

A PROGRAM OF UNITED DISABILITY SERVICES



TOY & RESOURCE CENTER **BUILDING BLOCKS**

ONE ITEM **ONE SITE** **ONE IDEA**



Busy Boards, Boxes and Books typically contain locks, switches, instruments, gears, sensory items and more. Let's get busy and unbox the potential in these items!

- **Textured Carousel Busy Box**

This therapeutic item promotes sharing as it rotates. It offers touch and sound stimulation while LED lights support visual attention.



- **Light Switch Busy Board**

Push, twist and turn switches to build imagination by pretending it is the control panel on a spaceship or whatever the mind creates.



- **Felt Montessori Busy Board**

Helps develop dexterity and life skills (e.g. buttoning, zipping, and snapping).



- **Melissa & Doug Latches Barn**

Improves concentration skills while boosting confidence through trial and error to open latches (top image).

- **Wooden Activity Cube/Walker**

Use in a stationary position for shape sorting, music appreciation, eye-hand coordination, visual tracking and more. Standing to push it can develop balance and walking skills too.



Don't feel boxed in. Stop by the TRC and explore ways you can help create

"I CAN DO IT" kids!

ONE SITE

Get *busy* and make your own simple busy box. Mums at the Table shares ideas for seven types of busy boards you can make at home.

<https://bit.ly/47VMFkZ>

BONUS SITE

Since April is Autism Awareness Month, you might want to check out The Home Depot site and create your own sensory board.

<https://bit.ly/3PjEqJc>

ONE IDEA

Visit a Community Play Area

Many outdoor and indoor play areas include busy boards for children to explore. The Akron Children's Museum has an interactive Baby Zone exhibit with mirrors, latches and more. Older kids can keep themselves busy in their Rigamajig & Discovery Ramps area (shown below).



TRC HOURS

Tuesday	2 - 5 p.m.
Wednesday	2 - 5 p.m.
Thursday	11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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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