

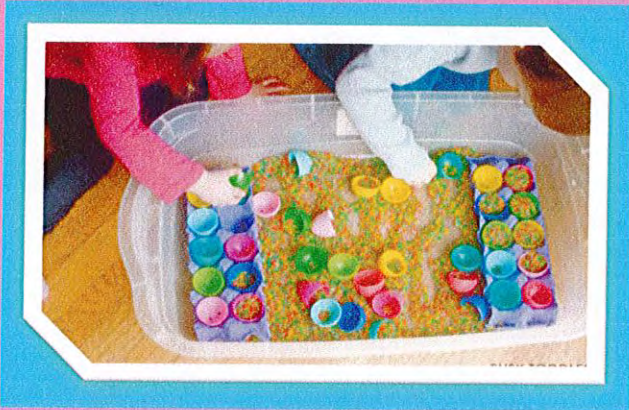
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WV BIRTH TO THREE REGION IV NEWSLETTER

SERVING: BOONE, CABELL, LINCOLN, LOGAN,  
MASON, MINGO, PUTNAM & WAYNE COUNTIES



## EASTER SENSORY BIN



- Plastic Easter eggs
- Storage tub
- Rice (optional: dye it rainbow colored)
- Empty egg carton(s)

### Special events

- Easter Sensory Bin
- Recipe
- Family Spotlight
- April Calendar
- May Calendar
- June Calendar
- Easter Color Sheet



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# Clementine Palm Tree Bowl



## Ingredients

- 1 1/4 cups Kellogg's® Rice Krispies® cereal
- 1/2 medium banana, cut into uneven shapes
- 1/2 kiwi fruit, peeled and lengthwise cut into wedges
- 1/3 cup clementine sections or drained mandarin orange sections
- 1/2 cup fat-free milk

## Directions

1. Place KELLOGG'S RICE KRISPIES cereal in serving bowl.
2. Arrange banana pieces on top of cereal for tree trunk and kiwi wedges for palm leaves. Place clementine sections at base of tree. Serve with milk.

## The Impact of Early Intervention: It's in the Tiny Moments

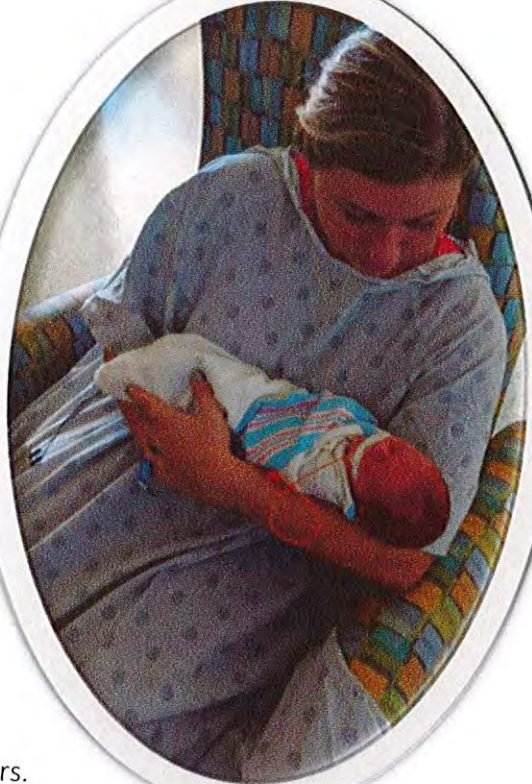
I will never forget walking into the NICU room and seeing this tiny 4lb baby boy on a feeding tube, wrapped in a blanket and alone. To say I was overwhelmed was an understatement. How were my husband and I going to care for this baby? We fostered and adopted my son, who was born severely drug exposed and six weeks premature, which is quite rare. I did not know this was rare, but the nurses and doctors told me babies born this early don't normally experience withdrawal because certain parts of their brain haven't developed enough to go through withdrawals and even process the drugs. Because of this, he was entered into a case study to track his progress, which recently just ended at his 2-year well baby checkup. The results of this

will eventually be published because of the great progress my son James made. Even though he initially suffered from several developmental delays, now, at 2 ½, he is almost completely on target with his peers. Again, this is rare, but the impact of the Birth to Three program has helped him made tremendous gains.

