

“My son **doesn't have a diagnosis** yet but I see him struggling. I want to get him the help he needs. Connecting for Kids helped me to know where to go for help.”

- Mom T.

“I spent years trying to find the right therapists, doctors and diagnosis for my sons. I couldn't have done it without the **support of other moms.**”

- Mom S.

“My son's diagnosis is **rare** so I am not expecting to find a mom with a child just like mine. But it is nice to meet other moms whose kids aren't perfect!”

- Mom K.

“My daughters don't have any delays but I still need help and advice about **how to be a better parent!**”

- Mom N.

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For moms with questions or concerns
about their child's development



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Hello. My name is Sarah Rintamaki and I am the founder of Connecting for Kids. I started this group to help moms: moms who are just like me. Several years ago my 2-year-old had a speech delay and couldn't even say "mama." I was overwhelmed with numerous doctor and specialist appointments. I was desperate to find the "right" therapies and exhausted myself searching the internet for local programs. I was lonely too because my other friends didn't have children with these struggles.

Over time, things began to fall into place and a group of us started an informal support group. We shared so much at those meetings, everything from a new therapy or program to our feelings of grief, frustration, pride and joy in motherhood. I want to give to other moms what those moms gave to me.

In 2011, I put together a team of parents, teachers, therapists and health care professionals to create Connecting for Kids. Our goal is to support moms as they seek resources for their child. *Whether your child has a formal diagnosis or if you are just questioning whether his or her development is typical, Connecting for Kids can help. We hope you will join us.*

Online Services

Subscribers can connect with other moms through our private, interactive website.

Blogs

You can share as much or as little information about your identity and situation as you wish. You can blog about successes, ask for help or ideas, or even talk about how you are feeling that day. You may post your name or you may blog anonymously.

Community Event Calendar

Subscribers will benefit from a community wide calendar of lectures and programs so you can view many parent education resources.

Professionals and Programs Directory

Our website has a directory of local therapists, programs and camps. We encourage you to contact more than one provider so you can make the best fit for your family.

Social Activities

These activities give you a chance to connect with other moms. You may think you're the only one going through this but you're not. Trust me, coffee and/or dinner with other moms helps. Make the time for yourself!

Coffee and Chat While Kids Play

Come talk to other moms while your child plays under supervised care. Share ideas, concerns and support each other as we discuss various topics or have informal speakers.

Mom's Dinner Out

Enjoy some fun and relaxation while sharing a good meal and laughter.

Family Events

We host family events such as bumper bowling and summer picnics. These events are a great way for dads and kids to connect with other families too.

Free Speaker Series

Open to Moms, Dads, Grandparents, friends and family: Invite anyone that wants to learn.

Practical, expert advice:

The list below is just a sample of the variety of topics we offer, refer to our website for more listings.

Activities for your child:

Bring your children because we will offer supervised activities for your child.

"Behavior Issues: to medicate or not?"

Ask your questions to our panel of experts

**January 17th at 7pm
North Olmsted Library**

Making "sense" of your child's learning style

Learn how sensory issues can make it difficult to pay attention, transition between tasks, tie shoes, use pencils and more.

**February 23rd at 7pm
Bay Village Library**

Meet and Greet with therapists, programs and camps!

Come browse through our fair!

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Rocky River Civic Center**

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A question and answer format with child behavior specialists

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