



Greene County Board of D.D. *Four Oaks Early Intervention*

EI Adventure Map

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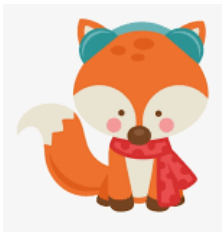
Director Dr.



Dear Parents,

I hope that when you receive this letter, it finds you and your family well! I wanted to extend my sincere thanks to all of you who have hung in there with us and allowed us to continue serving your family through this unprecedented time. This year has absolutely presented its challenges, but I am confident that we will all come out stronger for it. My hope is that we continue a positive outlook as we begin the transition to the colder months and the holidays, while focusing on what really matters; the health, happiness, and safety of our loved ones. I'm so glad that we were able to arrange a Virtual Visit with Santa this year. I hope to see/hear each of you there while we sing along to some of Santa's favorite songs!

Take care and remember that we are here for you. We will continue our commitment of offering the best quality services for your child and family.



Best Regards,

Jennifer Frey

Jennifer Frey, Early Childhood Program Director

Bulletin Blvd.

Important Dates:

Sing Along with Santa: Thursday, December 3 @ 10:00 –11:00 a.m. *see flyer for details*

Story Time with Beth: Wednesdays & Fridays - 11:30-12:00, RSVP @ bbrennaman@greenedd.org or contact your PSP

Primary Service Provider Meetings: Tuesdays, *contact PSP for details*

Four Oaks Closed:

November 26-27th. Thanksgiving
December 24-25th. Christmas
December 31st New Years Eve

Hours/Delivery of Services:

Monday through Friday: 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Four Oaks direct staff are continuing to provide virtual visits to all of our EI families through the winter months/cold and flu season. Your PSP will contact you when in-person visits resume as a service delivery option. Future service delivery, virtual included, will be discussed and be decided jointly amongst the EI team (your family included). Virtual visits will continue to be the primary mode of service delivery as we transition out of the pandemic, and will continue to be an option in the future. In addition, all EI staff will continue working remotely through the spring to ensure health and safety for all. Although staff are not working directly from our building, they are available during our regular business hours.



Parent/Caregivers Welcome Way

With our Primary Service Provider (PSP) evidence-based practices, every family has access to a multidisciplinary Core Team consisting of our Developmental Specialists (DS), Occupational Therapists (OT), Physical Therapists (PT), Speech and Language Pathologists (SLP) and an Early Intervention Service Coordinator (EISC). We have also continued to work closely with other agencies in the area to better meet specific needs such as the Deaf Community Resource Center, The Ohio State School for the Blind, and Child Focus (Infant Mental Health). In addition, we have our Program Licensed Social Worker and our Sign Language Specialist available.

We want to remind families that they have access to weekly Core Team meetings that include updates, coaching, and discussion about how to best meet family needs and how to best promote their child's learning and development. Each child is updated quarterly and discussed during coaching when needed. Families are welcome to attend via virtual platform (GoToMeeting), or call in during the portion of the meeting that their child and family are being discussed. Please contact your PSP if you would like to be in attendance or if you would like more information.

Announcement Ave.

- Four Oaks Family Support Team has arranged for a special virtual visit with Santa. Mark your calendars for Thursday, December 3rd. And join us for a caroling good time. *See flyer for details.*
- Four Oaks Developmental Specialists, Betty Gee & Kaitlyn Gillum are now able to offer Infant Massage classes via GoToMeeting. *See flyer for details.*
- Four Oaks, Occupational Therapist, Linda Martin and Developmental Specialist, Julie Snider are now able to offer The Tummy Time Method via GoToMeeting. *See flyer for details.*

Resource Rd.

- Story Time with Beth: Wednesdays & Fridays - 11:30-12:00, *Contact PSP for details.*
- For additional support and information on motor, sensory or communication development visit www.pathways.org
- Greene County Public Library offers in person and virtual story time options. Visit <https://greenelibrary.info/> click on the events tab for upcoming events.
- Four Oaks playground will remain closed at this time.
- Looking for the latest Program information and upcoming activities? Check us out at the following sites:
Greene County Board of DD website: www.greenedd.org
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/greencountydd/>
Twitter: <https://twitter.com/greenecodd1>

If you must cancel or reschedule an appointment:

Please call your Primary Service Provider (PSP) or the Four Oaks scheduler at (937)562-7003 if you will be unable to keep your scheduled appointment.



