

Parenting TIPS

Simple steps to connect with your child

Take care of yourself so you can care for your child.

Becoming a parent can be overwhelming. Unless you take care of yourself, it will be hard to take good care of your child. Don't be afraid to ask for help with caring for your child.

Provide a warm and loving environment.

Helping your child feel safe is the key to encouraging her healthy growth and development. Make sure you give her a lot of attention.

Talk, sing and read with your child.

The young child is especially interested in sounds-the building blocks of speech and language. You can form a deep emotional connection with your child just by talking to him.

Create a predictable world for your child.

Providing routines teaches your child that you and the world around her are trustworthy. If your child understands this, she will spend less energy fussing over her needs and more time learning.

Understand and respond to your child's needs.

This will reduce stress and help your baby learn to soothe himself. Responding to your child also teaches him that you care and that he can trust you to read his signals.



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April 2010

Child and Family Awareness Month



Dedicated to building a solid foundation of community support for children and families.



Celebrating 23 years of Child and Family Awareness Month!

SUPPORTING organizations

Child and Family Awareness Month is presented through collaboration of many Summit County organizations serving children and families.

SUPPORTING organizations include:

- 7-11 Corvette Club
- A Beautiful Child's Preschool & Daycare ACCESS, Inc.
- Akron Area Association of Churches
- Akron Area YMCA
- Akron Beacon Journal
- Akron Children's Hospital
- Akron City Prosecutors
- Akron Family Institute
- Akron General Health System
- Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority
- Akron Police Department, The
- Akron Public Schools
- Akron Public Schools Early Learning Program
- Akron Summit Community Action, Inc.
- Akron UMADAOP, Inc.
- Akron Urban League
- All About Kids Daycare & Preschool
- American Printing, Inc.
- Area Agency on Aging
- Bath Township Police Department
- Battered Women's Shelter
- Beech Brook
- Big Brothers & Sisters of Summit and Medina Counties
- Blick Clinic
- Brightside Academy
- Brightside Academy Early Care & Education
- Buckeye Community Health Plan
- CASA Board Volunteer Association
- CASA/Gal Program of Summit County
- Child Guidance & Family Solutions
- Citizen's Advisory Committee of Summit County Children Services
- City of Akron, Mayor's Office
- City of Barberton
- City of Fairlawn
- City of Norton
- City of Stow
- Color Our Rainbow Academy
- Community Health Center
- Community Support Services
- County of Summit Developmental Disabilities Board
- Creative Cooperative Preschool
- Cuyahoga Falls Library
- CYO and Community Services
- Dawn Tindal & Associates, Inc.
- D. Eric Dennis, DDS
- Downtown Akron Kiwanis
- East Akron Community House
- Fairlawn Village Preschool
- Faith United Methodist Preschool
- Falls Family Practice
- Family & Children First Council
- FedEx Custom Critical
- First Apostolic Faith Church
- First Church of God
- First Congregational Church of Tallmadge
- FirstMerit Bank
- G.A.S.P. - Guardians Against Sex Predators
- J.H. Gerstenmaier, D.D.S./Pediatric Dentistry
- Girl Scouts of North East Ohio
- Hagen Rowland Group, The
- Help Me Grow
- Jewish Community Board of Akron, Inc.
- Johnson's Corners Preschool
- Junior Achievement of North Central Ohio, Inc.
- Kids Academy of Copley
- Kids Play - Green
- KidSpace Childcare and Learning Center
- Kiwanis Club of Portage Lakes, Inc.
- Robert M. Lazarow, D.D.S.
- Le Chaperon Rouge
- Life Skills Summit County
- Lighthouse Christian Fellowship
- Charles A. Mandis, D.D.S., F.A.G.D.
- Mayor, Village of Reminderville
- Mental Health America of Summit County
- Robert A. Miller, D.D.S.
- Mobile Meals, Inc.
- Mount Lebanon Baptist Church
- Women's Outreach Ministry
- Munroe Falls Police Department
- New Adventures Early Learning & Child Development Center
- New Franklin Police Department
- Nordonia Hills Clinic, Inc.
- Northminster Cooperative Pre-School
- Norton City School District
- Pastoral Counseling Service
- Pathway Caring for Children
- Peak Dental Arts, Inc.
- Planned Parenthood of Northeast Ohio
- Presiding Judge John E. Holcomb
- Project GRAD Akron
- Public Libraries of Summit County
- Queen of Heaven Church
- Richfield Police Department
- R.I.G.H.T. - Residents Improving Goodyear Heights Together
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- Salvation Army of Barberton, The
- Sanctuary of Praise International Ministries, The
- St. Mark Lutheran Church
- Silver Lake Police Department
- Stow Child Care Center
- Summit Academy Akron Middle School
- Summit County Child Support Enforcement Agency
- Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Thomas A. Teodosio
- Summit County Council
- Summit County Democratic Party
- Summit County Department of Job & Family Services
- Summit County Domestic Relations Court
- Summit County Educational Service Center
- Summit County Health District
- Summit County Juvenile Court
- Summit County Prosecutor's Office
- Summit County Sheriff's Office
- Summit County Traumatic Brain Injury Collaborative
- Tallmadge Kiddie Kollege/F.A.C.T. Academy
- Tallmadge Police Department
- The Chapel
- The K Company, Inc.
- Tots Landing Daycare and Preschool
- Towpath Preschool
- Toy & Resource Center
- Treehouse Preschool
- True North Ministry
- United Disability Services
- University of Akron School of Law
- Victim Assistance Program
- Village Network, The
- Walnut Woods Preschool & Child Care
- Women's Auxiliary Board of Summit County Children Services
- Women's Board of Summit County Juvenile Court
- David Yonas, Ph.D., L.P.C.C., I.M.F.T.

