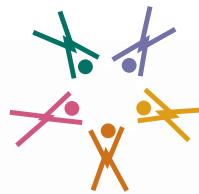


# Concerned About Your Child's Development? We can help.

If your child is struggling with behavior, anxiety, attention/focus issues or is having difficulty making friends or dealing with bullies, we can help you find valuable information and resources.

We are a nonprofit organization serving Cleveland's west side that provides education and support to families.

Check out our events on the back of this page, visit our website [connectingforkids.org](http://connectingforkids.org) or call us at 440-250-5563.



Connecting for Kids



### Meet and Greet Featuring Therapists, Programs and Camps

Come browse tables featuring west side therapists and providers of after-school programs and summer camps.

*Don Umerley Civic Center  
21016 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River*

**Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30 pm**

Some of the 60 organizations are listed below

- Abilities First, LLC
- ADHD Coaching - Bridge To Success
- Bay Presbyterian Church
- Building Blocks Therapy LLC
- Catholic Charities Disability Services - Camp Happiness
- Center for Music Therapy at The Music Settlement
- CFK's Beyond the Bench
- Cleveland Clinic Center for Autism
- Climbing Ladders Speech-Language Therapy
- Education Alternatives
- Epilepsy Association
- FIT: Friendship in Teams
- GiGi's Playhouse Down Syndrome Achievement Center
- Help Me Grow of Cuyahoga County
- Lakeshore Speech Therapy, LLC
- Lakewood Public Library
- Lisa Doane, PhD
- Madison Eye Care
- Meghan Barlow & Associates
- Mercy Rehabilitation Services
- Mind/Body Occupational Therapy
- Murray Ridge Center
- Music Therapy Enrichment Center
- NAMI Greater Cleveland
- Positive Education Program (PEP) - Early Childhood Plus
- Rec2connect
- Red Treehouse
- Skylight Special Needs Planning
- Southwest General Pediatric Rehabilitation
- Speech Spot
- Starting Point
- STEPS Center for Excellence in Autism
- Summit Academy
- The Child & Family Counseling Center of Westlake
- The Gathering Place
- The Vision Development Team
- Westlake Porter Public Library

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# All events are **FREE** and open to the public

## Parent Discussion Groups

Meet other parents as we discuss childhood development topics with a local expert. Child care available, registration required.

*Westlake Porter Public Library,  
Porter Room*

### **iPad Apps and Boardmaker® for Communication, Learning Disabilities & More**

*Teri LaGuardia, OTR/L and Joe Little*  
Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm

### **Homework Strategies**

*Allison Frazier, Julie Billiart School*  
Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am

### **It's Not All About the Diagnosis**

*Meghan Barlow, PhD, Meghan Barlow and Associates*  
Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am

### **Stepping Stones to Successful Writing**

*Chris Chambers, MEd, OTR/L, Abilities First, LLC*  
Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm

### **Solutions for Picky Eaters and Problem Feeders**

*Alice McIntyre, MD and Mary Lou Kennedy, OTR/L, Cleveland Clinic*  
Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

### **Moms of Special Kids: 10 Things You Need**

*Lisa Doane, PhD*  
Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm

## **Potty Training the Challenging Child**

*Holly Winterstein, MEd, Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities*  
Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am

## **Ask the Experts (Co-sponsored with NAMI Greater Cleveland)**

*Join a panel of parents and professionals including Dr. Hertzler, MD, University Hospitals and Dr. Lee, PhD, Cleveland Clinic*  
Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

## **Teach Me to Play<sup>SM</sup>**

### **Ages 3 to 6 only**

This play-based program is designed for children who need help with communication, social skills, and behavior. Registration required and sibling care available. Supported by a generous grant from Nordson Corporation.

*Westlake Porter Public Library,  
Dover Room*

**Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00 am: Basic Session**

**11:30 am: Advanced Session**

**1:00 pm: Combined Basic/Advanced Session**

## **Music Therapy & More<sup>SM</sup>**

Join us as we play instruments, sing, move to music and discuss how to carry over the music therapy experiences into the home. This program is geared toward children struggling in an area of development.

Registration required. Supported by a generous grant from Nordson Corporation Foundation.

*Westlake Porter Public Library, Dover Room*

**Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**

**9:30 am: Family Session**

**10:30 am: Family Session**

**11:30 am: Preschool Session**

**Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**

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**Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**

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## **Coffee and Chats**

We will serve coffee and eat delicious desserts as we laugh and discuss an article or book related to parenting children who struggle. Child care available, registration required. Sponsored by The Child & Family Counseling Center of Westlake.

*Westlake Porter Public Library, Porter Room*

### **How to Stay Calm When the Kids are Out of Control**

Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm

### **Single Parenting a Special Needs Child**

Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

### **Coping with Fear of the Future**

Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

## **Programs for Children with Special Needs and their Typical Peers**

Programs are sponsored by and held at the Westlake Porter Public Library

### **Meet-ups: Ages 6 to 11**

Join us for video games, socialization and play.

*Storytime Room*

Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 pm

### **House of Readers: Grades 1 to 3**

Participate in reading discussions, crafts and more.

*Storytime Room*

Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm

Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm

Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm

### **Kids in the Kitchen: Ages 8 to 12**

Learn basic cooking skills and the joy of cooking with fast, simple no-bake recipes just for kids!

*Craft Room*

Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 pm

### **Accidental Art: Grades 1 to 5**

Mistakes can often be turned into beautiful art- come make your own accidental artwork with torn paper!

*Craft Room*

Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

### **Sensory Storytime: Ages 3 to 7**

Join us for a sensory storytime with interactive stories, rhymes, songs, movement activities and free play.

*Storytime Room*

Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30am

Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am

Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 am

Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am

Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am

Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am

Monday, April 27 at 6:30pm

Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am

Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am

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