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Parents/Families - it's time to prepare for the start of school.

Though it can be a time of excitement it can become stressful and getting back into a routine after summer break can be particularly difficult for students with disabilities. [TIPS for Parents of Children with Special Needs](#).

Parent Support Groups - parents need to be informed, connected and empowered.

Find a support group, these can be physical, in-person groups or virtual on-line groups. On-line groups include www.mommiesofmiracles.com. A listing of groups can be found at <http://www.comeunity.com/disability/speclists.html>.

Back to School Facebook Interchange - Topics include preparing for the new school year and resources. Go to www.facebook.com/socilohio/notes to see entries as well as previous interchanges. It is not necessary to be logged into Facebook to read the entries. If you are on Facebook be sure to "Like" the entries and make comments.

Fairfield County Clothing Assistance - Fairfield County 2-1-1 is accepting applications for **Back to School clothing**. [Click here](#) for more information.

Resources for Parents

SOCIL in Fairfield and Hocking Counties can assist students and parents in

understanding the educational process as well as advocate for their rights in IEP meetings and other forums. We can also link parents with various resources to assist with education such as assistive technology, knowledge about your rights, and other tools to assist you in advocating for your child. Contact us at 740-689-1494 or 740-380-1475.

The **Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities (OCECD)** is a statewide nonprofit organization that serves families of children with disabilities. OCECD helps parents become informed and effective representatives for their children in all educational settings. More information can be found at www.ocecd.org.

State Support Teams promote strong family/educator partnerships to enhance the school success for children. To find the State Support Team that serves your area go to <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/School-Improvement/State-Support-Teams>.

[Assistive Technology](#)

Technology that Works for You

Assistive Technology (AT) can be a device that is used to increase, maintain or improve the functional capabilities of a person with a disability. The Arc of Ohio is a certified provider of AT through the following waivers in Ohio:

- Level 1
- Individual Options (IO)
- Transitions Developmental Disabilities (TDD)

They specialize in the provision of electronic equipment such as: iPads, Tablets, Specialized Keyboards, Touch Screens, Software and much more.

[CLICK HERE](#) to visit their website and get more details.



App Corner - My IEPmeeting helps parents effectively participate in the IEP process. This app includes: checklists and questions to organize information for your IEP meeting, a behavior tracker, follow-up reminders and contacts for team members. Available for \$1.99 on the iPhone and iPod Touch.

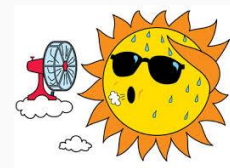
Strategies for Success for Youth with or without Disabilities



- [Teaching Social Skills to Children with or without Disabilities](#) - social skills are needed for anything from taking turns, not interrupting conversations, to not telling "too much" truth (yes, that outfit does make you look fat and ugly), to making and keeping friends. This handout provides helpful strategies, list of books and websites for social skill games.
- [Disciplining Your Child With Special Needs](#) - behavior management isn't about punishing your child, instead it's a way to set boundaries and communicate expectations in a nurturing, loving way. [KidsHealth.org](#) - is a source of information for parents, teachers, teen and children.
- [Neuro Nuggets for Parents](#) - check out this list of insight into the teenage brain.

2017 HEAP Summer Crisis Program

Begins July 1st for income eligible clients over 60 years of age, or with a note from a doctor, documenting a medical condition which creates a need for electric service and/or an air conditioner or fan. If you received an air conditioner or fan in 2014-2016 you are not eligible for an additional air conditioner or fan, but might be eligible for payment on your electric bill. Schedule an appointment with **Lancaster-Fairfield County Community Action Agency at 740 653-4146** or walk-in during office hours Monday-Friday 8 am - 4 pm at 1743 E. Main Street, Lancaster.



In Hocking County schedule an appointment with **Hocking-Athens-Perry Community Action at 1-866-487-1362** for information about their Summer Cooling Crisis program requirements.

Bridging the Gap Across Youth Transition

Job Accommodation Network (JAN) has released **an 18 minute youth transition training module** to help young people navigate their way from the school system to post-secondary education, training or the world of work. Topics include self-advocacy, disability disclosure, sufficient medical documentation and types of accommodations that might be needed.

<https://askjan.org/training/library.htm#ModuleTransition>

Resources

[Telecom Toolbox](#) - Online Career Development Tools for Employment - Various online platforms can be utilized to advance employment goals whether someone is looking for a job, interested in keeping a job, or wants to network within a profession. The telecom toolbox supports career development professionals and job seekers in using online tools.

Kids In College



Once again SOCIL was able to offer **scholarships** to 4th to 9th grade students to attend Kids in College at Ohio University Lancaster in June. It provides an opportunity for motivated students to increase knowledge and experience college learning. Everyone loves the experience!

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
# of students	8	6	5	10	5	7
# of classes each	2	2	2	1 or 2	2	1

SOCIL has had to cut back on the number of classes offered due to decreasing budgets. If you would like to help SOCIL continue to send attendees to Kids In College, please click below.

[Help SOCIL send students to Kids In College](#)



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