Those names in italics are part of the Community Business Network providing financial support to the Month.

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Event Schedule

Online registration is now available! See event listing where it's indicated.

March 15, 16 & 24 – 4:30 – 6 p.m.
March 25 – 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.



In-Service Training Series for Educators

Summit County Educational Service Center, Cuyahoga Falls

This series of four programs provides a comprehensive overview of issues related to child welfare, targeted for the needs of Summit County teachers and other professionals. Topics include recognizing and reporting child abuse, bullying, suicide prevention and substance abuse and positive youth development. For registration information and fees, contact Ann Hess at (330) 956-5600, x511259.

March 27 – 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Creative Contests Awards Ceremony



Akron Art Museum, Downtown Akron

Winners of the Creative Contests held at the preschool, elementary, middle and high school levels will be recognized. The winning entries will be on display at the main Akron-Summit County Public Library throughout the month of April. This event is by invitation only.

April 3 – 9 – 11:30 a.m.

Saturday Speaker Series: Responding to Youth with Special Needs

Hosted by Summit County Juvenile Court
Idabelle Firestone Center Auditorium,
Summa Health System, Akron



Representatives from the Summit County Sheriff's Office, Akron Police Department and Summit County Juvenile Court will discuss how to best serve youth with developmental disabilities when the family seeks criminal justice interventions. This event is FREE and open to the public. Parking validation not offered. For more information, call (330) 643-2446.

April 7 – 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Kinship Family Bowling Day

Bill White's Akron Lanes – 2911 E. Waterloo Rd., Akron



Celebrate the arrival of spring with some family fun! Kinship care providers and their children (only) are invited to spend this spring break day enjoying bowling and lunch together. The first 200 children and caregivers to register will receive FREE bowling and lunch! For more information or to make a reservation by April 2, call (330) 996-1080 or [register online at www.summitkids.org](http://www.summitkids.org).

April 10 – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Summit Mall and Western Reserve PBS Family Expo

Summit Mall, Fairlawn



Summit Mall will be filled with family-focused entertainment and informational booths! Western Reserve PBS is proud to present two special guests during Family Expo: Buddy, from the program *Dinosaur Train* and Miss Rosa, PBS KIDS Host. Families will enjoy a magical PBS KIDS performance with Miss Rosa at Noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. on the event stage. Each show will be followed by a meet-n-greet session. Event is FREE and open to the community.

