



Early Steps Western Panhandle

I am here for you,
as your Family Resource
Specialist (FRS).

I have served thirty-one years
with Early Steps and
understand the importance of
family involvement with early
intervention services.
I have experienced the joy and
concerns that go with caring
for my child with special needs
and I'm here to provide you
with activities, support
connections, and other
community resources.

Serving: Escambia,
Santa Rosa, Okaloosa and
Walton Counties.
Please email to RSVP for
activities!

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850-377-9991

**Irma Cofield,
Family Resource
Specialist**



Join in the Fun Activities...[you will receive an attendance gift!](#)

CRESTVIEW LIBRARY STORY-TIME: There will not be a story-time/playgroup this month due to the 4th of July holiday and busy summer schedule.

MUSIC & MOVEMENT PLAYGROUPS: Tuesday, July 9th, 23rd, 30th @ 10:00 am.

Join our 'virtual' musical playgroup from the comfort of home! Led by Elizabeth "Lizzy" Johnson, Instructor. This is a time for parent and child interaction using music & movement. We will follow instructions from our leader throughout the playtime. In order to fully participate, you will need wooden spoons or rhythm sticks, egg shaker, maracas, (empty spice jar filled with rice or dry beans), or bells, a bowl or drum, and a scarf or other lightweight material for movement time.

We need you to put you or your child's names on your device for identification purposes. This is a safe and private space for our little ones to enjoy time together. We hope that you will join in the fun! You must RSVP to Irma for our attendance list.

If you attend two playgroups with intentions to continue, we will give you a gift bag with the instruments that we use.

<https://ascension.zoom.us/j/3176684962?pwd=OG4reGpvekFndU9QUVdVdkkvbk1Jdz09>
Meeting ID: 317 668 4962 Passcode: EarlySteps

GROW YOUR GIFT MUSIC PLAYGROUP: There will not be a playgroup this month due to GYGM busy summer schedule. Stay tuned for the August playgroup.

SOCIAL & SENSORY PLAYGROUP: Monday, July 15th @ 10:30-11:30am

Salute Academy 9326 Pensacola Blvd., Pensacola 32526 with Kimberlee Spencer, ITDS-PhD and hosted by Irma Cofield, Family Resource Specialist. Join us for a sensory filled playgroup. Jumping, climbing, scooping, and pouring provided safe sensory input that supports communication skills and brain development. Follow your child's lead while bonding over bubbly tubes and fairy lights and promoting early play skills. There will be an air track (an inflatable track for jumping), a crash pad, infant soft mates, toys, books, a sensory table, a tent with fairy lights, a bubble tube, parachute, and fiber optic lights.

We hope you join in the fun! Please RSVP to Irma.

As Family Resource Specialist (FRS), I have worked full time for thirty-one year but will going part-time starting July 8th. My hours will change to Monday & Tuesday 8:00am to 4:30pm & Wednesday 8:00am to 12:00pm.

I will be looking forward to assisting you and your family as needed.

Stay tuned for our new part-time FRS coming aboard in July.

View Early Steps webpage for more info at earlystepsatsacredheart.org/
Also on Facebook Early Steps Western Panhandle

I hope everyone is having a great summer!!!



Support Connections



Escambia & Santa Rosa Counties

Amora's Mission: Our mission is to ensure no family feels alone following a diagnosis of a child with Down Syndrome: Stephanie 850-287-6773 amorasmission321@gmail.com

Autism Pensacola Inc.: 850-434-7171 Website: www.autismpensacola.org Email: info@autismpensacola.org

Emerald Coast Exceptional Families: 850-396-1008 or admin@emeraldcoastexceptionalfamilies.org
<https://www.emeraldcoastexceptionalfamilies.org/>

Epilepsy Support: 850-433-1395 Website: www.epilepsyfl.org

Genes of Joy: Parents of children with Down Syndrome, Christi 850-377-0018 genesofjoy@gmail.com;
website: <https://www.genesofjoy.org/>

Mended Little Hearts, Inc. International Headquarters & Resources: 1-888-432-7899
info@mendedhearts.org Resource Center 229-518-2680

Pediatric Stroke Warriors of Pensacola: Rebecca Scherer 352-572-9018 or rebeccascherer84@gmail.com for meetings and Facebook.

Pensacola Exceptional Parents Connection: Parents of Children with various exceptionalities: including Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, Autism, Spina Bifida and intellectual and developmental disabilities. Tammy Lunsford countrygirl2@hotmail.com 850-910-3745, Angela abeddy01@gmail.com 850-384-7330 or Amy amylmaxwell@att.net 850-393-8808

Pensacola Grandparents Raising Grandchildren and other Relatives: Call 850-432-1475 ext.175 to confirm meeting date & location, child care provided, Reservations requested!

Pensacola Parents of Multiples: Parents of twins, triplets and multiple births:
PensacolaParentsofMultiples@hotmail.com or 850-384-1231 Find on Facebook too.

Preemies of Pensacola on Facebook: [Facebook.com/Groups/PreemiesOfPensacola](https://www.facebook.com/Groups/PreemiesOfPensacola) To connect with other families from the NICU at Sacred Heart Children's Hospital

Rockin' the 21/Rockin' 321 Social: Down Syndrome support connection on Facebook for activities and social events. Nicole Smith 251-458-0779 or Nnrenner@gmail.com

Okaloosa & Walton Counties

Emerald Coast Exceptional Families: 850-396-1008 or admin@emeraldcoastexceptionalfamilies.org
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