

Changes at SOCIL, Family Fun Fair, Kids in College, Adaptive Toy Lending Library, Career Expo, Community Activities, Movies, Support groups and more...

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Southeastern Ohio Center for Independent Living

## Communication Pulse...

your lifeline to disability news and resources

*April 2019*



**With the change of seasons  
also comes changes at  
SOCIL!**

SOCIL would like to **THANK Pam Patula** for her **16 years** of leadership as Executive Director of SOCIL and wish her the best in her **retirement!**

**Jordy Stringer** will be the new Executive Director coming to the Lancaster office from our Logan office...**Welcome Jordy!**



### 10th Annual Family Fun Fair

Sponsored by:

**Fairfield County Early Childhood Association**

**Saturday, April 6th**

**10:30 am - 1:00 pm**

**Fun activities for families with young children: Crafts and Healthy Fun!**

[SEE FLIER](#) for more details!

**Location: Forest Rose School 1592 Granville Pike, Lancaster**



## Kids in College - Ohio University Lancaster

June 10-14, June 17-21, June 24-28

SOCIL will again be assisting students with disabilities to attend Kids in College. If you or someone you know will be in the 4th-9th grades and are interested in expanding your educational horizons, complete the scholarship application posted on our website [www.socil.org](http://www.socil.org) on the "news" page.

**Limited Scholarship Funds Available - Apply Early!**

**Deadline to apply is Friday, May 10th**

### PERSONAL SPACE



### How People's Misconceptions of Disability Lead to Toxic Microaggressions

In general, society and the media have two extremely polarizing views on people with disabilities. They are viewed as either remarkable and heroic or victims and pitiful. [Check out this article](#) on societal perceptions and attitudes regarding disability.

### Adaptive Toy Lending Library

Adapted toys are toys that are either made especially for children with special needs or are "off the shelf" toys that are adapted to meet the needs of children with disabilities.



**Fairfield County District Library - Northwest Branch** located at 2855 Helena Drive, Carroll, Ohio has toys available to be checked out. See the [FLYER](#) for toys available and circulation policy.

# FAIRFIELD COUNTY CAREER READINESS EXPO

Find your career right after high school

APRIL 4 • 4-7:30 PM • Fairfield Career Center

Not ready for college or undecided on what to do? You're not alone. Attend the Fairfield County Career Readiness Expo and explore career opportunities right here in your county. Speak with over 30 local employers and learn how you can earn between \$12-\$18 per hour with great careers such as a Healthcare, Manufacturing, HVAC, Construction, Auto Repair, Skilled Trades, Financial Services, Sales Administration, Maintenance & Repair Worker, Construction Laborer, Electrician Apprentice, Carpenter Apprentice, Bank Teller, Mechanic, Nursing Assistant, and many more.



**ERIN NOBLE**  
Fairfield National Bank,  
Administrative Manager

*"Going straight into the workforce, especially in our community, gave me the opportunity to get immediate hands-on experience that I would not have gotten anywhere else. I really learned how to become a professional. My advice? If you have the chance to start your career, do it. The opportunities are endless and you will experience an immense amount of growth."*



**MORGAN SIMMONS**  
Company Wrench,  
Shop Hand

*"Everything about my job is amazing and I want to thank Lancaster High School for giving me all the tools to make it happen. It is amazing to be able to work in the county; this is a set job for me."*

This event is **OPEN** to all high school juniors and seniors and free pizza will be provided. Visit [fairfield33.com](http://fairfield33.com) to sign up

## Community Activities, Classes & Support Groups

Sensory Friendly Movies - Cinemark River Valley Mall

April 6th - ["Dumbo"](#) - 9:30 am

**Spring 2019 Family Resource Calendar** - Click [Here](#).

**Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, VITA** - In partnership with the United Way of Fairfield County. Free Federal, State and School District Tax Preparation will be offered for low income families and individuals. **Call 740-653-4146 to schedule an appointment.**

**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**

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

"**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 [mwsocio@gmail.com](mailto:mwsocio@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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