

October 2024

Fall Family Baby Shower & Trick or Treating Event

October 24, 4:30 - 7 pm

Helen Arnold Community Learning Center, 450 Vernon Odom Blvd.

We hope you and your family will join us for our Fall Family Baby Shower and Trick or Treating event hosted by our Moms and Babies First Program in collaboration with the Family Resource Center at Helen Arnold Community Learning Center! All are welcome.

This event is filled with opportunities for everyone! Highlights include:

- Grand Prize Drawing
- Multiple Raffles featuring baby baskets, family items, and children's goodies
- Safe Trick-or-Treating for school-age children
- Giveaways will be distributed to the first 200 participants.





Our Appreciation

We are grateful for the following foundations, funds and donors who have supported our important programming through their generous grants and gifts:

The Lehner Family Foundation for their generous grant to assist with funding critical upgrades to our security infrastructure.

Barberton Community Foundation for their generous grant to support suicide prevention programming for Barberton students, staff, and parents for school year 2024-2025. We appreciate their continued support of this important program.

Tuscora Park Health & Wellness Foundation for their ongoing support of our Adolescent Suicide Prevention Program. Their generous grant will provide suicide prevention programming to students in Southern Summit County school districts for the 2024-2025 school year.

The David R. and Cheryl L. Venarge Fund of Akron Community Foundation for their generous grant to support our Moms and Babies First program, Ohio's Black Infant Vitality Program to help reduce the number of low-birth-weight babies and infant deaths within the black communities of Summit County.

We appreciate everyone who supports the valuable work we do to strengthen individuals and families in our community.

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Program News

Moms and Babies First Program

Candle Making and SIDS Risk Reduction Workshop

Our Moms and Babies First program hosted a fun and educational workshop on July 25 where Moms learned how to make candles and how to sleep their baby safely to reduce the risk of SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome) and sleep related infant death. The ladies also enjoyed lunch and received giveaways.



Latch and Paint

Moms joined us for a fun-filled *Latch and Paint* gathering on August 31 to learn breastfeeding tips, discover community resources, and bond over a creative painting activity to celebrate Black Breastfeeding Week. Thank you **CareSource**, **Project**

Milk Mission and Birthing Better Communities for making this event possible.

Community Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program (CSD)

CSD has proudly provided sign language interpreting services for the **Akron Pride Festival** every year since 2018!



CSD In-Person Services are Available in 5 Counties

COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING (CSD) IS COMING TO YOU IN PERSON-

Our services may include community education, employment supports, basic needs assistance, accessing government assistance programs, independent living, communication access, referral to community resources, and advocacy.

HOLMES COUNTY:

1st Friday of the month 10:00 am-3:00 pm Holmes County Library 3102 Glen Dr. Millersburg, Ohio 44654

MEDINA COUNTY:

Mondays

1:00-3:30 pm **Medina County Public Library** 210 South Broadway Street Medina, OH 44256

PORTAGE COUNTY:

Thursdays 1:00-3:00 pm **Kent Free Library** 312 W. Main St. Kent, Ohio 44240

SUMMIT COUNTY:

Weekday mornings, 8:30-11:30 am (except 1st Friday of the month) Greenleaf Family Center 580 Grant St. Akron, Ohio 44311

WAYNE COUNTY:

Tuesdays 1:00-3:00 pm **Wayne County Public Library** 220 West Liberty Street Wooster, OH 44691

For more information call: Video Phone 234-525-6207 Email: bmark@greenleafctr.org



Our goal is to provide services, advocacy, and education to enhance the quality of life for individuals, and their families who are Deaf, DeafBlind, Hard of Hearing, or are losing their hearing.

Be sure to check the **CSD Facebook page** or contact **Mark Byrd** for potential location cancellations before attending.

Greenleaf in the Community

Greenleaf staff, their families and friends were proud to march in the Equity March, Stand Up, Lift Up with **County of Summit ADM Board**'s Circle of Hope on Aug. 24! The goal of this year's march is to bring awareness and understanding to the thought that any oppression or discrimination experienced by one community impacts other communities as well and we must work towards a community where everyone can be their authentic self and feel safe and included!







NAMIWalks Summit County took place on Saturday, Aug. 21 at The University of Akron. Our staff and their families took part in the walk to promote mental health for all, raise awareness, and reduce stigma. It was a beautiful day for our partners and the community to come together to support NAMI Summit County's mission.







Save the Date! 2025 Night at the Races Saturday, June 21, 2025



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Did you know that a \$25 donation would provide books and therapy tools to help children in counseling?

Or that a \$50 donation provides group therapy for a single mom struggling from trauma and hoping to gain better parenting skills?

YOUR contribution helps us to do everything we can to strengthen individuals and families.

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