



Family Support Project
- For Families Raising Preschoolers with Special Needs -



FEBRUARY 2012 HAPPENINGS

FAMILY FUN FRIDAYS AT THE PLAY AND LEARN STATION

PLAYGROUP for parents and children with special needs. **EVERY** Friday from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at the Play and Learn Station on the 2nd floor of the Shaker Heights Library on Lee and Van Aken. This is an opportunity for your children to socialize with other preschoolers and for parents/guardians to meet others who are raising preschoolers with special needs. **FREE!**

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR FEBRUARY:

Friday, February 10: 1:30 to 2:00 PM: **Music and Movement** with Jaime Alspach, board certified music therapist from Music Therapy Enrichment Center, Inc.

Friday, February 17: 1:30 to 2:00 PM: **Music and Movement** with Jaime Alspach, board certified music therapist from Music Therapy Enrichment Center, Inc.

Friday, February 24: 1:30 to 2:30: **Parent Support Group**. Tim Lewicki, Manager of Intake and Eligibility for the County Board of Development Disabilities will discuss services (including summer camp) eligible for funding through the Family Resource Program

Friday, February 24: 2:00 to 2:30: **Story time** with Miss Virginia.

MAKE ROOM FOR DADDY

A **PLAYGROUP** just for **DADS** and **GRANDPAS** too and their preschoolers and Kindergartners with special needs. **Siblings welcome. FREE!** Will meet on Saturday, Saturday February 11 from 10 to noon and Saturday February 25 from 10 to noon at the Shaker Family Center located at 19824 Sussex Road in Shaker Heights.

PARENT WORKSHOPS

The second of a two part series on **Establishing a Positive Bathroom Routine or...The "Poop" on Toileting**, will be held on **Monday evening February 6** from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Shaker Family Center located at 19824 Sussex Road in Shaker Heights. **PROGRAM IS FREE AND CHILDCARE IS PROVIDED. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** To register, call 921-2023 or email palda_h@shaker.org

COMING IN APRIL: 3 PART SERIES ON THE ABCS OF IEPS. Part 1: Understanding Evaluations and Assessments, Part 2: The Nuts and Bolts of Individual Education Plans (IEPs), Part 3: Communicating Effectively with Your School District. Dates to be determined.

COMING IN MAY: TRANSITION TO KINDERGARTEN: A PARENTS' VIEW. Hear a panel of parents, whose children with special needs have already transitioned to Kindergarten, share their experience through the process and their tips for survival. They will tell you what worked, what didn't, and what they would do differently if they knew then what they know now! Date to be determined