

APRIL 2025

Resources, support & community

Connecting for Kids (CFK) provides resources, support and community to families in Northeast Ohio who have concerns about their child. We serve all families, including those children with and without diagnoses.

Designed for your family

Programs are designed to educate and support families of children (birth - 12 years). Look for these icons to choose programs for your family:

- Y** Families with young children (0-6 years)
- E** Families with elementary-aged children (7-12 years)
- A** All families with children (0-12 years)

Free programs

All Connecting for Kids programs are free and open to the public. For more information:

Call/Text: 440-570-5908
info@connectingforkids.org
connectingforkids.org/register

Connect With Us

It's free to join Connecting for Kids and start connecting with other Northeast Ohio families on a similar path.

connectingforkids.org/joinus



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Playgroups **Y**

Designed for caregivers and their children. connectingforkids.org/play

Inclusive Drop-In Playgroups

Get hands-on support, meet other families and connect to community resources while children play. Led by an Early Childhood Specialist, caregivers will learn strategies for dealing with behavior challenges, communication concerns and sensory issues. Registration is welcome but not required. For caregivers and their children ages 0-6 years.

Oberlin Public Library
Wednesday, April 16, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Adapted Playgroups

Adapted Playgroup is a safe, welcoming environment for caregivers of children with concerns about development. Your child will practice play and social skills while you get tips on everything from behavior to social skills from an Early Childhood Specialist. For caregivers and children ages 18 months - 6 years.

Lakewood Public Library, Main Branch

- Saturday, April 19, 9:30 a.m.

Westlake Porter Public Library

- Thursday, April 17, 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, April 18, 10:30 a.m.

Find Full Program Details & Register Online!

Learn more about our programs and register on our website. To get started, visit connectingforkids.org/register or use a smartphone camera to scan this QR code!



REGISTER

APRIL PROGRAMS

Music Therapy & More Y

Join us for a hands-on program designed to teach families how to use music to improve their child's academic, motor, communication and social skills as well as behavior. This program is designed for families and their children, ages 0 - 6 years, who have concerns about development. connectingforkids.org/music

Heights Libraries, Lee Road Branch

- Wednesday, April 9, 6:30 p.m.

Lakewood Public Library, Madison Branch

- Saturday, April 12, 9:30 a.m.

Middleburg Heights Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library

- Saturday, April 12, 11:00 a.m.

North Ridgeville Branch of Lorain Public Library System

- Thursday, April 24, 6:30 p.m.

Parma-Snow Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library

- Monday, April 7, 6:30 p.m.

Solon Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library

- Wednesday, April 16, 7:00 p.m.



Music Therapy & More: Elementary Age E

These sessions are designed for families and children ages 7-12 with complex needs or disabilities. Engage in singing, listening, instrument play and movement to music in an interactive environment. Families learn to use music to enhance gross motor skills, develop body awareness and practice social skills. connectingforkids.org/music

Lakewood Public Library, Main Branch
Thursday, April 10



Workshop

During workshop sessions, pediatric professionals will guide families in discussion, problem-solving and learning experiences. For in-person programs, free, supervised children's activities are available but adults and children must register separately.

connectingforkids.org/workshops

The Ugly Hour Y

Ochanya McRoberts-Wells, MEd, will discuss the ugly hour—that time before bed where chaos reigns and your little angel turns into a bedtime monster. She will provide you with tools to support a smoother bedtime and teach you nighttime rituals to establish predictability for the whole family.

Thursday, April 10, 6:00 p.m.

North Ridgeville Branch of Lorain Public Library System
Or Virtual



Share & Support Group

Join our support groups and meet other families facing similar concerns. For in-person programs, free, supervised children's activities are available but adults and children must register separately. connectingforkids.org/support

Color, Craft & Connect- Caregiver Support for Complex Needs A

Join CFK staff as we share joys (roses), struggles (thorns) and find some connection while we color and craft. Enjoy coffee and treats as you interact with others in a casual environment.

Tuesday, April 15, 6:30 p.m.

United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Cleveland, Iris S. and Bert L. Wolstein Center

REGISTER

Learn more about our programs and register on our website. To get started, visit connectingforkids.org/register or use a smartphone camera to scan this QR code!



Register now



Concerned? ASK US!

Ask Us is a free 30-minute call with a Family Resource Specialist who understands what it's like to be concerned about a child.

Get resources and support for:

- Getting a diagnosis
- New diagnosis
- School (IEPs/504s and more)
- Behavior
- Finding a therapist
- Funding
- Much more!

Time slots are available by phone or Zoom. To view available dates/times, visit connectingforkids.org/AskUs or scan the QR code with your smartphone camera.



Reserve now



NEVER MISS A PROGRAM

Don't wait for our program flier to come home in your child's backpack - join Connecting for Kids and you'll get our monthly newsletter with all the latest programs! Learn more online at: connectingforkids.org/joinus

APRIL PROGRAMS

Adapted Library Programs

For more information, visit connectingforkids.org/library.