April 13 – 8:30 a.m. – Noon

Close-Up® on What You Need to Know about the Misuse and Abuse of Technology

William H. Considine Professional Building, Akron Children's Hospital

Technology is everywhere ... personal computers, notebooks, laptops, cell phones, i-phones, i-pods, BlackBerries, MP3 players ... and more. Then there are all the different ways to communicate with one another: e-mails, tweets, postings, uploads, downloads, texting, blogging, IMing, Facebook, MySpace, YouTube ... the list keeps going. This year's Close-Up expert panel and role play will focus on three key misuses and abuses of technology: Cyberbullying, Sexual Exploitation and Sexting. Professionals and parents will develop a better understanding of these misuses, learn how to recognize the signs and how to address these issues with our youth. **THIS IS A FREE EVENT. Register online at www.summitkids.org.**

April 15 – 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Preserving and Strengthening Kinship Families

The Chapel, 135 Fir Hill, Akron

This workshop is designed for Summit County kinship caregivers to learn about the many resources available throughout the community. Kinship caregivers will have the opportunity to hear from an individual raised by

her grandmother. Also, several community agency representatives will be available to share information regarding their programs and answer questions. For more information or to register, call (330) 379-1871. **Register online at www.summitkids.org.**

April 16 – 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Professional Symposium

Quaker Inn at The University of Akron



"Catching Them Young: Early Intervention and Prevention of Childhood Violence"

Keynote speakers, William Steele from the Trauma Learning Institute in Michigan and Dr. Diane Levin from Wheelock College in Boston, will present a variety of strategies to form a community response to trauma and violence and develop a safe and nurturing environment for children who have experienced violence. For more information, call (330) 543-8942 or visit www.akronchildrens.com/calendar.

April 17 – 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Zoorific! at the Akron Zoo



Join us for springtime fun at the Akron Zoo! The first 1,000 persons to register with Summit County Children Services will receive FREE admission to the Zoo. You MUST make an advance reservation to attend. **Reservation lines open March 29 – call (330) 379-2040.** This event will be held RAIN OR SHINE. Attendees are also encouraged to donate a new children's book to benefit the Readers at Risk Program.

National Victim Rights Week - April 18-24

April 18 – 6 p.m.

Victim Rights Candlelight Vigil

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
1361 W. Market Street, Akron

April 20 – 11:30 a.m.

Victim Rights Luncheon

Greek Community Center
129 S. Union Street, Akron

For more information call the Victim Assistance Program at (330) 376-0040.

April 22 – 7 – 9 a.m.

Professional Recognition/Awards Breakfast

City Centre Hotel, Downtown Akron

The Alliance of Summit County Childcaring Providers is proud to honor Summit County professionals who serve the abused and neglected children in Summit County. This recognition breakfast honors professionals in a variety of areas who serve the abused and neglected children in our community. For more information, call (330) 928-0044.

April 22 – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Hip-Hop-Ademics: the Music that Literally 'Raps' Children into Learning!

Presented by Akron Area Association for the Education of Young Children (AAAEYC)



Guy's Party Centre, Akron

With Hip-Hop-Ademics, Brian Holland uses the mass appeal of hip-hop music to spread a positive and educational message designed to reach young children and instill a contagious and lifelong love of interactive learning. Mr. Holland is a gifted educator who has long been interested in bringing the excitement of popular culture into the classroom. Cost is \$13 for AAAEYC members, \$15 for non-members. For more information, call Child Care Connection at (330) 376-7706.

April 24 – 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Child Abuse and Neglect Training

Presented by Summit County Children Services
Summit County Children Services, Akron

This three-hour review training is available to childcare employees or in-home ODJFS childcare providers. It follows the curriculum set forth by law and includes the indicators of child abuse and neglect, mandated reporting, mental health and substance abuse and prevention of child abuse. It is an engaging training with fun interactive lessons. For more information, contact Julia Mothersbaugh at (330) 379-2090. **Register online at www.summitkids.org.**

April 30 – 8 – 10:30 a.m.

Community Appreciation Breakfast

Hosted by the Citizen's Advisory Committee
of Summit County Children Services
Martin University Center, Akron

This Appreciation Breakfast is a "salute to those who care," as a way to honor organizations, agencies, businesses, civic groups, families and individuals who have supported the children and families served by Summit County Children Services over the past year. Special recognition will be given to selected "Champions for Children" whose accomplishments have significantly contributed to the well-being of children and families of this community. **Register online at www.summitkids.org.** For more information, call (330) 379-1994.

Pinwheels for Prevention

This statewide awareness campaign helps to bring attention to the issue of child abuse and neglect. Look for pinwheels on display at various locations throughout Summit County.



For additional information about any program listed, please call Summit County Children Services, the coordinating agency for Child and Family Awareness Month, at (330) 379-1994 or visit www.summitkids.org.

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