



easterseals Florida ELIP Newsletter



EARLY LEARNING AND INTERVENTION PROGRAM



5 STAR RATING ★★★★★

I have been using Easterseals Florida's speech therapy services for my son for several months now, and I cannot express how grateful I am for everything they have done for our family.

When we first started, my son was barely talking. Within just a few months of receiving services, he went from using very few words to speaking in sentences. Watching his progress has been incredible, and I truly believe Easterseals played a huge role in helping him find his voice.

The staff has always been kind, supportive, and attentive. They made me feel heard as a parent and provided guidance every step of the way. What impressed me even more is that this program is offered at no cost, yet the level of care and support has been outstanding.

Beyond speech therapy, they connected us with community events, resources, and opportunities that have benefited our entire family. They even encouraged us to share these opportunities with others in the community. During difficult economic times, they have also blessed us with items and resources that have supported my son's growth and development.

As a parent, my child's development is extremely important to me. There were times when I felt overwhelmed, alone, and unsure of how to help him. Between work, daily responsibilities, and simply trying to make ends meet, it

can be difficult to find the extra support our children need. Easterseals helped bridge that gap for us and reminded me that I wasn't alone.

I am beyond thankful for everything they have done and would recommend Easterseals Florida to any parent who is concerned about their child's development. They have truly made a positive and lasting impact on our lives.

♥ Thank you, Easterseals Florida, for helping my son thrive.

Joseph's Mission Moment



Keep Kids Healthy This Summer: Hydration, Heat, Eczema & Happy Tummies

TAKE ME TO THE COMMUNITY PAGE

Introducing: Kristen Fustos MS, RDN, LD, CSP Pediatric Registered Dietitian



Easterseals ELIP is excited to have Kirsten educate us on fun ways to keep kids healthy this summer! She also offers pediatric nutrition services & gut healing to the Tampa Bay area and beyond.



To learn more contact Krisiten today!

Happy Tummy Nutrition, LLC
Phone: 813-590-7565
www.happytummynutrition.com

Easterseals Florida ELIP Extends Partnership with Feeding Tampa Bay!

Starting in July through September, Easterseals Florida's Early Learning and Intervention Program (ELIP) will be offering FREE childhood developmental screenings at Feeding Tampa Bay on Causeway Boulevard. This partnership couldn't have come at a better time! At ELIP, we believe all children should be screened for developmental delays before they start kindergarten. When a delay is identified early, one of our Development Specialists can work with your child to help address those challenges. With early intervention and support, children can build the skills they need to enter kindergarten ready to learn and succeed.



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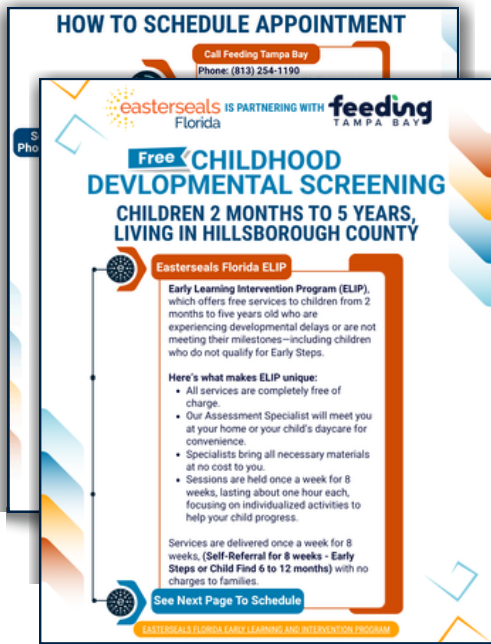
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FREE Childhood Developmental Screenings

Through this continued collaboration, we look forward to supporting children and families in our community by offering FREE Early Learning Screenings along with complimentary visits to Feeding Tampa Bay's "The Market."

"The Market" is a free, on-site grocery shopping experience where families can access essential fresh and frozen food items in a welcoming environment.

← Click on flyer for more information
Preregister to minimize wait times →



Family Time Events & Activities

TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

These events are neither affiliated with nor sponsored by Easterseals Florida ELIP; they were discovered by our staff and community.


