



Come on, join in ... meet others ...

Kinship Activities February 2011

Judy attends Kinship Clubs & is one of the friendly voices on the phone urging you to attend too.

Grandparents and other relatives (of any age) raising children come meet other kinship families.

No charge—free meals, programs for adults, elementary aged children and teens; child care for infants and toddlers.

Mayores Kinship Club Thurs., Feb. 3, 11:30 a.m.

Topic:

Why is my child acting out!/HELP!!!

Presenter: Dr. Monique Marrow, The Cullen Center
Mayores Senior Center, Two Gonzalez Way
(Between The Trail and Broadway on South Street.)

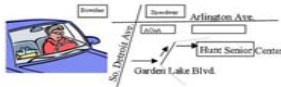
South Kinship Club - Wed., Feb, 23, 5:30 p.m.

Adult Topic:

Having School Issues/Special Education Problems?

Presenter: L. Kate Mitchell, Medical Legal Partnership for Children Legal Aid of Western Ohio, Inc.

Hunt Senior Center, 2121 Garden Lake Parkway (See map below.)

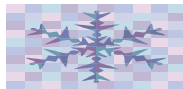


Children's & Teens programming

Are you new to this "kinship parenting" thing?

You are not alone! Come try one of the Kinship Clubs. Enjoy a meal, relax, meet others and get support. Meet the Kinship staff- they want to meet you!

Questions? Call Lorri at 419-725-7042.



Inclement Weather Advisory:

If there is a winter weather advisory and Toledo Public Schools are closed the kinship club meeting will be cancelled. To double check please call Lorri to verify at 419-725-7042.

Cut Off Kinship Club Schedule & Post on the Fridge.

Heroes In Our Midst



Cyndi and Mark Wright were not expecting an addition to their family after Mr. Wright was severely injured in an industrial accident. However, when Angel the six year old daughter of Mrs. Wright's second cousin needed their care fulltime they did not hesitate to provide it. Angel is a bright young girl full of energy, she made the honor roll, loves to help prepare family meals, dance, outdoor activities and playing with her friends. Cyndi and Mark are devoted to making sure Angel has all the support she needs. Cyndi and Mark we honor you!

**Area Office on Aging
Kinship Navigator Program**
2155 Arlington Ave.
Toledo, Ohio 43609



The Kinship Navigator Program is supported by the Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio, Inc., Lucas County Children's Services, Lucas County Job & Family Services, and the Area Office on Aging's Family Caregiver Support Program.



Education Corner

Individualized Education Program/IEP Season (Part III of III)
L. Kate Mitchell, Staff Attorney, Medical Legal Partnership for Children, Legal Aid of Western Ohio, Inc.

Tips for preparing for your child's IEP meeting

Review old evaluations, IEPs, progress reports, grade cards, past assignments, and other medical or mental health records prior to the IEP meeting. Keep samples of your child's assignments so that you can monitor progress independently of the school. Keep track of your child's adjustment back to school and progress after summer and other vacations so that you can discuss extended school year services at the meeting.



Make a list of questions that you have for the school staff and providers regarding your child's progress. If your child has not been reaching past IEP goals or is not making progress, you should ask questions about alternative goals, services, and/or placements. You can provide a list of questions to the school prior to the IEP meeting.

Here are some questions to get you thinking about the process:

- Draft a list of goals that you have for your child.
- Where would you like to see your child when they graduate from school?
- Where would you like to see your child in a year?
- What specific skills or improvements would you like to see your child make over the year?
- the goals?

What specific services do you think your child needs in order for your child to progress and reach the goals?

Make sure to review the book *Who's Idea is This?* prior to the IEP meeting. This is a manual published by the Ohio Department of Education each year to provide parents with information about special education laws and procedures. You should request a copy of this guide prior to the IEP meeting so that you can review it in advance of the meeting. The manual is also available on the ODE webpage at www.ode.state.oh.us. The ODE web site also contains other information about special education rights. Other Resources:
Ohio Legal Rights Service: <http://www.ohls.org>
Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities: <http://ocecd.org>



Still Time to Attend!!!

**Diabetes Self Management
Workshop Series Begins Thursday
Jan. 20, 2011 **
9:30 am – 12 noon
Westmoor Retirement
1001 N. Byrne Rd.
For more info and
to register call
Tammy Smith : 419-725-7038**

NEW KINSHIP CLUB COMING SOON!



**We want to hear from you!
PLEASE CALL LORRI WITH YOUR INPUT
BY MARCH 1ST. 419-725-7042
What area of town would you like a new club?**



What time would you attend?



What day of the week would you attend?



Kinship Caregiver Workshop Sensory Learning Program

Is your family struggling with any of the following?

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| ADD/ADHD | Autism |
| Speech and Language delays | Behavioral Trauma |
| Self-stimulation behaviors | Cerebral Palsy |
| Inability to focus | Developmental Delay |
| Down Syndrome | |

**Learn how the Sensory Learning Program can help.
Presented by: Dr. Jeffery Schmakel, Director
Sensory Learning Center**

**Please Join Us - Saturday, March 5th
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Meal & Childcare Provided**