



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

2026, 2nd Quarter Newsletter

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A note from Leadership

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we begin to say goodbye to the long, cold winter months, we are so ready to welcome warmer days, blooming flowers, and fresh spring air! The illness of winter has continued into Spring, and we know how challenging that can be for families with little ones. We want to sincerely thank you for keeping us informed when your child or someone in your home is feeling unwell. Your communication helps us protect all of the families and staff in our Early Intervention program. We truly appreciate your partnership and look forward to a healthy, happy Spring and Summer together!

Early Intervention is such a meaningful journey, and we are truly grateful to partner with families every step of the way. Your involvement, encouragement, and daily support make an incredible difference in your child's growth and success. We especially appreciate when you share your child's milestones with us- those first words, new skills, and proud accomplishments are moments worth celebrating together. By working collaboratively towards the goals we set as a team, we create a strong foundation for continued progress. Thank you for your trust, your dedication, and for allowing us to be a part of your child's story.

We are also excited to announce that Greene County Parks & Trails will be joining Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities again for two Toad-ally Together events coming later this month and one in early Fall!

These two dates have been confirmed for the Toad-ally Together events for ages 2 and up taking place at the Russ Nature Reserve on Kemp Road in Beaver Creek on Friday, May 29th from 10:00am-12:00pm (Superhero Themed and costumes are encouraged) and Thursday, September 24th from 5:00pm-7:00pm with a Lilo and Stitch theme. No registration is required.

We are eager to continue serving Greene County families within Early Intervention in a variety of ways! We hope everyone will be able to join us in enjoying some family time in the sun as we approach warmer weather!

With Gratitude,

Jennifer Frey, Early Childhood Program Director

Andrea Geiger, Early Childhood Program Manager



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.

Bulletin Board

Important Dates:

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

May 29- Toad-ally Together, Superpower Squad. Reg. available on GCPT website

Four Oaks Closed:

May 25th - Memorial Day

June 19th - Juneteenth

July 3rd - Independence Day (observed)



Hours/Delivery of Services:

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

Four Oaks direct staff are continuing to provide services in a multitude of locations. Virtual visits have become a wonderful option for service delivery, and we will continue providing them for the foreseeable future, in addition to community and home visits. Service delivery will be discussed and decided jointly amongst the EI team (your family included). EI staff work remotely as well as from the Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities office (245 Valley Rd. Xenia 45385) and are available during typical business hours (8am-4pm Monday through Friday).

Parent/Caregivers Welcome

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). Within our coaching model, each of our team members are available to coach families Primary Service Provider if needed or as different concerns arise. 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, Ohio Deaf and Blind Education Services (OSDB), and Child Focus (Infant Mental Health). In addition, we have our Program Licensed Social Worker available who also provides eligibility coordination for ages 3-5 for the Board..

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 (Zoom), 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.

Resources & Community Happenings

- For additional support and information on motor, sensory or communication development visit www.pathways.org
- Ohio Parent to Parent (P2P) - Parent/Caregiver mentor group; search: Ohio Parent to Parent or P2P USA
- Greene County Public Library is offering in person and virtual story time options. Visit <https://greenelibrary.info/> click on the events tab for upcoming events.
- Greene County Parks and Trails - Wiggle Worms Program. Visit <https://www.gcparkstrails.com/events/wiggle-worms> to view all upcoming events.
- 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/greencoddl>

Resources & Community Happenings cont.



Does your child need a new pair of gym shoes?

Shoes 4 the Shoeless is a faith-based, non-profit organization. Our mission is to provide new gym shoes to children whose families cannot afford them. There is no cost.

How to receive a new pair of gym shoes:

- 1) **Saturday, July 25, 2026- (9:00-10:30)** Bring you child to Faith Community Church (100 Country Club Drive, Xenia) to be measured for a new pair of shoes.
- 2) **Saturday, August 15, 2026 - (9:00-10:30)** **Return to Faith Community Church** with your child to receive their new shoes along with a Bible and other things.
- 3) God bless you!

Greene County Parks and Trails

Looking for fun filled activities? Check out the GCP&T website <https://www.gcparkstrails.com> under the “register for programs” tab. There you will find dates and times for events such as:

Toddler & Me Hikes: 1st Thursday of each month Starting May 7th– November. (no cost)
We are back with more hikes for the beginner hikers of Greene County! This preschool program will get those little legs used to hiking in our parks. This 30 minute Toddler & Me program will introduce the children to the outdoor world through short hikes within our parks. The program is designed for an adult to participate with the toddler(s).