MY RIGHTS

Language simplification of the Greene County Board of DD's Bill of Rights

I have the right:

- To be treated nicely at all times and as an individual.
- To a safe, clean home. (if a licensed home, it is checked every year by the State and by the local fire department)
- To be alone with family and friends.
- To get meals that are healthy and good for me.
- To go to the church of my choice, or not to go to church at all.
- To go to the doctor or dentist when I need to, and as soon as I need to.
- To have people help me with the way I talk, walk, or do things with my hands.
- To get people to help me with the way I act and/or feel.
- To accept assistance or training without it being forced on me.
- To have some time to myself and a place to be by myself.
- To use the telephone, write letters, or talk with anyone I want about any topic I want to discuss, in a responsible way.
- To keep things of my own that I choose to have.
- To socialize and to be friends with both men and women.
- To join in activities and do things that will help me grow to be the best person I can be.
- To have a job and make money.
- To be treated like everyone else under the law. (No one should hit me, hurt me, yell at me, or say mean and hurtful things to me.)
- To go to school or work and meet and work with other people.
- To programs that will help me, and to participate in activities.
- To decide things that will affect me.
- To ask someone like my parents, an advocate, or a friend to speak with me and/or for me and help me do things.
- To manage and spend my own money based on my ability to do so.
- To have the information in my file kept private.
- To complain if I don't agree with something, and to not be threatened by others to change my mind or get me in trouble.
- To learn about how laws are made; join in community decisions; vote for people who I want to make laws; and be able to tell them how I feel about the laws.
- To say "no" to being a part of any study or experiment.

I cannot be given medications to control my behavior, be tied up, held down, or locked up unless it is needed to keep me from hurting others, myself, or if I have agreed and there is a written plan in place.

We are here for you

If at any time you should have questions or concern about the services we provide to your child and family please know that GCBDD, Four Oaks Leadership and Staff are here to support you. You may contact us via your Primary Service Provider (PSP) or by calling the main Program number, (937) 562-7000.

Thank you for allowing us the privilege of serving your family!



FOUR OAKS EARLY INTERVENTION
**VIRTUAL SING ALONG WITH SANTA
AND STORYTIME WITH BETH**

Thursday, December 3rd
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.



Where: Join us virtually from the comfort of your home via GoToMeeting

RSVP: Contact your Primary Service Provider (PSP)





Four Oaks Early Intervention

Invites you to join:

Infant Massage

Our Sensational Baby Infant Massage is taught in a relaxing and supportive environment, and designed to enhance the positive bond between you and your baby. Learn possible ways to soothe your baby when fussy, improve digestion, deepen sleep, stimulate growth, and much more!

WHO: Primary Caregivers with babies (6 weeks to pre-crawling)

WHERE: virtual via GoToMeeting

WHEN: 5 sessions, 1 time a week for 5 weeks

COST: Free of Charge to families receiving Early Intervention

*** Please let your PSP know if you are interested**



Four Oaks Program has two certified educators of Infant Massage (CEIMs), Kaitlyn Gillum and Betty Gee.

Four Oaks Early Intervention

Invites you to join:

The Tummy Time Method


- ❖ A One on one class for infants from birth to pre-crawling
- ❖ The class runs for 6 weeks and meets once a week for 45 minutes. Class will be completed virtually via Go to Meeting.



- ❖ Join us as we discover together how your baby is capable of connecting socially and emotionally and engage in playful interactions with you and your family
- ❖ COST: Free of charge to families receiving Early Intervention
- ❖ **Please let your PSP know if you are interested**



Hosted by Linda Martin. OTR/L and Julie Snider, DS (both trained in the Tummy Time Method)



Activity Row



Playdough:

Materials

- 1 cup water
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup salt
- 1 tablespoon cream of tartar
- Food coloring
- 1 cup flour
- saucepan or electric skillet

Directions

1. Combine water, oil, salt, cream of tartar, and food coloring in a saucepan and heat until warm.
2. Remove from heat and add flour.
3. Stir, then knead until smooth.
4. Store this dough in an airtight container or a Ziploc freezer bag.