

Easter Seals Information Sheet

1) Services for Children 0-3, Early Intervention, Therapies

- a) The only service offered by Easter Seals is speech and language therapy which is offered at every location.
- b) YEAR ROUND SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY SERVICES: Each session is 1:1
 - i) Screenings - Speech-language and hearing screenings are available for individuals as well as at preschools and daycare centers and other school settings. Screenings are scheduled at the family or facility's convenience. Results are available to teachers and parents.
 - ii) Diagnostic Evaluations - Complete speech-language evaluations are provided to individuals with communication problems. Evaluation results are analyzed and discussed with the client, parent or guardian to determine whether further intervention is needed. If a speech or language deficit is determined, recommendations are made concerning the type of intervention needed for the individual. This may include a home program, individual or group therapy or periodic consultations.
 - iii) Therapy - In planning a therapy program, the speech-language pathologist evaluates the child's speech-language skills and develops an appropriate treatment plan to improve the communication program. Goals are determined with the parent or guardian to meet each child's individual needs. Clinical methods are selected depending on the nature and severity of the problem and the age of the child. Both individual and group therapies are available.

2) Respite

- a) Easter Seals no longer provides respite care.

3) Education

- a) DISABILITY AWARENESS - The tendency to fear or avoid someone who is different is normal for both children and adults. Education about causes of disabilities and how people adapt to them can lead to better understanding...and this understanding ultimately builds positive and accepting attitudes and behaviour. Easter Seals Northern Ohio offers a wide range of educational programs that teach tolerance, understanding and acceptance.

For more information, please contact your local Easter Seals Northern Ohio office at 1.800.696.5601.

- b) HAL'S PALS- The Hal's Pals program uses five adorable dolls with disabilities to teach preschool and kindergarten-aged children that we are all more alike than different. For more information, please contact your local Easter Seals Northern Ohio office at 1.800.696.5601.
- c) SAFE KIDS - Easter Seals Northern Ohio is the fiscal agent for Erie Area SAFE KIDS. The mission of Erie Area SAFE KIDS is to protect Ashland, Erie, Huron and Ottawa county children (birth to 14 years) from unintentional injuries. This is accomplished through public awareness, education of parents and grandparents through car seat check-ups, distribution of bike helmets, and safety and health fairs in cooperation with area agencies concerned with child safety issues. For more information, please contact your local Easter Seals Northern Ohio office at 1.800.696.5601.
- d) SPEAKER'S BUREAU - Easter Seals Northern Ohio can provide your organization or business with speakers on a range of topics including emerging challenges in/to our communities and services available through Easter Seals. For more information, please contact your local Easter Seals Northern Ohio office at 1.800.696.5601.

4) Recreational Services

- a) CAMPERSHIPS - Nothing personifies summer in a child's life better than summer camp. With summer on the way, one of the first things that comes to mind is Summer Camp! Thanks to a generous grant of \$5,000 from the Fred E. Scholl Charitable Foundation, families will be able to receive funds from our Campership program to help offset the cost of camp. Because the needs of children with disabilities are so unique, the Campership program allows families to select the camp that is the best fit for their needs. The Campership funding is especially important because many camps tend to be very expensive due to the need for specialized equipment and additional staffing. We are so thankful to the Scholl Foundation for helping to make summer dreams come true for at least 50 children in northern Ohio. For over 35 years, Easter Seals has provided financial assistance to children and adults with disabilities so they can attend summer camp. Camperships are financial awards usually ranging from \$50 to \$500 that allow children or adults with special needs to attend one week at a summer camp of their choice.

Awards are based on financial need. The camping experience provides a multitude of positive rewards for campers as well as their families. Camp allows children and adults with disabilities to spend time away from their family while with others who have similar abilities, interests, and experiences. Camp also provides a week of respite for parents, siblings, and/or caregivers.