July


- 1st - Aug 7th [Kids Bowl Free](#) - Brandon Crossroads Bowl
- 7th [Bilingual Story Time](#) - Ruskin Branch Library, 11 AM - 11:30 AM
- 10th [Just Another Pretty Vase](#) Learn about ancient Greek pottery - Brandon Regional Library, 3 PM - 4 PM
- 16th [Downtown Tampa's Monthly Street Food Fest](#) - Grand Central at Kennedy, 6 PM - 10 PM
- 20th [Crochet Buddies](#) - Bruton Memorial Library, 3 AM - 4 AM
- 20th [Sensory Friendly Storytime](#) - Bruton Memorial Library, 10:30 AM - 11 AM
- 20th [8-week Champion Dads Workshops](#) - Virtual & In Person Optional (register for more info)


August


- 9th [Suncoast Back to School](#) - Wimauma

Check for Dates & Availability

-  [Sensory Sensitive Sundays™ at Chuck E. Cheese](#) - open two hours early, the first Sunday of each month
 - [Brandon | 1540 W. Brandon Blvd., Brandon, FL 33511](#)
 - [Tampa | 14308 Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa, FL 33618](#)

-  [Ballast Point Park](#) - 600 foot pier, a shaded splash & playground

-  [Clothes To Kids, Inc.](#) - Free School Clothes, PreK4-12th grade kids - Hillsborough County

-  [Fathers Resource and Networking Community \(FRANC\)](#) - Take Charge of Fatherhood: Support That Works for You.





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Free CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING CHILDREN 2 MONTHS TO 5 YEARS, LIVING IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY



Easterseals Florida ELIP

Early Learning Intervention Program (ELIP), which offers free services to children from 2 months to five years old who are experiencing developmental delays or are not meeting their milestones—including children who do not qualify for Early Steps.

Here's what makes ELIP unique:

- All services are completely free of charge.
- Our Assessment Specialist will meet you at your home or your child's daycare for convenience.
- Specialists bring all necessary materials at no cost to you.
- Sessions are held once a week for 8 weeks, lasting about one hour each, focusing on individualized activities to help your child progress.

Services are delivered once a week for 8 weeks, **(Self-Referral for 8 weeks - Early Steps or Child Find 6 to 12 months)** with no charges to families.



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Free CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING HOW TO SCHEDULE APPOINTMENT

Schedule by Phone or Website



Call Feeding Tampa Bay

Phone: (813) 254-1190

Speak with a Navigator, who will help you set up an appointment for Childhood Developmental Screening with Easterseals Florida

Feeding Tampa Bay Causeway Center
3624 Causeway Blvd. Tampa, FL 33619
Hours: Mon-Sat, 8am - 4pm



Schedule Through Website

<https://waitwhile.com/locations/feedingtampabay-part>

Click on:

Schedule your visit



What service can we help you with?

Click on:

CD

Childhood Developmental Screening
For children ages 0-5. Track your child's growth and learning to help identify if they are experiencing develo... more

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This service is offered by

Click on:

Easterseals



Select date and time and you are done!

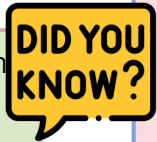
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KEEP KIDS HEALTHY THIS SUMMER: HYDRATION, HEAT, ECZEMA & HAPPY TUMMIES

Summer outdoor activities can cause gut issues in children, including dehydration, constipation, skin flare-ups, and appetite changes. Simple habits can help maintain their gut health during the season.

70-80% of the immune system lives in the gut. A healthy gut supports digestion, immune function, and even skin health!



1. PRIORITIZE HYDRATION

- Serve hydrating foods such as watermelon, strawberries, cucumbers, and oranges
- Use colorful cups or reusable water bottles
- Make homemade fruit-infused water

2. PREVENT CONSTIPATION

- Include fiber everyday like fruits, vegetables, beans, and whole grains daily
- Keep active with outdoor play
- Maintain consistent bathroom routines when possible
- Stay hydrated with homemade popsicles



3. PROTECT SKIN FROM FLARES

- Use mineral-based sunscreen
- Rinse sweat and chlorine off
- Apply moisturizer immediately after bathing
- Dress children in lightweight, breathable clothing
- Stay cool in shaded areas



4. SUPPORT GUT HEALTH

- Offer a variety of colorful fruits and vegetables
- Include fiber-rich foods such as beans, lentils, oats, and whole grains
- Try gut-friendly foods like yogurt or kefir



Happy Tummy Summer Tip: Aim for a colorful plate each day! The more colors your child eats, the more nutrients and beneficial fibers they receive to support a healthy gut, immune system, and skin health.

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Pediatric Registered Dietitian
Owner/Founder of Happy Tummy Nutrition
Offering pediatric nutrition services & gut healing to the Tampa Bay area and beyond



Back to School July 31st

back to school event



MAKE YOUR MARK

Friday, July 31 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Get ready to make your mark this school year!

