



## News Release

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### **Bittersweet Hosts Appy Happy Workshop Series**

Whitehouse, OH... The iTaalk Autism Foundation, Bittersweet Farms, the Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities, and the Autism Provider Network of NW Ohio will be presenting the Appy Happy Workshop Series beginning September 8. The workshop series is made possible due to a grant from The Autism Provider Network of NW Ohio. The six-month educational series will be held at Bittersweet Farms, located at 12660 Archbold-Whitehouse Road, Whitehouse, Ohio 43571. The workshop series is ideal for educators, parents, caregivers, and any professionals who work with individuals who can benefit from assistive technology.

Bittersweet's Day Program Manager, Steve Mentrek, says, "Bittersweet is excited to host the Appy Happy Workshop Series this year with the iTaalk Autism Foundation, the Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities, and the Autism Provider Network of NW Ohio. This is a great opportunity for families and educators to learn the best tricks and apps for using mobile devices with individuals with autism and special needs."

The series will be led by experts who provide hands-on labs and demonstrations of how to successfully apply assistive technology. The purpose of the series is to help individuals with autism and special needs to use mobile devices that will help aid in skill development. Head to the iTaalk website to register: [www.itaalk.org](http://www.itaalk.org)

#### *Workshop Date and Topics:*

September 8, 2018- Free and Inexpensive Apps that Get the Job Done

October 13, 2018- Behavioral Intervention and Scheduling

November 10, 2018- Apps for Gaining Independence

December 8, 2018- Fine Motor and Visual/Perceptual Skills

January 12, 2019- Speech, Language and Communication

February 9, 2019- Literacy and Communication

#### **About Bittersweet, Inc.**

*For 35 years, Bittersweet, Inc. has been successfully serving adults and adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorders across three locations in Ohio. Bittersweet offers unique supports that encourage individuals with autism to grow and develop their abilities and talents in an agricultural setting. The mission of Bittersweet, Inc. is to positively impact the lives of individuals with autism and those whose lives they touch. <http://www.bittersweetfarms.org/>*

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