STAFF
You’ll find our staff serve as positive role models and provide care that is supportive, nurturing, warm, and responsive to each child’s needs. Through this program, the ratio for child to staff is 1:1 so that your child will always have the attention they need. Our staff is dedicated to the learning process of young children.

Register now for Winter 2!
Applications available on our website: YMCAyo.org

REQUEST AN APPLICATION OR CONTACT US WITH QUESTIONS

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RESPITE RECREATIONAL PROGRAM
2020-2021

DAVIS FAMILY YMCA
45 MCCLURG ROAD, YOUNGSTOWN, OH 44512
OUR PHILOSOPHY
The Davis Family YMCA has been serving residents of Youngstown, Ohio and surrounding suburbs since its opening in 2003. With a focus on Youth Development and in response to requests from many families, we have realized a heightened need to offer a Respite Program at our location.

Our goal is to serve our community with Respite Program Ministries for Youth, Sports, and Play where we will foster independence and self-esteem, develop social skills, and further strengthen the family unit by providing a safe, fun, and nurturing environment for individuals with disabilities.

OUR PROGRAM
For many, caring for a child with special needs can be challenging, not allowing time for needed breaks or rest for the caregivers/parents. Respite programs are designed to provide temporary relief for families and caregivers of children with special needs. Not only does it give the family members a chance to regroup, but it provides positive experiences for the children as well. The Davis Family YMCA program will be recreationally based for children with sensory, developmental, and social disabilities.

Friends will join us to play in two sensory friendly playrooms incorporating literacy objectives using color, numbers, and shapes. Activities include: swimming, sensory toys, gross motor play, snacks, music, social interaction with new friends, and one-on-one staff interaction in a small group setting giving caring attention and choices to activities. Another program agenda will be engaging the parents of these children in a community of others dealing with similar issues, offering them guidance and resources from specialists.

OUR FEATURES
Children ages 6–12 years old will benefit from small group interaction, one-to-one positive mentoring, and recreation at our facility. Interaction with parents of students with disabilities is encouraged before, during, and after the program sessions.

The Program
- Six-week periods, Saturdays, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- Open to community members, YMCA membership is not required
- Parents schedule two Respite Saturdays per session, and enjoy complimentary YMCA family memberships for six weeks

The Activities
- Music and movement
- Gross motor play
- Motivational mentoring
- Sensory safe obstacle stations
- Literacy objectives using color, numbers, and shapes
- Snacks provided by parents