Prepare your kids for a successful school year at our annual Back-to-School Resource Fair!

 **health resources**

 **school supplies**

 **books**

 **groceries**

 **& more!**



register here or
call our helpline
(813) 710-9003



causeway center
3624 Causeway Blvd,
Tampa, FL 33619

Back to School Blast



Back to School Blast presented by Bright Horizons is July 25th!!

This is one back to school event you won't want to miss. With over a hundred sponsors, thousands of school supplies, tons of swag and prizes, and at The Shops at Wiregrass it all is adding up to one amazing time!

We are bringing back our Touch-a-Truck area where kids can get hands on with a variety of vehicles.

Moore Bounce and Party Rentals will be setting up inflatable obstacle courses, bounce houses and games in our free kids zones. There will be Free Face Painting, Game & Bubble Area, Craft Stations, Live Entertainment and More!

For More Information: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1833626170629287>

Back-To-School READY




BACK-TO-SCHOOL
READY:

**FAMILY FUN, RESOURCES,
& COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS**



JOIN US FOR A DAY OF SUPPORT, FUN & PREPARATION AS WE GET OUR KIDS READY FOR SUCCESS!

- FREE SCHOOL SUPPLIES**
While supplies last.
- COMMUNITY RESOURCES**
Connect with local organizations and helpful services.
- GAMES & ACTIVITIES**
Fun for kids of all ages!
- GIVEAWAYS & PRIZES**
Exciting prizes for the whole family!

SATURDAY
JULY 11, 2026
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

STRONG FAMILIES. BRIGHTER FUTURES.

- ENGAGE** with community partners
- EQUIP** your child for a successful school year
- EMPOWER** your family with tools and support
- ENRICH** your community connections

THE FAMILY ENRICHMENT CENTER
Family is at the HEART of everything we do.
1002 E Martin Luther King Jr. BLVD
Tampa, FL 33603
www.familyenrichmentcenter.org | (813) 237-0914

Backpack Giveaway

EYCC SUMMER JAM
 ENHANCE YOUR CHANCE
 TITLE I COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTER INC.

BACKPACK GIVEAWAY & COMMUNITY FUN DAY!

SATURDAY JULY 18TH
 12:00PM – 4:00PM
 6528 US-301 UNIT 114
 RIVERVIEW, FL 33578

KINDERGARTEN TO 12TH GRADE & COLLEGE FRESHMAN
 (COLLEGE FRESHMAN'S MUST REGISTER)

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO RECEIVE A BACKPACK AND SUPPLIES.

RAFFLES & GIVEAWAYS

- ✓ Massages
- ✓ Trips & Getaways
- ✓ Gift Cards
- ✓ And Other Exciting Prizes!

RESOURCES & INFORMATION

- ✓ Wellness Fair
- ✓ GED and College Prep
- ✓ K-12th Scholarship Information
- ✓ First Time Homebuyer Info
- ✓ Credit Repair
- ✓ Community Resources and Much More!

BOUNCE HOUSE

GAMING TRUCK

GAMES

DELICIOUS BBQ

FRESH JUICES

A WHOLE LOT OF FUN FOR THE COMMUNITY!

REGISTER FOR BACKPACKS

DONATE TO THE EVENT

BBQ | BOUNCE HOUSE | GAMING TRUCK | GAMES | FRESH JUICES

Community Back to School Event



FREE EVENT –
OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY!



SATURDAY
JULY 25, 2026



10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
RAIN OR SHINE! ☀️

Part of the [Enlightened FL Events](#) collection

[Lesley "Les" Miller Jr. All People's Community Park & Life Center Tampa, FL](#)

Saturday, July 25 • 10 AM - 1 PM

Free backpacks, school supplies, fun activities, music, and more! Join us for a day of family fun and community support!

Community Back to School Event Preparing Kids. Empowering Futures.

Students and families are invited to join us for an exciting and fun-filled day as we get ready for the new school year together! This FREE community event is all about supporting our kids with the tools they need to succeed while enjoying a day of connection, resources, and celebration.

✨ What to Expect:

- Free backpacks & school supplies (while supplies last)
- Face painting & fun kids activities
- Inflatables & interactive fun
- Dance & fitness join-ins
- Music & entertainment
- Health screenings
- Health & community resources
- Clothes depot (new & gently used items)
- Lunch provided

All People's Center 6105 E. Sligh Ave. Tampa, FL 33617

Registration is required to help us plan and prepare supply quantities. However, all items and services are first come, first served while supplies last.

