



OUR MISSION:

To enhance the quality of life for people with disabilities and their caregivers by providing the highest quality, client-focused programs and services.

In addition to R.E.A.C.H., we offer the following programs:

BraVo! offers an award-winning program where adults with disabilities volunteer in the community.

Community Employment Services provides people who have a wide variety of abilities at all skill levels with the support and guidance needed to assist them in finding employment.

Community Relations educates and informs the community about the agency through tours, events, and speakers. The department also publishes *Kaleidoscope Magazine*, a literary and fine art publication.

Low Vision Services provides services to children and adults in Northeast Ohio who are experiencing visual difficulty that cannot be corrected by medical treatment, surgery or conventional glasses.

Respite & Community Living Services provides respite care, foster care and semi-independent living services and Family Voices which assists families caring for a child with special health care needs.

SociAbilities provides social, recreational, educational and therapeutic opportunities for adults.

Toy & Resource Center loans developmental toys and resource materials to anyone working with a child birth to six years of age with special needs or developing typically.

Transportation Services provides safe, reliable transportation.

Vocational Services provides meaningful work opportunities in a variety of ways including Buck-eye Baskets, U Care Packages and Taste Buds.

VRP³ assists people with visual impairments as they seek employment and high school students as they transition from school to work.

United Disability Services - Main Location

701 S. Main St., Akron, Ohio 44311
Phone: 330-762-9755 Fax: 330-762-0912

For more information on services provided by UDS visit us at
www.udsakron.org

R.E.A.C.H.

Recreation ♦ Education ♦ Arts ♦ Community ♦ Health

2013 July/August Schedule



R.E.A.C.H. provides an inclusive environment for people with disabilities to participate along with family members and friends in leisure activities that promote self-esteem, sportsmanship, healthy living, creativity and the development of long-lasting friendships.

Unless otherwise noted, classes are held at:

United Disability Services
701 S. Main St., Akron, OH 44311

For more information, to register for classes or to volunteer, contact Recreational Coordinator Danielle Marino at 330-762-9755, ext. 233, or via email at dmarino@udsakron.org.



An All-Star Team
Health and Fitness for All!

Crafty Artist Club

This club is for anyone that is artsy, crafty or a bit of both. All activities are designed to encourage people with disabilities and their caregivers to create artwork from their imagination, to develop their own style, work at their own pace and to let their creative side flourish. As creativity knows no limits or boundaries, you can be of any age and start developing your creative side through arts and crafts. All artists 17 and under must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. The fee for each class includes the materials, instruction and support to create a one-of-a-kind masterpiece. There is a class minimum of 5 and maximum of 12.

Basic Pottery—Summer Clay Creations (CC11)
Tuesdays for 4 weeks
July 23, 30, August 6 and 13
6 – 7 p.m.

Fee: \$40

Registration Deadline: July 19

In this basic pottery class, participants will get to experiment with clay to make hand-built pottery pieces and explore painting and glazing techniques to create one-of-a-kind creations. The first two classes will be dedicated to creating a variety of projects, from a personalized sign to a whimsical clay frog. The third and fourth class will be dedicated to painting and glazing your creations.

Finished, fired pottery can be picked up beginning August 20. UDS is open Monday thru Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.



Mosaic Picture Frame (CC12)
Thursday, July 25
6 – 7:30 p.m.

Fee: \$15

Registration Deadline: July 22

Create a unique, mosaic picture frame for your favorite summer photo. Use a variety of ceramic and glass tiles to create a colorful frame that will brighten up any room in your house.



Decorative Birdhouse (CC13)
Thursday, August 22
6 – 7:30 p.m.

Fee: \$15

Registration Deadline: August 15

Explore your creativity by decorating a birdhouse for your home or garden. Embellish plain wooden birdhouses to fit your outdoor décor, or hang one for show inside your home. Learn various techniques and select materials to decorate a birdhouse that is unique to you. (Birdhouse designs may vary.)



Community Explorers Club

Would you like to get out of the house and explore your community? Meet new friends? Experience popular events and find the hidden treasures in your community? If you answered with a yes, then the Community Explorers Club is for you. This club is designed to allow participants to explore and experience the unique features that Summit County and the surrounding communities have to offer. Come alone and meet new friends or bring your whole family and experience these fun events together. Explorers of all ages are welcome. Explorers 17 and under must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. There is a class minimum of 5 and maximum of 15.

An Artful Evening (CE1)

Thursday, August 1 (Rain Date: August 8)

6 – 8:30 p.m.

Fee: \$18.50 (Includes admission to the Akron Art Museum)

*Additional family members are FREE. Please list names on registration form.

Registration Deadline: July 29

Can you think of a better way to spend a summer evening than listening to music and viewing beautiful artwork? If not, then this special event is for you. We will meet in front of the Akron Art Museum (1 S High St., Akron, OH) at 6 p.m. Please bring a blanket or lawn chair because we will be outside listening to the easy listening pop band, J.D. Eicher & The Goodnights, during the Akron Art Museum's Downtown @ Dusk concert series. During the intermission, we will walk inside the museum and enjoy a brief lecture on short films and a self-guided tour of the exhibit. The Akron Art Museum has a café and if participants are interested in purchasing food or drinks from the café, (s)he will need to bring additional money. Participants may also bring additional money for the gift shop. Pick-up will be in front of the Akron Art Museum at 8:30 p.m. Participants should dress appropriately for the weather. In the event of rain, the class will be cancelled and rescheduled for August 8.

Please note any dietary restrictions on the registration form prior to the event.

Fitness & Fun Club

Have fun, get fit! That is the motto of the Fitness & Fun Club. Each class offers an environment that promotes an active, healthy lifestyle for the whole family. All levels and abilities are welcome. All athletes 17 years of age or younger must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. There is a class minimum of 5 and maximum of 15.

Beginning Yoga (BY2)
Wednesdays for 4 weeks
August 7, 14, 21, 28
6:15 – 7 p.m.

Fee: \$25

Registration Deadline: July 31

In this 45-minute class you will practice yoga sitting in a chair or standing using the chair for support. Complicated maneuvers and complex movements are NOT present in this class. You will learn many yoga postures, breathing techniques, meditation and ways of relaxation with the aid of a chair.