

Emergency Preparedness, Back to School...SOCIL Can Help,  
NEWS, Blind Abilities Group, Community Activities, Support  
groups and more...

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**Southeastern Ohio Center for Independent Living**

## **Communication Pulse...**

**your lifeline to disability news and resources**

***September 2019***

### **September National Preparedness Month**



**Make a Plan** - Your family may not be together if a disaster strikes, so it is important to know how you'll contact one another and reconnect if separated. Establish a family meeting place that's familiar and easy to find. Visit this [Ready.gov](#) link for steps and ideas to follow in putting your family emergency plan together.

Public safety officials use timely and reliable systems to alert you and your family in the event of natural or man-made disasters. Are you registered to receive emergency notifications by phone?

**In Fairfield County** - [Click Here](#) to sign up

**In Hocking County** - [Click Here](#) to sign up

Call **SOCIL** if you would like help putting your plan together or an emergency preparedness presentation provided to your class, business or facility.

# THE FAIR HOUSING ACT AND THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Presentation by Disability Rights Ohio

Wednesday, September 11, 2019 1 pm to 2 pm

Hocking County Board of Developmental Disabilities  
1369 E. Front St.  
Logan, OH 43138

Open to the public – Registration requested

Email Brianne Chambers at [BCChambers@hockingdd.org](mailto:BCChambers@hockingdd.org)

Topics covered will include protections under the Fair Housing Act for people with disabilities and unlawful discrimination (including a failure to accommodate one's disabilities, like allowing a service animal or emotional support animal, or an accessible parking space, or physical modifications to one's apartment) and how to handle such issues with one's landlord or housing provider.

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The new school year has begun!

- [How To Get Your Kids Ready for the Year Ahead](#) a blog from Children's Hospital with helpful suggestions for transitioning into the new school

year.

- **SOCIL** provides **educational advocacy** for students with disabilities in Fairfield and Hocking Counties. If you are a parent of a student with a disability and are having difficulty with any aspect of your student's education contact:
  - Scott Campbell in Fairfield County at 740.689.1494 ext.15  
[scottcsocil@gmail.com](mailto:scottcsocil@gmail.com)
  - Michael Welsh in Hocking County at 740.380.1475 ext 286. or  
[mwsocil@gmail.com](mailto:mwsocil@gmail.com)

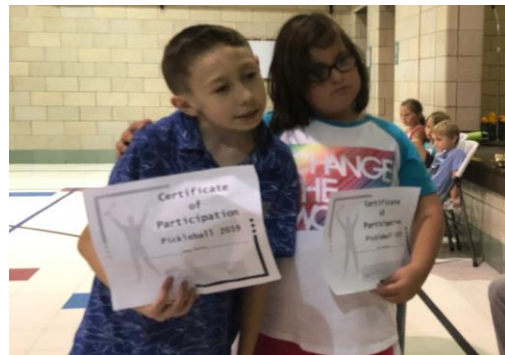
## App Corner



**Khan Academy** assists high school students who are struggling with math and science concepts. The lessons provides a multi-sensory experience for high schoolers. Khan Academy has over 3,500 videos on a variety of math and science topics. The narrator talks the user through while writing the lesson out. One is able to see how equations come to life and how to solve more complicated processes. Stopping and starting the video is great fo reteaching. The app is easy to use, search and to learn math. **Price:** Free **Device:** iPad

## Pickleball Season is Complete

Congratulations to Tia Anthony and Joey Casto for a great Pickleball season! It was amazing to see you grow as athletes this season. It was fun getting to know you as a person, you both are great kids. This was our first season and it was

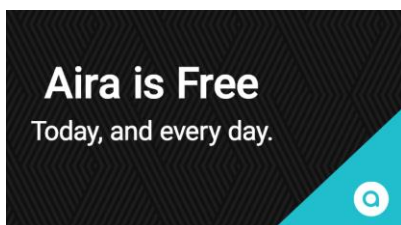


exciting and informative. I would like to thank Marilyn Steiner for helping with the practices, giving the athletes drills to work on to better their Pickleball experience and giving the athletes motivation to try a new sport. Your help made this season a success. I look forward to the 2020 Pickleball season...Coach Jeff Williams, SOCIL

**It's now time for FOOTBALL!!** Joins us at the Rec-Plex starting September 4th see [FLYER](#) for more details.

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## All About Accessibility: Aira Now Free for Quick Calls



[Aira](#), which stands for Artificial Intelligent Remote Assistance, is a worldwide program that connects people who are blind or have low vision to an agent who can help with navigation.

Aira recently made a special announcement: their service for short calls (5 minutes and less) are now available for free. For more information on Aira, visit their [website](#) or call 800-835-1934.

## NEWS

**Produce Perks** is a program for current SNAP recipients. At participating farmers markets and Dave's grocery stores, **customers can double their SNAP dollars up to \$20 (per farmers market, per day)** and up to \$10 at retail grocery stores. They just visit the customer service desk and request to participate in Produce Perks. They will receive tokens (which never expire!) to spend at farmers markets or coupons to spend at retail grocery stores. It really is that simple! Here is a great website that explains how it works: <https://produceperks.org/how-it-works/>

**Legos new "Braille Bricks"** - most kids in American grow up playing with Legos. Now, the iconic toy is being used to help blind children read. The Logo Foundation hopes tht "Braille Bricks" will help blind kids learn alongside children who can see. It plan sto intorudce these bricks in American schools next year. [Watch this CBS News reports](#) for more information.