Suncoast Back to School



back to school

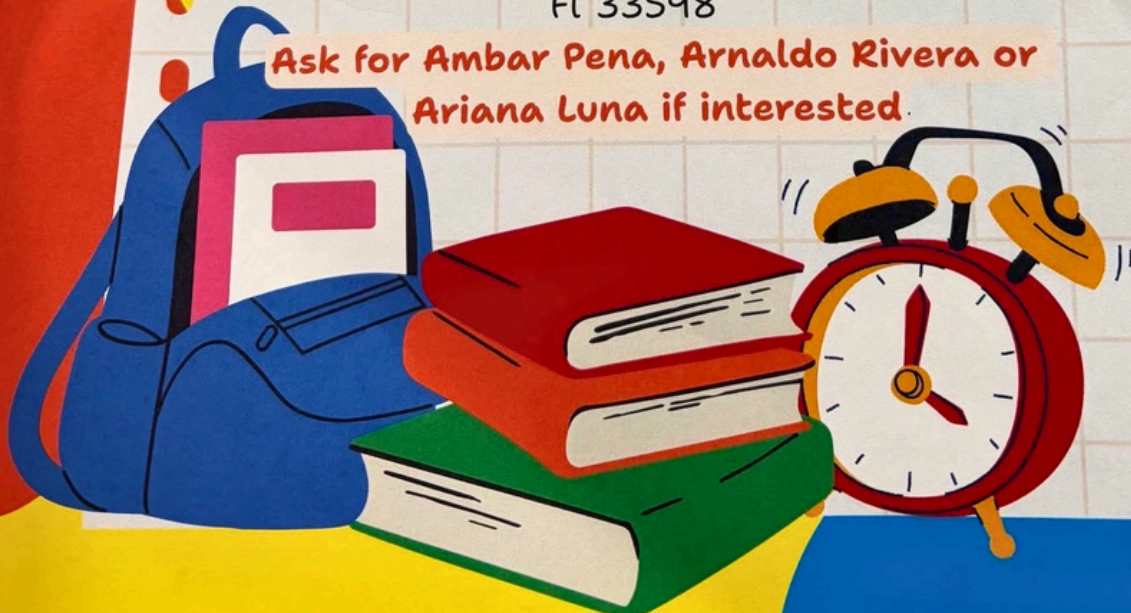
Suncoast Belmont branch
Annual Back 2 School Bash
coming soon!

Save the Date:
August 9th 2026

Looking for local businesses to be part of
our community event

Visit: 14391 South US Highway 301 Wimauma
FL 33598

**Ask for Ambar Pena, Arnaldo Rivera or
Ariana Luna if interested.**



Kinship Support Services



Are You a Grandparent or Other Relative Raising a Family Member's Child?

You are not alone! We Can Help You...

- Link to resources & support for your family
- Apply for legal aid, Medicaid & cash assistance
- Meet basic needs for food, clothing & more...

Call the Kinship Referral line! 1 (888) 920-8761

Support Services

Tutoring	Legal Services	Family Fun Activities
Referral	Counseling	Community Resources
Benefits	Support Groups	Self Care
		Early Child Development

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 Children's Board
 HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY
www.ChildrensBoard.org


 United Way Suncoast

Tampa Job Fair-Tampa Career Fair



Holiday Inn Tampa Westshore - Airport Area Tampa, FL

Thursday, July 23 • 11 AM - 2 PM

JOB FAIR LOCATION

Holiday Inn Tampa Westshore Airport

700 North Westshore Blvd. Tampa, FL 33609

Are you looking for a job in Tampa? If you are, this event is a must-attend. Meet with top hiring companies in Tampa, FL.

TAMPA JOB FAIR JULY 23, 2026

ABOUT THIS TAMPA JOB FAIR

Join us at the highly anticipated Tampa Job Fair on July 23, 2026! If you're seeking exciting job opportunities in the Tampa area, this is an event you won't want to miss. Best Hire Career Fairs has a proven track record of organizing exceptional hiring events nationwide for the past ten years. What sets us apart is our ability to identify the specific skills and experiences employers seek and connect them with top-notch candidates like yourself. Whether you're craving a fresh start or eager to take your career to new heights, this event is tailor-made for you. Mark your calendar and arrive early - doors open at 11 a.m. sharp until 2 p.m.

