

October 2022

You're not alone

Connecting for Kids (CFK) provides education and support to families who have concerns about their child. We serve all families, including those children with and without formal diagnoses. CFK offers educational programs, support groups, a Parent Match Program and numerous resources.

Designed for your family

Programs are designed to educate and support families of children (birth - 12 years) who are struggling. 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
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connectingforkids.org/register


Connect With Us

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

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Behavior Chat

Do you want strategies to motivate your child towards positive behavior? Do you wish you had a kit filled with proactive "tools" you could use to get ahead of meltdowns before they start? Join us to learn how to use the tools in our Behavior Toolkit to help your child manage emotions. Each attendee will receive a free Behavior Toolkit.

The content in this program is geared toward caregivers of children ages 18 months - 6 years (with or without developmental concerns).

At each session, Ochanya McRoberts-Wells, MEd, of Connecting for Kids, will discuss the theme of the month and answer your questions on a variety of topics, which can be asked during the program or submitted upon registration. connectingforkids.org/behavior-chat

How Structure Can Prevent Meltdowns **Y**

Thursday, Oct. 6, 6:30 p.m.
Euclid Public Library

New Eastside Program!

Free Behavior Toolkit!

Each family who attends the Behavior Chat program will receive a free toolkit. Tools include visuals, parent guides, schedules and more!

Find podcasts from past Behavior Chat programs at connectingforkids.org/behavior-series



Register at connectingforkids.org/register

OCTOBER ADULT PROGRAMS

Share & Support Group

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

The Explosive Child Book Club A

Dr. Ross W. Greene's ground-breaking book, "The Explosive Child," has become a model for helping families to overcome their child's challenging behavior. Join Karla Fitch, MTSC, of Connecting for Kids, for this six-week, peer-led book club that begins with an in-person session and then meets virtually to explore the book together. Each week, we'll discuss different sections of the book and support each other as we learn to use collaborative and proactive problem-solving with our children. Families who commit to participating in this book club can check out a copy of the book from Westlake Porter Public Library at the first session.

Saturday, Oct. 1, 1:00 p.m.
Westlake Porter Public Library

Mom Guilt A

Do you compare yourself to other moms or feel like you are not doing enough for your child? Do you second-guess decisions you've made for your child? Often the need to do everything "right" is especially strong for those who have a child with developmental concerns. Join Rebekah Bryson, LISW, as she provides tips for building confidence in your value as a parent. This program is not only for moms but for all caregivers.

Tuesday, Oct. 11, 6:30 p.m.
Middleburg Heights Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library

Mom Guilt for Families of Children with Complex Needs A

As the mom of a child with complex needs, do you feel the need to do all the "right" therapies and treatments even if it is exhausting? Do you sacrifice your own needs to provide care for your child? Join us as we learn tips for building confidence in our value as parents. We will also discuss the importance of caring for ourselves so that we can better meet the needs of our children. This program is not only for moms but for all caregivers.

Tuesday, Oct. 25, 8:30 p.m.
Virtual



Speech and Language Consult A

Do others find your child's speech difficult to understand? Does your child have trouble talking or playing with other children? Does your child have difficulty understanding what you say? If so, register to attend a Speech and Language Consult, either in-person or virtually, where you and your child will meet with a pediatric speech-language pathologist from Mercy Health Children's Hospital or KidSpeak, LLC. This 15-minute consultation is open to children ages 18 months - 12 years. Your child will have the chance to engage in communication activities while caregivers and therapists discuss concerns and strategies to help at home. connectingforkids.org/consult

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
North Ridgeville Branch of Lorain Public Library System and Virtual



Ask Us 1:1 A

Do you need help navigating resources for your child? Would you like to meet one-on-one with a CFK staff member? Register for a 30-minute time slot during our monthly Ask Us 1:1 and get information on a wide range of concerns from adapted program options and school struggles to mental health and specific diagnoses. Time slots are available by phone, Zoom or Facebook Messenger to meet your needs. To view available dates/times, visit connectingforkids.org/support.

OCTOBER PROGRAMS WITH MY CHILD



Music Therapy & More Y

This program is designed for families and their children, ages 0 - 6 years, who are struggling in an area of development. 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 led by a Board-Certified Music Therapist. connectingforkids.org/music

Euclid Public Library

- Thursday, Oct. 20, 6:30 p.m.

Middleburg Heights Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library

- Saturday, Oct. 22, 10:30 a.m.

North Ridgeville Branch of Lorain Public Library System

- Thursday, Oct. 27, 6:30 p.m.

Solon Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library

- Friday, Oct. 21, 10:30 a.m.

Westlake Porter Public Library

Sessions begin at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

- Friday, Oct. 14
- Saturday, Oct. 15

Teach Me to Play Y

You will have the chance to interact with our experienced Early Intervention Specialist and Speech-Language Pathologist who can provide strategies for dealing with problem behaviors or tips for increasing your child's communication skills. This program is specifically designed for caregivers and children ages 18 months- 6 years who are struggling in an area of development. connectingforkids.org/play

Thursday Preschool session begins at 6:30 p.m., Friday Preschool session begins at 9:30 a.m. and Friday Toddler session begins at 11:30 a.m.

- Thursday, Oct. 27
- Friday, Oct. 28

Westlake Porter Public Library



Adapted Library Programs

For more information, visit connectingforkids.org/library.

Cleveland Magic and Balloons Adapted Storytime

Experience magic and balloon artistry in an inclusive environment that is understanding and empathetic. Materials and facilitator generously provided through a grant from Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Ages 3 - 7.

Saturday, Oct. 15, 10:30 a.m.
Westlake Porter Public Library

Adapted Storytimes

Children with varying learning styles and abilities learn together in a safe, supportive environment where respect and appreciation for differences is encouraged. This storytime is designed for children who may not be successful in a typical storytime experience. Content is geared toward ages 3 - 7 years, but all ages are welcome. Siblings may also attend but must register separately. For more information, visit connectingforkids.org/library.

Euclid Public Library

- Saturday, Oct. 15, 10:30 a.m.

Lakewood Public Library, Main Library

- Saturday, Oct. 22, 2:00 p.m.

Middleburg Heights Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library

- Saturday, Oct. 8, 11:00 a.m.

North Ridgeville Branch of Lorain Public Library System

- Tuesday, Oct. 4, 6:30 p.m.

Rocky River Public Library

- Saturday, Oct. 8, 10:00 a.m.

Solon Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library

- Saturday, Oct. 29, 10:30 a.m.

Westlake Porter Public Library

- Thursday, Oct. 6, 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 20, 6:30 p.m.

With Our Thanks

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

Ask Us 1:1

Supported by a grant from the Nordson Corporation Foundation.

North Ridgeville Programs

The Music Therapy & More program is supported by a grant from the Lakeland Community Foundation Endowment Fund.

Westlake Programs

Presented in partnership with the Rotary Club of Westlake-Bay Village. Music Therapy & More is supported in part by the residents of Cuyahoga County through a public grant from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture. Teach Me to Play is supported by a grant from GPD Employees' Foundation.



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Locations

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

Euclid Public Library
631 E 222 St.
216-261-5300

**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
Cuyahoga County Public
Library**
16699 Bagley Rd.
440-234-3600

**North Ridgeville Branch
Lorain Public Library System**
35700 Bainbridge Rd.
440-327-8326

Rocky River Public Library
1600 Hampton Rd.
440-333-7610

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

**Westlake Porter Public
Library** 
27333 Center Ridge Rd.
440-871-2600

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