Opportunity for Older Siblings

Camp Weebalong (Adaptive):

6/22-6/26 @ 9:00am– 11:30pm ages 5-9 years Register w/ GCP&T



At Camp Weebalong, we believe nature is for all bodies, all brains and all living beings. This half-day camp will feature all of our summer camp fun in a way that is accessible for people of all abilities! Campers will be paired with a buddy to help guide them through the week's activities. We will explore basic outdoor skills, water safety and fun, critters, rocks and dinos, and all things slimy! Campers will have the time of their lives exploring the outdoors in every way they are able! Due to the individual nature of this camp, caregivers are required to stay with campers and help with all self care, leave the rest to us! After registration, you will receive a questionnaire about your camper's ability level and interests so we can make sure they get the most out of Camp Weebalong!

Spotlight:

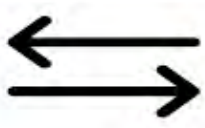
Vanessa Emanoff, Eligibility Coordinator for the Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities, is available to assist families navigating eligibility as your child approaches age 3. If you are considering continuing services through the Board, please reach out to Vanessa for personalized guidance and support at (937) 562-6512 or vemanoff@greenedd.org



Early Intervention and the Medical Model Therapy Comparison



How do the Early Intervention (EI) model and the medical model differ?

EI Model		Medical Model
Family-centered coaching	Definition	One-on-one therapy
Birth to age 3	Age	Children of any age
Child's Natural Environment (Home, restaurant, park, library, etc.)	Location	Outpatient facility
No Cost to Family	Cost	Family health insurance
Family-coached intervention happens between visits, guiding their child's learning through opportunities within daily routines and activities	Time	Therapy provided during one-on-one appointments often for a limited period

EI provides services by coaching parents to help their children develop and learn, while the medical model provides more direct therapy to the child. Same goal, different approach.

Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities, services available after exit from Early Intervention

Greene County Board of DD offers a variety of supportive services to eligible children ages 3-5 and older. These services include:

- ❖ **Family Support Services**

\$ 1,000 annual, prior approval funds that can be used to pay for respite care, diapers, Occupational Therapy (OT), Physical Therapy (PT), Speech Therapy (SLP), adaptive equipment, home modifications and more

- ❖ **Summer Camp/Activity Funds**

Up to \$1,500, prior approval funds to be used to cover the cost of camps and recreational/leisure type activities (therapy costs, adapted swim lessons, therapeutic horseback riding, etc.) during the months of June, July and August.

- ❖ **Service and Support Administration (SSA)**

SSA's can assist with identifying, referring, organizing and helping individuals access formal and/or informal support and services.

- ❖ **Benefits Assistance**

Available to help families with the application process for Ohio Medicaid and Social Security and/or to answer questions about these topics.

- ❖ **Behavior Support**

Aids families and their teams by developing strategies to help with behavioral challenges. The Behavior Specialist will also work to ensure that the Board remains in compliance with regulation surrounding these strategies and the use of restrictive measures.

- ❖ **Recreation**

Board of DD sponsored events throughout the year including tickets to Dayton Dragons games, Young's Jersey Dairy annual family picnic, UD Dayton Women's basketball tickets, etc. Some of the activities scheduled through "All Hands In (AHI)" do not require Board eligibility. AHI activities include family friendly movie nights, game nights, walk and roll events to name a few. We also work in conjunction with Greene County Parks and Trails (GCP&T) to design/host "Toadally Together" inclusive activities for toddler aged children and their families.

GCBDD Services Available after exit from Early Intervention Cont.:

How can my child remain eligible or be re-determined eligible for Board services?

Children aged 3-5, who have been determined eligible for special education pre-school services with IEPs and Evaluation Team Reports (ETRs) that document at least two areas of continuing delay meet the definition of continuing delays.

Children who have been diagnosed with developmental disabilities that are expected to be life-long may meet the criteria of Established Risk. Medical records are required to document the disability diagnosis.

If you would like to continue Board services or have eligibility re-determined, please contact:

Vanessa Emanoff, Eligibility Coordinator at (937)562-6512 or vemanoff@greenedd.org

For more information about the Board, please visit our website at www.greenedd.com

**Your Voice.
Stronger Families.
Better Futures.** 

Take the State Family Survey!



WHO WAS SELECTED?

Families receiving EI services on

March 1, 2026

were selected to receive the State Family Survey.