Heights Libraries, Coventry Village Branch

Express-a-Story

Join us for child-led learning focused on building our skills in communication and self-expression. Come at 1:00 p.m. to consult with a speech language pathologist on building skills with alternative and augmentative communication (AAC) devices. Join us at 1:30 for a storytime and playtime with a librarian that offers more opportunity for practice. Children of all ages and abilities are welcome. Drop-in program, no registration required. Second Saturdays, January - April.

Saturday, April 12, 1:00 p.m.

Middleburg Heights Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library

GenZen Hangout: For Tweens of all Abilities in Grades 4-6

Play games, tinker, make art, and just hang out at our inclusive monthly meet-up.

Saturday, April 19, 3:00 p.m.

Parma-Snow Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library

P.A.L.S. Big Screen Sensory Friendly Movies

Join us for a Sensory Friendly Movie, where the sound is lower, the lights are brighter, and where talking, singing and moving is perfectly acceptable! Light refreshments available.

Friday, April 18, 11:00 a.m. Fantastic Mr. Fox

Solon Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library

GenZen Hangout: For Tweens of all Abilities in Grades 4-6

Play games, tinker, make art, and just hang out at our inclusive monthly meet-up.

Wednesday, April 9, 6:30 p.m.

Westlake Porter Public Library

Puppet Friends Inclusive Storytime

This inclusive storytime is followed by making your own puppet friend! It is designed for those children who may not be successful in a typical storytime environment and their peers. Ages 3-7.

Saturday, April 5, 11:00 a.m.

Adapted Storytimes

Children with varying learning styles and abilities learn together in a safe, supportive environment where respect and appreciation for differences are encouraged. This storytime is designed for children who may not be successful in a typical storytime experience. connectingforkids.org/library

Heights Libraries, Noble Neighborhood Branch

- Saturday, April 5, 10:30 a.m.

Middleburg Heights Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library

- Saturday, April 12, 11:00 a.m.

North Ridgeville Branch of Lorain Public Library System

- Tuesday, April 15, 6:30 p.m.

Parma-Snow Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library

- Tuesday, April 8, 11:00 a.m.

Rocky River Public Library

- Saturday, April 5, 11:00 a.m.

Solon Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library

- Saturday, April 12, 10:30 a.m.

Westlake Porter Public Library

- Thursday, April 10, 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, April 24, 6:30 p.m.



Connecting for Kids

RESOURCE FAIRS



PRE-REGISTER NOW

For more information or to pre-register, visit:

connectingforkids.org/resource-fairs

Resource fairs are free in-person events, with a drive-up grab & go option, offering resources for families with concerns about their youth (ages birth-22).

Who should attend?

Everyone concerned about a youth; including concerns about mental health, academics, disabilities and developmental delays.

Why CFK resource fairs?

Find resources and talk with service providers.

What is a grab & go?

Only have a few minutes? No problem! Drive up to the grab & go tent to quickly receive a bag of resources. Pre-registration required.

WHAT YOU'LL FIND

Adapted camps
Adapted sports & rec
Alternative schools
Behavioral health providers
Disability services
Educational advocates
Funding sources
Job services
Mental health providers
Music therapy programs
Occupational therapy
Physical therapy
Respite providers
Social skills programs
Specialty legal services
Speech-language therapy
Support groups
Transition services
Tutors and academic programs
Much more!

Eastern Cuyahoga

Wednesday, April 2 from
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Tri-C Eastern Campus in
Highland Hills

With Our Thanks

Programming is made possible in part by support from local organizations.

Community Foundation of Lorain County

Community West Foundation
Cuyahoga Arts & Culture

GPD Employees' Foundation

Healthy Lakewood Foundation

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Foundation

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Rotary Club of Westlake-Bay
Village

Locations

Avon Lake Public Library
32649 Electric Blvd.
440-933-8128

Heights Libraries, Lee Road Branch
2345 Lee Road
216-932-3600

Lakewood Family Room at Cove Community Center
12525 Lake Ave.
216-529-5018

Lakewood Public Library, Madison Branch
13229 Madison Ave.
216-228-7428

Lakewood Public Library, Main Library
15425 Detroit Ave.
216-226-8275

Middleburg Heights Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library
16699 Bagley Road
440-234-3600

North Ridgeville Branch of Lorain Public Library System
35700 Bainbridge Road
440-327-8326

Oberlin Public Library
65 South Main Street
440-775-4790

Parma-Snow Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library
2121 Snow Road
216-661-4240

Rocky River Public Library
1600 Hampton Road
440-333-7610

Solon Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library
34125 Portz Pkwy.
440-248-8777

United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Cleveland (UCP)
10011 Euclid Avenue,
Cleveland
(216) 354-2727

Westlake Porter Public Library 
27333 Center Ridge Road
440-871-2600



KultureCity® Sensory Inclusive™ certified. Every employee has gone through sensory awareness training.