

Family Resource Newsletter

A Newsletter for Families and Their Children Served by Brevard County Early Steps October 2024 Edition



Thinking About Transition Begins Early

All too soon your child will be turning three years old!

As your child changes from a toddler to a preschooler, he or she will also be transitioning from the Early Steps (ES) program to other service options. To help that process be as smooth as possible, and to be sure that needed services are in place by your child's third birthday, it is very important that you, along with your ES service coordinator (SC) and school district personnel, work this process one step at a time.

Not all children who are enrolled in the ES program will qualify for services provided by the local school district beginning at age three. Some children transition directly to Head Start, Childcare, preschool, or other programs. Each child is unique and there are different options and eligibility requirements, your child's individual needs must be explored before any final decisions are made. Transition planning needs to include your family, people who now provide services to your child, and the people who may provide your child future services. Transition planning looks at your child and family's need for services and resources, and provides information needed to make decisions. The transition plan is part of the Individual Family Support Plan (IFSP). It describes the steps that need to be taken to help you and your child get ready to make the change in services.

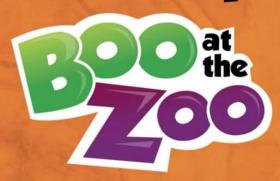
There are several different times when a transition plan may be developed:

- ** If you are moving to another service area and will be needing ES services from another provider.
- ** If you're moving to another state.
- ** If your child no longer needs ES services.
- ** If your child will be turning three.

A transition plan is usually developed as part of an IFSP meeting. You, your SC, and other agencies or programs, plan what needs to occur to make sure the transition is smooth and uninterrupted as your child moves into a new setting. With your consent, your child's records will be shared with the next service provider. Records may include evaluations, assessments, and a copy of your child's IFSP.



Exceptional





October 11 5:00 PM, 5:30 PM, 6:00 PM Pricing starts at \$2/person

Families of children with exceptionalities are invited to a magical evening of trick-ortreating, games, and sensory fun at Brevard Zoo. Costumes welcome!

REGISTER HERE





EARLY STEPS PLAY GROUPS

Inclusive playgroup for all children with or without disabilities, Ages 0 to 3

Join us for therapy related play activities SEPTEMBER THROUGH DECEMBER 2024

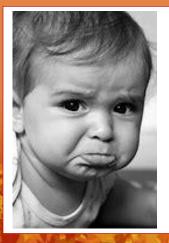
Palm Bay Play Group - Every 3rd Friday of each month 9:30am - 10:30am Palm Bay Library, 1520 Port Malabar Blvd. NE, Palm Bay, FL 32905

Cocoa Play Group - Every 1st Wednesday of each month 10am - 11am Catherine Schweinsberg Rood Central Library, 308 Forrest Ave, Cocoa, FL, 32922

Titusville Play Group - Every 2nd Friday of each month 9am - 10am The Children's Center, 5650 S. Washington Ave., Titusville, FL 32780

TEXT 321-292-1370 (or call) to RSVP





DID YOU KNOW?

When you *no show* an appointment or Evaluation, our providers/therapists **DO NOT GET PAID** •

If you have to cancel, please give as much notice as you can so maybe that therapist can see another child in need of therapy instead $\stackrel{\bigcirc}{\cup}$

Please be considerate!

Thank you 🙂



FREE MY GYM VIERA PLAYGROUP FOR EARLY STEPS FAMILIES

My Gym Viera October Sign Up

https://www.mygym.com/signin/lge/lgesignin?ClassIdStr=zVRoOBrKFJgDH49HNr7zzA%3d%3d

Every third Monday 12:30pm — 1:30pm
ALL FAMILIES MUST SIGN UP EACH MONTH and SIGN THE WAIVER.

Spaces are limited!



8530 N Wickham Rd, Melbourne, FL 32940



BRUNCH SUPPORT GROUP

Please join us for resources, friendship and support. We will share our journey together. Food and/or drinks avbailable for purchase. All ages welcome!

Friday, October 4th

Cracker Barrell Old Country Store 1175 Palm Bay Rd NE, Melbourne, FL 32905 11am – 12:30pm



Would your business, agency, group, or organization be interested in assisting Space Coast Early Steps with our annual Angel Tree for Early Steps families in need this holiday season?

If you would consider collecting toys/gifts for special needs families – even one item can bring so much joy to our children in need.

We would love for you to reach out to our FRS Mary Cancel at Mary.Cancel@spacecoastes.org for details.

Thank you!



ALL THE FALL FESTIVAL INFORMATION HERE:

https://fun4spacecoastkids.com/Whats-Happening/Fall-Festivals/



Space Coast Early Steps C.A.T.C.H. of Brevard

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Meet local birth, baby and parenting professionals and find your village on the Space Coast of Florida.

Complimentary tickets for expecting, new and experienced parents.

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bella-bumps-beyond-guest-tickets-1008336801517?utm-campaign=social&utmcontent=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl

Sunday, October 27 · 1 - 5pm EDT. Doors at 12:55pm 825 Forrest Avenue, Cocoa



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