



***Webinars on Demand (available 24/7)***  
**The Family Information Network of Ohio offers families of children birth through five with delays and disabilities opportunities to learn via the web.**

Sessions last 1 to 1 ½ hours and are Web based.  
These Webinars are presented by professionals in their field.

***“Getting Your Child Ready for Preschool”***

Presenters: Greta Powell, M.A., ECIS and Amy Keren, B.A., Family Child Learning Center

This presentation will help you:

- understand what your child will learn in preschool
- decide if your child is ready for preschool
- select an appropriate preschool
- prepare your child for preschool



***“Eight Things Parents Can Do to Keep Their Child Safe”***

Presenter: Melissa Courts, B.A., Healthy Child Care Ohio/Early Childhood Comprehensive System Coordinator at the Ohio Department of Health

This Webinar will:

- Focus on easy steps parents can take to keep their children safe in the home
- Provide resources that will help parents learn more about safety issues and stay current on new ones
- Provide information on how to choose child care

***“Managing the Emotional Rollercoaster: A Coping Guide for Parents of Young Children with Disabilities”***

Presenter: John D. Kinsel, MS, LPCC-S, Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health Specialist, Miami Valley Child Development Centers

Session includes information on:

- Ways parents recognize that their feelings are normal and that they are not alone
- Coping strategies
- Resources for obtaining support

***“To Tech or Not To Tech: Pros and Cons of Using Technology with Young Children with Autism”***  
**(Contains good information for any young child with communication issues who could benefit from technology)**

Presenters: Amy Keren, BA, Preschool Teacher, Family Child Learning Center; Mike Esposito, CCC-SLP; Jeff Dennison, father of a child with ASD

Participants will:

- learn how to use technology, including Supertalker, Mac buttons, cell phones, Smartphones and iPads to supplement the communication of young children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)



- learn how to organize and set-up a choice board on an iPad app & Supertalker
- learn how to choose the right apps for your child (i.e. Can your child operate the equipment? Is it motivating for him? Can you modify the app for your child's individual needs?)
- observe demonstrations on how to use (and modify) some popular apps (i.e. how to write letters; matching tasks; songs)
- be provided a list of some current apps and helpful websites

***“Holiday Stress: Thoughts, Tips, and Reflections for Parents”***

**(Shares practical information on air travel, staying in hotels, family visits etc.)**

Presenter: Dr. Geoffrey Putt, Director, Parenting and Family Support Services, Akron Children's Hospital

During the Webinar Dr. Putt will:

- Discuss some of the stressors parents may face as they raise a young children with a disability or delay
- Talk about stress as it impacts daily activities, the holidays/special events, being in public settings (grocery store, park) etc.
- Give practical ways to deal with stress



**How to access and register?**

Simple! Go to the FIN of Ohio website at [www.akronchildrens.org/fin](http://www.akronchildrens.org/fin).

On the right side of the page will be a link to “FIN Special Topic Webinars.” On the FIN Webinar page, under “Webinars on Demand” select the link for the session. After filling in and submitting the registration the session will begin on your computer.

For further information, contact FIN of Ohio at: [finofohio@chmca.org](mailto:finofohio@chmca.org)

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