECTORY

Summer Directory by Connecting for Kids

It is not too early to begin researching summer camps and programs.

This resource brings together programs and providers from across Northeast Ohio, with an easy-to-use search by age, region, program length and more.

Get started now at inclusivesummer.com.



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LOCAL RESOURCES AND EVENTS



WORKSHOP: THE UGLY HOUR - N. RIDGEVILLE

April 10th at 6:00 PM

Is your child a master at procrastination when it comes to bedtime? Does the process of putting on pajamas and brushing teeth take what seems like hours?

Join Ochanya McRoberts-Wells, MEd, as she discusses the ugly hour—that time before bed when chaos reigns and your little angel turns into a bedtime monster. Tools to support a smoother bedtime for the whole family will be provided. To register click [here](#). Childcare is provided as well.



ME AND MY EMOTIONS: ADAPTED STORY TIME - N. RIDGEVILLE

April 15th at 6:30 PM

A story time and activities for children with various learning styles and abilities. While content is geared for ages 3 to 7, all ages are welcome. To register click [here](#).



INCLUSIVE DROP-IN PLAYGROUP - OBERLIN LIBRARY

April 16th at 6:30 PM

This program is open to families and their children ages 0-6, with or without concerns about development. Caregivers will have a chance to get hands-on support, meet other families, and connect to community resources. Registration is welcome but not required. To register click [here](#).



PARENT CAFES - ERIE COUNTY

April 23rd at 6:00 PM

Are you a parent in our near Erie County and would appreciate an opportunity to connect and draw support from other parents? Childcare and dinner are provided.

To learn more and register [here](#).

If you have any questions contact Sarah Puskas at 440-242-0413 ext. *227 or spuskas@ccrcinc.com



UNDERSTANDING THE PROCEDURAL SAFEGUARDES - VIRTUAL

April 10th at 6:30 PM

The Learning Disabilities Association of Ohio is sponsoring a free workshop for parents who have children with IEPs. This webinar will help parents better understand their rights as outlined in the Guide to Parent Rights in Special Education: Special Education Procedural Safeguards Notice.

To register click [here](#).



TRANSITION OUT OF EARLY INTERVENTION - VIRTUAL

May 8, 2025

Are you wondering what programs can help you pay for your child's health care expenses? Is your child transitioning out of Early Intervention and you want to know what to expect in public school? Join May 8th for : *What Families Need to Know*. Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/3wpr3n2p>