HOW TO RESPOND

Complete the survey online:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/EIFQ26English

or scan the QR code!



RESPONSES DUE BY

June 12, 2026

Please send or complete your survey by this date to make sure your responses are included.



WHY IT MATTERS

Your input helps DCY and local programs understand what's working and where improvements can be made.



Your voice helps shape better outcomes for children and families!



Department of Children & Youth

Help Me Grow Early Intervention

It's quick. It's important. It's your chance to make a difference!

★ Thank you for being a part of Ohio's EI community! 

SCAN ME!



Early Intervention Family Questionnaire

What families need to know



Department of
Children & Youth

The Ohio Department of Children and Youth (DCY) is asking families to complete a brief questionnaire to learn about their experiences in Early Intervention (EI). Here is what to expect from the EI Family Questionnaire.

Who It Applies To

All families receiving EI services on March 1 are selected to receive the EI Family Questionnaire. By including all families served at a particular point in time, DCY receives responses from families with different EI experiences. This includes families who have been in the program for only a little while, as well as those who are getting ready to or have already exited the program by the time they receive the questionnaire.

How To Respond

You can return the printed copy you received using the provided envelope that includes postage. Alternatively, you can complete the questionnaire online using the following link: www.surveymonkey.com/r/EIFQ26English or by scanning the QR code at the bottom of this page. If you complete the questionnaire online, be sure to enter your child's ETID accurately. DCY must have the accurate ETID in order to be able to include your responses in the questionnaire analyses. The ETID can be found on the back of this sheet, on the top right corner of the included survey, or at the top of your child's IFSP. You can contact your EI Service Coordinator if you have any questions.

When To Complete It

DCY is collecting responses until June 12, 2026. If you would like to provide feedback, please send or complete the questionnaire by this date to ensure your responses are included in analyses.

Questions To Expect

The questionnaire includes questions about whether EI has helped your family in different ways and your family's experiences with and level of satisfaction with EI. Additionally, the questionnaire includes questions about your participation in identifying social-emotional strengths and needs and supporting your child's social-emotional development. All of these questions are on a five-point scale where responses range from "Strongly disagree" to "Strongly agree." The questionnaire also includes open-ended questions that allow your family to provide additional information about what worked well, what could work better, what has had the biggest impact on your family, and any additional comments.

Why It Matters

Receiving input directly from families served in EI allows DCY and local programs to understand how Early Intervention is working and where improvements can be made. Responses from families are used to determine what changes are needed, as well as what should stay the same in order to ensure the best possible outcomes for children and families participating in EI services.

How Information is Used

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts about Ohio's EI program. DCY compiles data from the questionnaires and distributes summary reports to each county. Before DCY shares reports, identifying information is removed unless your family has provided consent for responses to be shared as is. DCY and local programs use results to make program decisions. Data from the first three questions are also reported each February to the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) as part of Ohio's Annual Performance Report (APR).

Social-Emotional Skills and Development

For several years, DCY has been focusing on improving children's social-emotional outcomes through the state's EI State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP). DCY is gathering and analyzing data to measure progress in social-emotional outcomes, including data from items that have been added to this year's family questionnaire.

Social-emotional skills are how your child interacts and plays with the family, other adults, and other children. This includes skills, such as

- Communicating and interacting with family, friends, caregivers, and others,
- Showing their feelings,
- Playing social games, such as a peek-a-boo or turn-taking, and using words, sounds, signs, or gestures,
- Calming down when upset, and
- Showing understanding of social rules, such as sharing and taking turns.

To find more Early Intervention resources for families, visit the family page of the Ohio EI website: <https://ohioearlyintervention.org/families>.

Feel free to also contact DCY any time with questions at ei@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov.

Scan this special code using a QR reader to visit the survey:





Toad-ally Together, a collaboration between Greene County Parks & Trails and Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities, invites children and families of all abilities to enjoy themselves in all-inclusive play space!

Location:

Russ Nature Reserve
2380 Kemp Road
Beavercreek, OH 45431

No Registration required, but you can find details about Toadally-Together events on the Greene County Parks & Trails Website!

https://greenecountyoh.myrec.com/info/activities/program_details.aspx?ProgramID=30128

There are TWO Events Planned!

Greene County's Superpower Squad



Friday, May 29th,
2026

10:00am-12:00pm

Costumes encouraged!

Lilo & Stitch



Thursday, September
24th, 2026 5pm –
7pm