**Stable Account** - is a specialized savings and investment account for people with disabilities that allows money to be saved and invested without losing eligibility for certain public benefits, like Medicaid and Supplemental Security Income (SSI). For more information and how to enroll [CLICK HERE](#).

**Kellogg's - FREE books for children** - Buy participating Kellogg's products by 9/30/19, 1 Box = 1 Free Book. For more information go to: [https://www.kelloggsfamilyrewards.com/en\\_US/promotions/feeding-reading-national.html](https://www.kelloggsfamilyrewards.com/en_US/promotions/feeding-reading-national.html)



# Blind Abilities Group

The purpose of the **Blind Abilities** group is to create an environment for members of the Fairfield County community who are blind and visually impaired to come together to discuss issues facing the blind. Issues like access to information, access to transportation, access to work opportunities and more. We also seek to create an environment where people who are blind can engage in the community through community service experiences.

**Meets 2nd Saturday of every month  
10:30 am - 12:30 pm**

**August 10, 2019**

**September 14, 2019**

**October 12, 2019**

**November 9, 2019**

**December 14, 2019**



**Location:**

Southeastern Ohio Center for Independent Living  
418 South Broad Street, Lancaster, Ohio

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Transportation is available upon request, for individuals who live within the Lancaster Public Transit service area. Any request for transit service or any other accommodation should be made one-week prior to the meeting by calling Jordy Stringer, 740.689.1494 ext. 11 or email [jssocil@gmail.com](mailto:jssocil@gmail.com)

**Do you have a game console or games that  
you aren't using??**

The **Fairfield County Board of DD** is excited to be planning a new **Video Game Club** event starting this fall. Many times video games can be viewed in a negative way but many of the individuals that we support here at the board of DD are more comfortable participating in a "virtual community" where there are less miscommunications with others. We would like to use the love of gaming to bring individuals together with community members for an inclusive event with many learning experiences involved. Individuals will learn about games but also about interaction with others, budgeting, ownership, independence and consistency. **We have a large amount of individuals already enrolled and excited to join!**

So, this brings me to the need. **We are in need of game consoles and games.** Although we would love to be able to purchase some new gaming systems we realize this is an expensive request so we would like to start out however we can. If you have anything you would like to donate please let me know.

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### **Community Activities, Classes & Support Groups**

**American Sign Language for Beginners - Adults and Teens** - Fairfield County District Library will be offering a six-week course starting in October. Learn basic American Sign Language vocabulary, grammar, alphabet and phrases to communicate with folks who use ASL. Space is limited. For more information on this class and how to register as well as other classes being offered see the [Fairfield County District Library September Newsletter](#).

**VA Days with Hocking County Veterans Service Office** - Stop by Tractor Supply Company 28 Hocking Mall, Logan from 10am-2pm for VA benefits information, enrollment opportunities, health screenings, and various medical equipment

servicing. Click [HERE](#) for upcoming dates.

**Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group** -2nd Wednesday of each month 1:30 - 3:00 pm Location: Lancaster SOCIL office. Free respite available. See [flyer](#) for more details.

**Parkinson's Support Group** - 3rd Wednesday of each month 1:00 - 2:30 pm Location: Lancaster SOCIL office. Free respite available. See [flyer](#) for more details.

**What's Next?** - Understanding Alzheimer's & Dementia - Caregiver Educational Group - 3rd Monday of each month from 1:00 - 3:00 pm Location: Lancaster SOCIL office. See [flyer](#) for more details.

#### **Self Advocacy Groups**

"**Abilities United**" 3rd Wednesday of the month at Logan SOCIL office 3:00-4:15pm. Contact Michael Welsh of SOCIL, at 740-380-1475 or [mwsocil@gmail.com](mailto:mwsocil@gmail.com) [See September Flyer](#)

"**Dynamite Abilities**" 3rd Wednesday of the month at Hope Center, 10:00am contact Scott Campbell of SOCIL, at 740-689-1494 or [scottcsocil@gmail.com](mailto:scottcsocil@gmail.com)

"**Speak for Yourself**" 1st Friday of the month at Fox Family Y in Lancaster from 6:00 - 7:00pm before the dance. Contact Rejeanna Smith at [rejeannasmith889@gmail.com](mailto:rejeannasmith889@gmail.com) for more information.

#### **THANK YOU to those who have registered your Kroger card!**

Did you know that just by doing your regular grocery shopping at **Kroger** you could **help SOCIL earn funds** to conduct activities, such as Adaptive Sports, Kids In College Scholarships, peer support groups, and more? By registering your Kroger card in the **Kroger Community Rewards**





**program**, each time you shop and scan your card, SOCIL will receive a percentage of your purchase amount. [Click here for easy instructions on how to register your Kroger card](#). Ask your family and friends to assist us too!

**Thank you!**



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