

Concerned About Your Child's Development?

We can help.

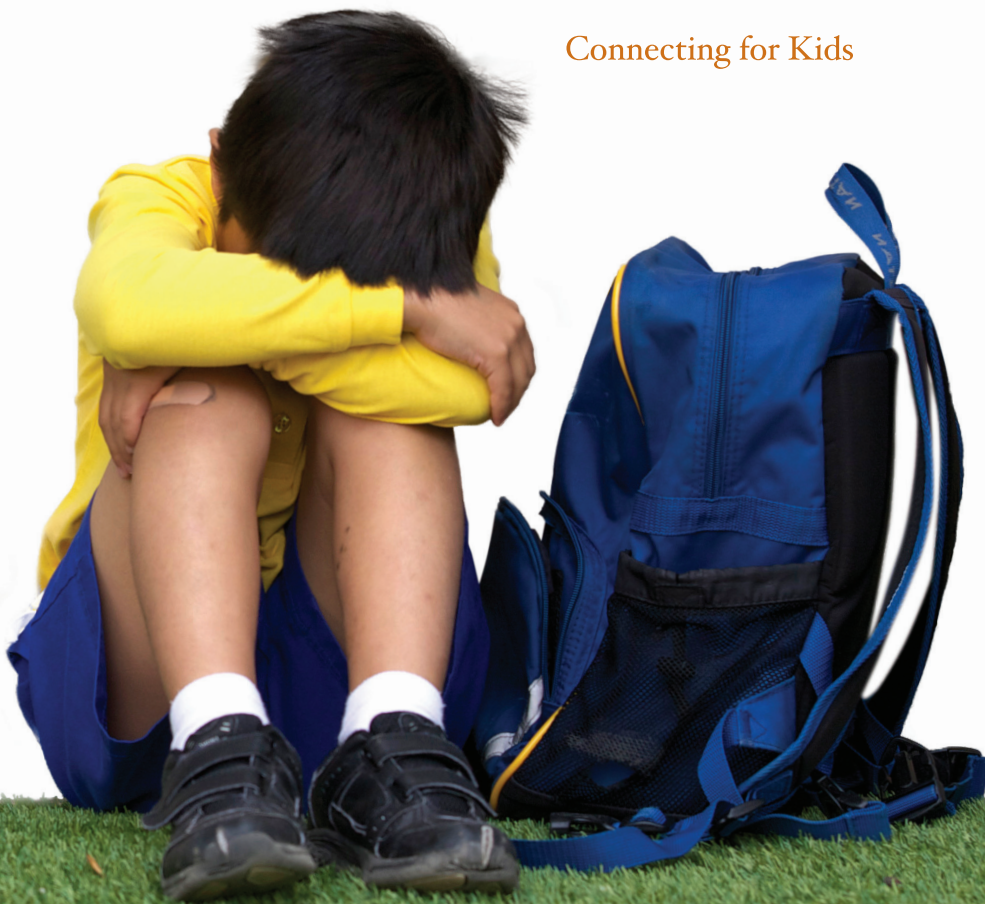
If your child is struggling with behavior, anxiety, attention/focus issues or is having difficulty making friends or dealing with bullies, we can help you find valuable information and resources.

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 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 26th 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 14th at 2:00 pm

Homework Strategies

Allison Frazier, Julie Billiard School
Friday, March 20th at 11:30 am

It's Not All About the Diagnosis

Meghan Barlow, PhD, Meghan Barlow and Associates
Friday, April 17th at 11:30 am

Stepping Stones to Successful Writing

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

Solutions for Picky Eaters and Problem Feeders

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

Moms of Special Kids: 10 Things You Need

Lisa Doane, PhD
Saturday, May 9th at 2:00 pm

Potty Training the Challenging Child

Holly Winterstein, MEd, Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities
Friday, May 15th at 11:30 am

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

Join a panel of parents and professionals including Dr. Hertzner, MD, University Hospitals and Dr. Lee, PhD, Cleveland Clinic
Tuesday, May 19th at 7:00 pm

Teach Me to PlaySM

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 6th

Friday, March 6th

Friday, May 1st

Friday, June 5th

10:00 am: Basic Session

11:30 am: Advanced Session

1:00 pm: Combined Basic/Advanced Session

Music Therapy & MoreSM

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 13th

Friday, March 13th

Friday, April 10th

Friday, May 8th

9:30 am: Family Session

10:30 am: Family Session

11:30 am: Preschool Session

Saturday, February 14th

Saturday, March 14th

Saturday, April 11th

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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 3rd at 7:00 pm

Single Parenting a Special Needs Child

Tuesday, May 5th at 7:00 pm

Coping with Fear of the Future

Tuesday, July 7th 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 22nd at 1:00 pm

House of Readers: Grades 1 to 3

Participate in reading discussions, crafts and more.

Storytime Room

Friday, March 13th at 4:00 pm

Friday, April 10th at 4:00 pm

Friday, February 13th 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 22nd 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 20th 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 21st at 10:30am

Friday, February 27th at 10:30 am

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Friday, March 27th at 10:30 am

Saturday, April 18th at 10:30 am

Friday, April 24th at 10:30 am

Monday, April 27 at 6:30pm

Saturday, May 16th at 10:30 am

Friday, May 29th at 10:30 am

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