



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.



COMMUNITY PLAY DATE

Under 5's

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EVERY 4TH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

From 9:00am - 10:30am

The Children's Center

5650 S. Washington Ave.,

Titusville 32780

RSVP to Mary: 321-292-1370

SPACES ARE LIMITED!



Exceptional

BOO at the
ZOO



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-or-treating, 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 😊

Please be considerate!

Thank you 😊



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FOR THE FLIGHT
FOR YOUR LIFE!**

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KIDS' PASSPORT TO GOOD HEALTH

**CELEBRATE
NATIONAL CHILDREN'S HEALTH MONTH
WITH ANGELS BRIDGING GAPS
AND COVENANT CHURCH!**

**Saturday, October 26th
11AM to 3PM
Covenant Church
760 Emerson Dr. Palm Bay, FL 32907**



- **Craft Style Vendors**
- **Fresh Baked Goods**
 - **Food Trucks**
 - **Ice Cream**
- **Door Prizes, Balloon Burst
AND MORE!**

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 available 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/>

Join us for

A TRUNK OR TREAT

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OCTOBER 25TH, 2024 5PM-7PM

Hosted by:



Location: Azan Shriners

1591W. Eau Gallie Blvd, Melbourne 32935

Bring the kids to treat in a fun and safe way. Take your chances at the 50/50 raffle and plan to stay for dinner (for purchase inside)

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

Community Access to Child Health of Brevard, Inc.
Early Intervention Services for young children with
special developmental needs

For more information or referral contact:

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Website:

[Home - Space Coast Early Steps \(spacecoastes.org\)](http://spacecoastes.org)

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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&utm-content=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



<https://www.facebook.com/people/Space-Coast-Early-Steps>