- b) **LITTLE STEPS TO SUCCESS** - "Little Steps to Success" is a six week summer program designed to provide Ashtabula area children with disabilities, ages 3 to 6 years, with the opportunity to maintain skills acquired during the previous school year and to improve skills through active play and therapy. Program activities includes circle time, hands-on activities for the development of fine and gross motor skills, and free play. Additional time for physical, occupational and speech therapy is allocated to meet each child's individual needs. For more information, please contact Easter Seals Northern Ohio at 1.888.325.8532.
- c) **ALLIANCE SUMMER DAY CAMP** - This special camp is designed to assist children with disabilities from Alliance. The camp operates for six weeks and services approximately 60 children each summer. Day Camp activities include field trips, swimming, crafts and outdoor activities. For more information, please contact Easter Seals Northern Ohio at 1.888.325.8532.
- d) **ADAPTIVE AQUATICS PROGRAM** - Making a splash in the community. For over 25 years, Easter Seals' Adaptive Aquatics Program has helped children and adults with disabilities stay active year-round. The program allows participants the opportunity to experience the sensation of being in the water, teaches basic elements of water safety, and is an outlet for socialization and recreation. One unique aspect of the program is that both children and their families participate in the program, providing the entire family physical recreation and a venue to interact with others socially and emotionally. For more information, please contact your local Easter Seals Northern Ohio office at 1.888.325.8532.

5) Home and Community Based Services

- a) **KIDS ARE RIDING SAFE (KARS)** - Endorsed by the Academy of Pediatrics, Easter Seals KARS is a community-based child passenger safety program that helps prevent disabilities and injuries by ensuring that infants and children are transported safely in

approved car seats. A limited number of car seats are available at a reduced fee for income-eligible families after completing an education program that focuses on the installation and use of car seats. Because national statistics show that only 2% of car seats are used correctly, Easter Seals provides monthly car seat checks at various locations in the region. During these sessions, certified car seat technicians check carefully to be certain that: the car seat is appropriate for the child, the car seat meets safety standards, the car seat is installed properly, the child is secured properly in the seat.

- b) HOME CARE – This service is only offered in Medina. Easter Seals Home Care Services provide families with the best possible short- or long-term care for loved ones at an affordable cost while allowing them to remain secure and comfortable in their own homes. The program services people of all ages from birth to older adults. Home Care Services are supervised by a case manager and include assistance that helps people meet their basic personal care needs necessary for daily living such as: Bathing, Shampooing, Dressing, Shaving & Skin Care. Homemaking - light housekeeping, meal preparation, laundry, prescription pick up. Respite Care (planned, intermittent, short-term substitute care) that gives families temporary relief from the responsibility of caring for the individual with special needs.
- c) ADULT DAY CENTER – Located in Medina – Helps adults with disabilities learn new skills and increase independence.
- d) MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LOAN - Medical Equipment Loan is a service through which adaptive medical equipment (such as wheelchairs, crutches, walkers and elevated toilet seats) is loaned to individuals with temporary or long-term illnesses or disabilities. Equipment is loaned for a three-month period. While this program is free of charge, donations help offset the cost of maintaining the equipment bank. Contact your local Easter Seals Northern Ohio office for more information.

6) Insurances Accepted

- a) Aetna
- b) Anthem
- c) Buckeye
- d) Medicaid
- e) Medical Mutual

- f) Summa
- g) United Healthcare

7) Prices for Services

- a) Speech – 55 dollars for half an hour
- b) Sliding fee based on government poverty level

8) Availability of Services

- a) Speech and Language therapies are offered at every location
- b) Home Respite and the Adult Day Center are only in Medina

9) Locations of Services

a) Elyria - Regional Office

41641 North Ridge Road, Suite D
Elyria, OH 44035
440.324.6600
Fax 440.324.6602

b) Akron

3085 West Market Street, #124
Akron, Ohio 44333
330.836.9741
800.589.6834 toll-free
330.836.4967 fax

c) Broadview Heights

1929 A East Royalton Road
Broadview Heights, Ohio 44147
440.838.0990
888.325.8532 toll-free
440.838.8440 fax

d) Canton

3930 Fulton Drive NW, #107
Canton, Ohio 44718
330.494.3642
800.341.0876 toll-free

330.494.4538 fax

e) Fremont

101 South Stone Street

Fremont, OH 43420

419.332.3016

Fax 419.332.3048

Toll Free 888.710.3020

f) Lakewood

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