



Winter 2019-2020

FOUR OAKS CENTER

Greene County Board of DD
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Newsletter



Reminders . . .

Four Oaks will be closed:

January 20th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February 17th - Presidents Day

Manager's Corner

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As the Program Manager of Four Oaks Early Intervention, I, along with Four Oaks staff and Director Mary Ann Campbell, hope that you and your family had a happy, safe and fun holiday season. It is our hope for each of you, that you will now be able to take some time to slow down after the holidays and take in the joys and wonders of the winter season with your loved ones.

I would like to share some updates on our program and the Primary Service Provider (PSP) services we provide. 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. We have also been working closely with other agencies in the area to better meet specific needs as well as having our Program Licensed Social Worker and our Sign Language Specialist on site. Weekly meetings include updates, coaching, and discussion about how to best meet family needs and promoting child learning and development. Families are welcome to attend, use Face Time, or call in during the portion of the meeting that their child and family are being discussed. We are all committed to providing the best quality services to help your child and family meet your goals!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Frey, Program Manager



Cancelling and Rescheduling Appointments

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 appointment. We are always willing to talk with you about services you are receiving or need to receive. However, if the staff member with whom you wish to speak is unable to talk at the time of your call, please leave a message on their voice mail. The staff member will return your call as soon as possible.

When You Should Cancel A Visit Due to Illness:

If your child or a family member has a communicable illness, please notify your Service Provider of the need to cancel prior to your scheduled visit.

Some signs of illness are: fever of 100 degrees or more in the last 24 hours, diarrhea, vomiting, severe cough or cold, undetermined rashes, red, runny or matted eyes. Services can be rescheduled for a time following treatment and recovery.

It is imperative that Service Providers avoid contact with communicable illness as much as possible. If providers note signs or symptoms of communicable illness during a home visit, they may elect to leave the home and reschedule the visit. Please remember that the health and safety of all our children is of primary importance.

Communicable Diseases:

Parents are asked to notify their PSP within 24 hours if their child has been exposed to any communicable disease. If your child participated in a Four Oaks event (Ice Cream Social, Harvest Party etc.) and has a communicable disease Four Oaks will notify other families who participated in that event of possible exposure. Four Oaks will also notify the Commissioner of Health within 24 hours of that illness as specified by law.



Emergency Closure Information

Four Oaks Early Intervention, Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities will no longer be reporting closure information in the media (television/radio).

Four Oaks Staff will contact the families that they are scheduled to visit on inclement weather days to inform them of the closing and to reschedule.

Closure information will also be listed on our Facebook page, @greenecountydd or on Twitter, @GreeneCoDD1 along with any other important updates.

*Please note: If you are receiving transportation from Greene CATS Public Transit, please be sure to check with them for their closure policy as it is different from Four Oaks.

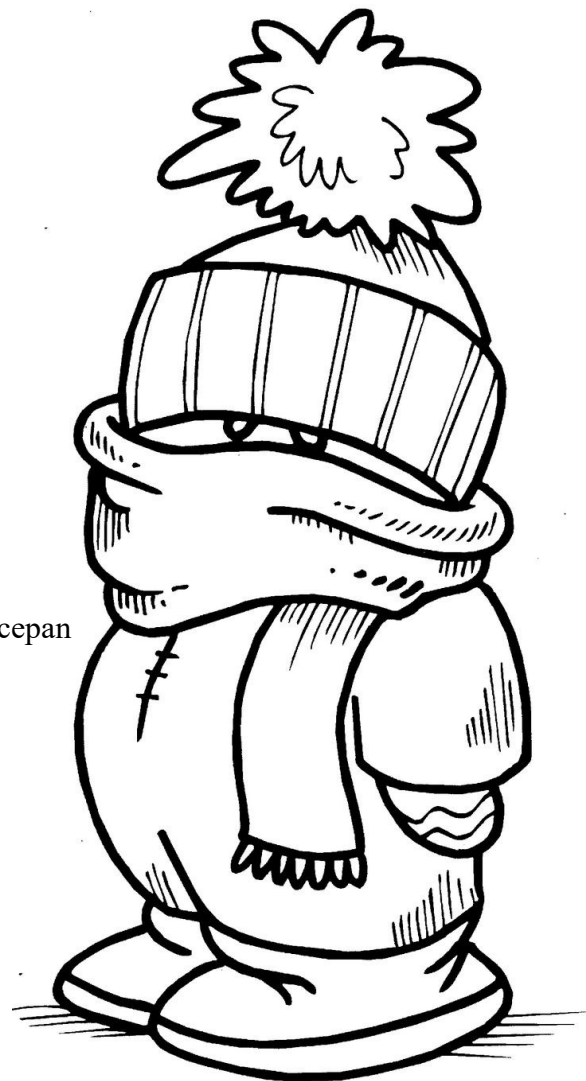
Playdough

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.



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.