



# March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month</b></p>	<p><i>Celebrate</i>    <b>COMMUNITY</b></p>			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Special Olympics North Sectional Regional Basketball Tournament Lorain County Community College, CCBDD Rockets vs. Elyria Vipers, 9am	<b>3</b> Special Olympics North Sectional Regional Basketball Tournament Lorain County Community College, 1pm
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> EAAC - PTCU Meeting and Staff Appreciation, 10:30am <u>meeting</u> , 11:30am <u>Luncheon</u> Sensory-Friendly Matinee <i>The Gruffalo</i> , 11:30am Ohio Theatre, \$6, For info, call (216) 348-7909	<b>7</b> DD Awareness and Advocacy Day at the Statehouse, Columbus 8:30am, check-in, 10am program, live stream available at <a href="http://www.ohio-channel.org/live/special-events">www.ohio-channel.org/live/special-events</a>	<b>8</b> Transition Boosters meeting, <i>Self Determination</i> 6:30 - 8:30pm, South Pointe Hospital, Warrensville Hts., For info, call (513) 814-0674	<b>9</b> Staff Inservice Day (AACs closed)	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>  Daylight Saving Time begins	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> RRAAC/Cleve.Food Bank Fresh Produce <u>Distribution</u> , 10:30am-noon REDI Alliance Group and REDI Parent Group Meeting LGBT Community Center 6600 Detroit Rd., 6-7:30pm ages 18+, Call (216) 931-7450, for info.	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> SAW, Inc. Board Meeting, WPDECC 7:30am MHAAC - Worker Council <u>meeting</u> EAAC - See Me for Me Fashion Show, Great Lakes Mall, 11:30am - noon, Free	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  St. Patrick's Day
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> People First of Cuyahoga County Meeting, 6:30 - 8pm, Cleveland Clinic Building, Room A, 5001 Rockside Rd., To register, call The Arc at (216) 736-8395	<b>20</b> Vernal Equinox	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> MDA - CCBDD Board <u>Meeting</u> , 5:30pm Employment Collaborative of Cuyahoga Cty. Hiring Event, Westake, To register, call (216) 931-7348	<b>23</b> Special Olympics State Basketball Tournament New Philadelphia, thru <u>3/24</u> RRAAC PTCU Spring Dance, Memorial Hall 6 - 8pm	<b>24</b> Special Olympics State Basketball Tournament
<b>25</b> Palm Sunday	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> SOUP Advocacy Group Meeting, 10:30am & 6pm Garfield Heights Library 5409 Turney Rd., For info or to RSVP, call (216) 736-2924	<b>28</b>  Join in the FUNdraising this month!	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> All sites closed Good Friday Passover begins at sundown	<b>31</b>

\*All dates and times are subject to change. Please contact your site for updates. For additional information, go to [www.CuyahogaBDD.org](http://www.CuyahogaBDD.org) or find us on Facebook.

## Celebrating Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

Every year we celebrate March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness month. 2018 DD Awareness and Advocacy Day's theme is **Community** and is being held on Wednesday, March 7 at the Ohio Statehouse. (You can watch the event live at: <http://ohiochannel.org/live/special-events>.) The purpose of this event is to educate and empower people with developmental disabilities, their family members and other community allies to come together on a single day to advocate policy issues which impact the lives of people with developmental disabilities.

Visit us on Facebook ([www.Facebook.com/CuyahogaBDD](http://www.Facebook.com/CuyahogaBDD)) each day during the month of March as we highlight 31 inclusive places and events in our community.



## Cuyahoga Campership Program

CCBDD's **Cuyahoga Campership Program** assists individuals who do not have a Support Administrator\* or who are not enrolled in the Family Supports Program\*\* with the cost of attending a summer camp.

### To access the Cuyahoga Campership Program:

- Select and register with any camp that meets your needs.
- Complete and submit the Cuyahoga Campership Program application prior to attending the camp. CCBDD will not fund any camp that has not had prior approval. The application is available at [www.cuyahogabdd.org/en-US/Cuyahoga-Campership-Program.aspx](http://www.cuyahogabdd.org/en-US/Cuyahoga-Campership-Program.aspx)
- CCBDD will review your application and will inform both you and the selected camp if your application was approved or denied.
- The maximum campership amount is up to \$700 per individual for the camp season.
- Campership funds are distributed on a first come, first served basis.

\*If you have a Support Administrator, please contact him/her to explore camp funding options.

\*\*If you are enrolled in the Family Supports Program, please contact NEON at (800) 237-6828 to explore camp options.

## Upcoming Events

### Playhouse Square - Sensory-Friendly Matinees

*The Gruffalo*, March 6, Ohio Theatre, 11:30am, \$6

*Guess How Much I Love You & I Love My Little Storybook*, April 15, Ohio Theatre, 11:30am, \$10

For info, call (216) 241-6000 or visit [www.playhousesquare.org/sensoryfriendly](http://www.playhousesquare.org/sensoryfriendly)

**Transition Expo 2018**, Saturday, April 14, 8am - noon, Holiday Inn Rockside Rd. Exhibitors, networking & breakout sessions, free for family members and caregivers of transition-age youth and young adults with DD. For info, contact Wendy at (216) 509-5015 or [Wendy@livespecial.com](mailto:Wendy@livespecial.com).

Training  
Opportunity



Good Life  
Ambassador

The CCBDD **Good Life Ambassador Training Program** provides both class instruction and hands-on training for people with disabilities to improve their public speaking and presentation skills.

Training takes place on **Tuesdays, March 13, April 10, May 15 and June 12** from either 10:30am-1pm or 6-8pm. Location to be determined. Limited slots are available.

If you have questions or are interested in participating, contact Amy Smith at (216) 736-2924 or email [smith.amy@CuyahogaBDD.org](mailto:smith.amy@CuyahogaBDD.org).

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## 2018 Transition Boosters for Families of Transition-age Youth

These free sessions will provide information on the transition from high school to adult life for youth with disabilities. Families, individuals with disabilities, educators and other professionals are invited to attend. Sessions are held from 6:30-8:30pm at Cleveland Clinic South Pointe Hospital, 20000 Harvard Rd. in Warrensville Hts. For info, contact Amy Clawson at [amy.clawson@cchmc.org](mailto:amy.clawson@cchmc.org) or (513) 814-0674. Register for these sessions at [www.ohio2f.org/training](http://www.ohio2f.org/training).

**March 8** - *Self Determination*

**April 12** - *Able/Stable Accounts*

**June 3** - *Recreation, Leisure & Community Integration*

Friendship Circle 27900 Gates Mills Blvd., 2 - 4pm

\*Note this session has different time/day

**June 21** - *Social Security Income (SSI & SSDI)*

**July 12** - *Adult Healthcare Transition*

**September 13** - *Achieving Quality Employment*

**October 11** - *Medicaid*

Planning support for Northeast Ohio Transition Bootcamp is provided by: Partners for Community Connections, LiveSpecial.com/ NCJW, Cuyahoga County Board of DD, Friendship Circle of Cleveland, Upside of Downs of Northeast Ohio, University Hospital/Rainbow Babies Children's Hospital, Cleveland Clinic Children's Center for Autism.

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