Dear Friends,

Happy Holidays! As we celebrate the season and new year with loved ones, I encourage you to reach out and express holiday wishes and gratitude to the new friends you’ve met in Early Steps, including your Service Coordinator, Family Resource Specialist, and providers. I was involved with Early Steps as a parent many years ago when my family received services with my son and now I have the pleasure of working at the state office. I can honestly say the heart of the people in Early Steps is by far the greatest! Many of the friends and families you meet as you continue your journey in and out of Early Steps will remain in your life for years to come and you’ll share a unique bond built on understanding and support. As we approach 2014, I think of the traditional New Year’s Eve song, “Should old acquaintances be forgotten, and never brought to mind? Should old acquaintances be forgotten, and days of long ago!” As you celebrate all the exciting festivities during the season and sing this song, please know that you have a great group of not only acquaintances at Early Steps, but true friends!

Wishing you a safe and fulfilling holiday from Early Steps and happy new year!

Sincerely,

Kelly Rogers, Lead State Parent Consultant
Early Steps State Office

From the Early Steps State Office

Calendar of Events

01/18/14
11am-12noon
Gainesville
Playgroup at Cone Park Library and Resource Center.
East University Ave.

1/21/14 Bronson
Transition : “What to Do” Parent Workshop
1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
350 School Street, Bronson, FL

1/22/14 Old Town
Transition : “What to Do” Parent Workshop and Resource Fair
9:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m.

01/25/14 11am-12noon
Gainesville
Playgroup at Library Partnership I

02/08/14 Ocala
Central Florida Parent Center Workshop
College Road Baptist Church

In keeping with UF practice, North Central Early Steps offices will be closed for the holiday period of December 25, 2013 through January 1, 2014. We will reopen for business on January 2, 2014.

Our Staff at North Central Early Steps want to wish you Happy Holidays!
Community Outreach
Tri-County Interagency Council
Invites you to join us for our

“Transition – What To Do”
Parent Workshop / Agency Fair
Wednesday, January 22, 2014 - 9:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m.
Old Town Education Complex,
823 SE 349 HWY, Old Town, FL 32680

Save the Date for our
Spring Festival Agency Fair
Lincoln Middle School
1001 Se 12th St, Gainesville, FL 32641
Saturday, March 1, 2014
From 10a.m. - 1p.m.

Join us for a fun and informational event for children with special needs or developmental delays and their families. We will have information from numerous agencies and businesses in our community, snacks and lots of fun for every family member.

This is a community event.
Everyone is invited to come and join in the fun!

For more information call or email:
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Important information about ACCESS application from the Department Of Health, Children’s Medical Services Network

The ACCESS Florida web site new application now collects the information needed to determine eligibility for family-related medical assistance using the modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) methodology. The new application may be used by anyone seeking family-related medical assistance, which includes Medicaid, Florida KidCare/CHIP, and coverage through the federally facilitated marketplace/health exchange.

If you need health care coverage, please apply online at the following web address: http://www.myflorida.com/accessflorida/

The old Florida KidCare application does not include the information required for MAGI eligibility determination. Until further notice, please visit the ACCESS Florida web site to apply for Florida KidCare.