GET READY FOR TAMPA JOB FAIRS

Get ready for an incredible experience at the Tampa Job Fair! Picture yourself face-to-face with decision-making hiring managers from leading companies in your area - no more wasted hours sending out resumes without any response. It's time to revamp your resume, dress professionally, and bring your absolute best self to stand out amongst the competition.

COST OF ATTENDING BEST HIRE TAMPA JOB FAIRS

The best part? Attending this extraordinary event as a job seeker is free! Don't miss out on this golden opportunity. If you are an employer seeking talented individuals for your company and would like to participate, call us toll-free now at (888) 899-8802. Our dedicated team members will gladly provide all necessary registration information.

Here are some essential details about our Tampa Job Fair:

EMPLOYERS LOOKING TO ATTEND THIS EVENT

Are you hiring and eager to showcase your company at this fantastic event? Call us toll-free today at (888) 899-8802 or visit our website dedicated to our Tampa Job Fairs.

INDUSTRIES THAT HIRE AT OUR TAMPA JOB FAIRS

Accommodations, Accounting, Advertising, Aerospace, Agriculture & Agribusiness, Air Transportation, Apparel & Accessories, Auto, Banking, Beauty & Cosmetics, Biotechnology, Chemical, Communications, Computer, Construction, Consulting, Consumer Products, Education, Electronics, Employment, Energy, Entertainment & Recreation, Fashion, Financial Services, Fine Arts, Food & Beverage, Green Technology, Health, Information, Information Technology, Insurance, Journalism & News, Legal Services, Manufacturing, Media & Broadcasting, Medical Devices & Supplies, Motion Pictures & Video, Music, Pharmaceutical, Public Administration, Public Relations, Publishing, Real Estate, Retail, Service, Sports, Technology, Telecommunications, Tourism, Transportation, Travel, Utilities, Video Game, Web Services.

For more information about this event, visit our website. [Best Hire Career Fairs](#)

Getting Weather Hunter Ready!

Getting **WEATHER HUNTERS** Ready

Emergency Preparedness Family Workshop



Feeding Tampa Bay
3624 Causeway Blvd
Tampa, FL 33619



Monday, July 6
2:30 - 4:30 pm

families will experience

- hands-on emergency prep
- craft stations
- take-home preparedness kit
- shopping at Feeding Tampa Bay market



scan here
to register

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Oxford Exchange Children's Book Fair



Oxford Exchange Tampa, FL

Sunday, July 12 • 10 AM - 4 PM

Location: Oxford Exchange

420 W. Kennedy Blvd.

Tampa, FL 33606

Overview

Join us for the annual OE Children's Book Fair. Meet new authors, find great summer reads, and celebrate our local children's authors.

OE Children's Book Fair

Come join us for a fun-filled day celebrating children's literature!

Get ready to explore a wide selection of books for kids of all ages. Meet your new favorite local author, enjoy storytelling sessions, and participate in a book-themed scavenger hunt.

GIVEAWAY!

Bounce Zone Tampa



We have a giveaway that gives one lucky winner a great way to have a party at one of Tampa's premier party venues!

Bounce Zone Tampa is giving **One lucky winner a Super Bounce Party Package (A \$389 value!)**

The prize includes:

- Admission for up to 12 kids
- Private party room for 2.5 hours
- Bounce play & indoor playscape fun
- Pizza & drinks (water or juice)
- White plates, napkins, and tablecloths
- Tread socks for all kids



It's the perfect stress-free birthday celebration filled with fun and memories!

And you can enter on either or both socials!

Enter on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/TampaBayMomsGroup/posts/pfbid0QdwkxnlvBRGiB3N8rJK9rcsHY3nDV9J33MpYnLbGM22RXM4ZyEemrwXayEVqDF3LI?rdid=fvDiIOP72uucuw0t#>

Enter on Instagram

https://tampabaymomsgroup.com/so/1bPyVnr7t/c?w=w9y4kupxs0LcoE1G1gXYtB9uH_QlfrbLyhyZGCBhpY.eyJ1ljoiaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuaW5zdGFncmFtLmNvbS9wL0RhUkphVW1GQXl0Lz91dG1fc291cmNIPWlnX3dlYl9jb3B5X2xpbnsmawdzaD1NelJsT0RCaU5XRmxaQT09liwicil6ljkyN2FmNDRiLTlyMTctNGUxYi04MmM2LTgxM2Q2MDIiM2RjNCIsIm0iOiJtYWlsX2xwliwiYy16ljZiZml2NDQwLTA2MWQtNDAwNi1hYjBhLWQ3MGY0NjI0MTdmMiJ