



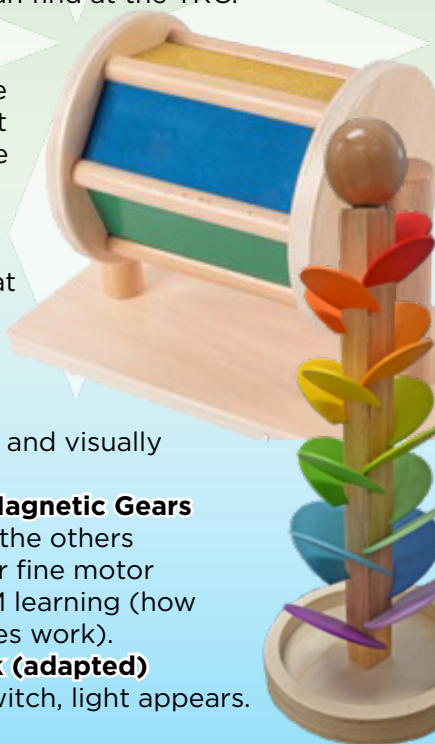
## TOY & RESOURCE CENTER BUILDING BLOCKS

ONE ITEM ONE SITE ONE IDEA

Did you ever watch a Popsicle melt in the sun? If so, you just experienced cause and effect in action! **Cause and effect toys** (aka action/reaction) allow children to make connections and help with decision making. Doing one thing makes something else happen. These toys can promote social skills, facilitate language, aid attention to tasks, support the inclusionary process and build curiosity!

Here are just a few of the many cause and effect items you can find at the TRC:

- **Spinning Drum** Spin the wheel to create sounds. Perfect for tummy time and sensory stimulation.
- **Rainbow Tree** Drop marbles at the top, watch them spiral down to make music. Builds ability to focus and visually track too.
- **Turn & Learn Magnetic Gears** Turn one gear, the others move. Great for fine motor skills and STEM learning (how simple machines work).
- **Light Up Shark (adapted)** Activate the switch, light appears.



Kids know all about action/reaction! They cry; you pick them up. They giggle; you smile. Understanding the link between actions and consequences is instrumental in building self-regulation skills and positive behaviors too!



## ONE SITE

Cause and effect toys/experiences provide a playful approach to learning. Check out Toy Ideas Educational Blog (shortened web address below) to get additional ideas for teaching this skill to children birth to three and beyond. Be sure to try the Dancing Raisins Experiment!

<https://bit.ly/4j72w3x>

## ONE IDEA

**Planting seeds is a great hands-on experiment for kids!**

While supplies last, members of the TRC can stop in with their little ones to pick up a FREE pack of flower or vegetable seeds for a hands-on, cause and effect experiment!

Predict and observe the effect of watering the seeds . . . or not!



**BONUS TIP:** A Seed Sharing Library is offered at Akron-Summit County Public Library's main branch. For more information about the process of obtaining local heirloom seeds from the library go to [akronlibrary.org](http://akronlibrary.org).



**TRC HOURS**

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| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>2 - 5 p.m.</b>       |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>2 - 5 p.m.</b>       |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>11 a.m. - 2 p.m.</b> |

**Why buy when you can borrow?** United Disability Services' toy lending library loans developmental toys and resource materials to its members. Stop by and see us!

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