

Early Steps Western Panhandle



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

I have served twenty nine 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 community resources, support connections, and steps for transition to Pre-K.

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

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**Irma Cofield,
Family Resource
Specialist**



Playgroups, Parent Workshops & Chat Session...

Stay tuned...As we are approaching the Fall seasoning; I am attempting to schedule more in person activities.

You are welcome to give any suggestions!!!

CRESTVIEW LIBRARY STORY-TIME: Thursday, September 1st @ 10:15am
1445 Commerce Dr., Crestview. Led by Heather, Child Librarian

Children learn from listening and active play through stories.

Door open at 10:00 for social time then the playgroup begins at 10:15am. This story time is designed for you and your child to engage in story, music and movement.

MUSIC & MOVEMENT PLAYGROUPS: Monday, September 19th & 26th @

9:30 am. Join our virtual musical playgroup from the comfort of home! This class will encourage your child's development with the support of music and movement. Parent and child activities are led by Felisha Carnley, ESE Educator and Mom of Georgia Rose.

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Meeting ID: 317 668 4962 Passcode: EarlySteps

PARENT WORKSHOP: How to Explain but not apologize about your child's development, sensory issues and behaviors: Thursday, September

15th @ 10:00-11:00 am Is it difficult to get together in other social settings; having to explain or apologize for your child's behavior or developmental issues??? This is the workshop for you! Come hear ways to share your child's social status and making new friends!

Jennifer Findley, BCBA

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PARENT CHAT SESSIONS: Thursday evening, September 22nd @ 7:00 pm

This is a great time of parent to parent connection and information sharing! The Early Steps and Pensacola Exceptional Parent Connection (PEPC). Also it's an empowering group of parents who have a child in Early Steps or graduated from our services. We hope you will join in.

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View Early Steps web-page for more information and resources.

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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 of Pensacola: On Facebook Parents of children with heart conditions:
Ashley Baxley AshleyBaxley@mendedlittlehearts.us

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. Angela abeddy01@gmail.com or 384-7330 or Amy amyimaxwell@att.net or 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

Okaloosa & Walton Counties

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

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

EPIC- Exceptional Parents Incredible Children, Inc.: 229-854-1180 rand.fernandez@gmail.com
Website: <https://clicktime.symantec.com/3VqHLUkWc1zwCVozLcH5gwU7Vc?u=www.epicnwfl.org>

Rockin' the 21: Down Syndrome support connection on Facebook ; Jean Mitchell (850)582-0313
jmmitche75@gmail.com, Emily Lamberson emily.lamberson@gmail.com

*If you are unable to connect with a group contact me, Irma, Family Resource Specialist
for assistance by emailing icofield@ascension.org or 850-377-9991*

