

## CONNECTING FOR KIDS MARCH/APRIL 2026 PROGRAMS



### 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.

#### March/April Programs

Learn more about our free programs:

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#### 2026 Resource Fairs

**Lorain County**  
March 18 from 6-8 p.m.

**Eastern Cuyahoga**  
March 31 from 6-8 p.m.

[\*\*connectingforkids.org/resource-fairs\*\*](https://connectingforkids.org/resource-fairs)

#### Concerned? Ask Us!

Ask Us is a free 30-minute call with another parent who gets what it's like to be concerned about a child. Our Family Resource Specialists will also give you tailored resources for your family.

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## SPEAKER SERIES

### *Supporting the Whole Child (ages 0-12)*

Join Abby Schultz, MS, EIS, of Purposeful Growth & Wellness, for a conversation on how understanding a child's full developmental picture can lead to deeper, more personalized support. This program will introduce key ideas from Polyvagal Theory and DIR/Floortime, highlighting how a focus on safety, connection and child-led play can transform how we understand behavior.

📍 [Middleburg Heights Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library](#)  
Wednesday, April 1, 6:30 p.m.

### *Understanding Your Child's Unique Voice (ages 0-12)*

Join Anne Fleming Anderson, MA, CCC-SLP, Senior Clinical Speech Pathologist with the Cleveland Clinic, who will introduce key ideas from Gestalt language processing, explore how to reframe traditional views of speech and pragmatic language and offer practical tools for supporting communication in a way that is respectful, responsive and empowering.

📍 [Lakewood Public Library, Main Library](#)  
Wednesday, April 15, 6:30 p.m.

## WORKSHOPS

## *Pizza, Prizes and Waivers: A Night of Fun & Learning (ages 0-12)*

Join Ginger Wilson, from Disability Rights Ohio, who will break down the basics of waivers, eligibility, what they cover and how to navigate the appeals process if needed. Enjoy pizza, snacks, games and prizes while connecting with other families in your community. This event is presented in partnership with M.O.V.E. - Mamas Organizing Voter Economics.

📍 *North Ridgeville Branch, Lorain Public Library System (Hybrid)*  
Thursday, April 9, 6:00 p.m.

## SHARE & SUPPORT GROUPS

### *Caregiver Support Group: Parenting is Lonely (ages 0-12)*

Share & Support is a peer support group where caregivers can meet families on a similar journey. Join CFK staff for virtual, monthly themed sessions where we'll share our "roses" (joys), "thorns" (struggles) and "buds" (hopes) to foster connection and support.

Virtual  
Monday, March 30, 7:00 p.m.

## MUSIC THERAPY & MORE

### *Music Therapy & More (ages 0-6)*

- For families with a concern about their child, ages 0-6
- Led by a Board Certified Music Therapist
- Learn to use music to improve academic, motor skills, communication and behavior

📍 *Heights Libraries, Lee Road Branch*

Session begins at 6:30 p.m.

- Wednesday, April 8

📍 *Middleburg Heights Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library*

Sessions begin at 11:00 a.m.

- Saturday, April 11

📍 *Parma-Snow Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library*

Session begins at 6:30 p.m.

- Monday, April 13

📍 *Lakewood Public Library, Madison Branch*

Sessions begin at 9:30 a.m.

- Saturday, April 11

📍 *North Ridgeville Branch of Lorain Public Library System*

Sessions begin at 6:30 p.m.

- Thursday, March 26
- Thursday, April 23

### Reminder

Music Therapy & More sessions open on a month-by-month basis. Registration for next month's session will not open until the current month session is over.

📍 *Maple Heights Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library*

Sessions begin at 10:00 a.m.

- Saturday, March 28
- Saturday, April 25

📍 *Oberlin Public Library*

Session begins at 6:30 p.m.

- Wednesday, April 15

### *Music Therapy & More: Elementary Age (ages 7-12)*

- For families and children ages 7-12 with complex needs or disabilities
- Led by a Board Certified Music Therapist
- Learn to use music to enhance gross motor skills, develop body awareness and practice social skills.

📍 *Lakewood Public Library, Main Library*  
Thursday, April 9, 6:30 p.m.

## PLAYGROUPS

### Inclusive Drop-in Playgroup (ages 0-6)

- For families with children - with or without disabilities or delays
- Led by an Early Childhood Specialist
- Connect with other families and get free resources from our staff

📍 Lakewood Family Room

Thursday, April 2 from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

### Adapted Playgroups (ages 18 months - 6 years)

- For families with concerns about their child's development
- Led by an Early Childhood Specialist
- Your child will practice play and social skills while you get tips

📍 Lakewood Public Library, Main Library

Session begins at 9:30 a.m.

- Saturday, March 21
- Saturday, April 18

📍 Westlake Porter Public Library

Thursday session begins at 6:30 p.m. and  
Friday session begins at 10:30 a.m.

- Thursday, March 19
- Friday, March 20
- Thursday, April 16
- Friday, April 17

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## ADAPTED LIBRARY PROGRAMS

### Storytimes

📍 Heights Libraries, Noble Neighborhood Branch

- Saturday, April 4, 10:30 a.m.

📍 Middleburg Heights Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library

- Saturday, March 21, 11:00 a.m.
- Saturday, April 25, 11:00 a.m.

📍 North Ridgeville Branch of Lorain Public Library System

- Tuesday, March 17, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 14, 6:30 p.m.

📍 Oberlin Public Library System

- Thursday, March 26, 6:30 p.m.

📍 Parma-Snow Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library

- Tuesday, April 14, 11:00 a.m.

📍 Rocky River Public Library

- Saturday, April 4, 11:00 a.m.

📍 Westlake Porter Public Library

- Wednesday, April 1, 10:30 a.m.

### Adapted Programming

📍 Heights Libraries, Coventry Village Branch

**ASL Storytime with Liliana Pokorny**

- Saturday, March 28, 11:00 a.m.
- Saturday, April 25, 11:00 a.m.

**Express-a-Story**

- Saturday, April 4, 10:30 a.m.
- Saturday, May 2, 10:30 a.m.

📍 Westlake Porter Public Library

**Adapted Weekend Fun**

- Saturday, April 25, 11:00 a.m.

**Kids in the Kitchen**

- Saturday, March 28, 1:30 p.m.

To register for any Connecting for Kids program, visit: [connectingforkids.org/register](https://connectingforkids.org/register)