My son was determined eligible for WV Birth to Three at two months of age. He had a large team - a speech therapist for feeding,

a physical therapist, a developmental therapist, and

we later added an occupational therapist when he was 18 months old. These practitioners coached my husband and I, supported us and became a second family. When I saw a job opening to be an Interim Service Coordinator for Birth to Three, jumped on it. I fell in love with Birth to Three through my own personal experiences with my son, and with my education and previous job history, it was the perfect fit.



Here I am two years later, still loving Birth to Three, advocating for the program, and loving seeing my son thrive.
























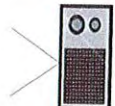


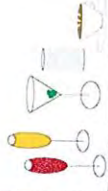

























When I found out the case study was going to be published because of the great success he has made I made sure to let the doctor conducting the case study know that a large part of his success was due to the quality early intervention services he received. I will never forget when he signed "more" to me for more food. My heart burst. He told me what he wanted! James' journey has involved celebrating many of those tiny moments that actually aren't so tiny. It is those moments that have showed me exactly how beneficial his serves were. The staff I dealt with made sure I was involved, supported, and that I fully understood the Birth to Three process. Even when I felt overwhelmed, I was reassured.

I wish more families knew about the West Virginia Birth to Three program, that it's free, that Birth to Three staff such as myself are here to help and support all families, and how impactful early intervention services can be. These services, coupled with a stable environment and supportive care can help ensure children can thrive, even the rare cases like my son, who is thriving and continues to beat the odds and overcome the consequences of Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS).











# April 2022

<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Read a Road Map Week</p> 	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>World Rat Day</p> 	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Guitar Month</p> 	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Keep America Beautiful Month</p> 	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>International Beaver Day</p> 	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>April Fool's Day</p> 	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day</p> 
<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Golfer's Day</p> 	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Cheese Fondue Day</p> 	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Big Wind Day</p> 	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Garden Week</p> 	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Look up at the sky Day</p> 	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Rubber Eraser Day</p> 	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Librarian Day</p> 
<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Bat Appreciation Day</p> 	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>International Jellybean Day</p> 	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Garlic Day</p> 	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Chinese Language Day</p> 	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>National Tea Day</p> 	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Jelly Bean Day</p> 	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Love's Day</p> 
<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Pig in a Blanket Day</p> 	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>World Penguin Day</p> 	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Pretzel Day</p> 	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Save the Frog Day</p> 	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>International Astronomy Day</p> 	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Shrimp Scampi Day</p> 	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>International Jogg Day</p> 

<b>1</b>	Save the Rhino Day 	<b>2</b>	Baby Day 	<b>3</b>	Public Radio Day 	<b>4</b>	Beer Pong Day 	<b>5</b>	National Hoagie Day 	<b>6</b>	Beverage Day 	<b>7</b>	Cosmopolitan Day 
<b>8</b>	Iris Day 	<b>9</b>	Lost Sock Memorial Day 	<b>10</b>	National Shrimp Day 	<b>11</b>	Wildflower Week 	<b>12</b>	International Nurse's Day 	<b>13</b>	Leprechaun Day 	<b>14</b>	International Dylan Thomas Day 
<b>15</b>	Chocolate Chip Cookie Day 	<b>16</b>	Love a Tree Day 	<b>17</b>	Pack Rat Day 	<b>18</b>	No Dirty Dishes Day 	<b>19</b>	Bike Week 	<b>20</b>	Pick Strawberries Day 	<b>21</b>	National Water and Waterway Day 
<b>22</b>	Solitaire Day 	<b>23</b>	World Turtle Day 	<b>24</b>	Escargot Day 	<b>25</b>	National Wine Day 	<b>26</b>	Hamburger Month 	<b>27</b>	Sunscreen Day 	<b>28</b>	Photography Month 
<b>29</b>	Paper Clip Day 	<b>30</b>	Water a Flower Day 	<b>31</b>	World No Tobacco Day 								

# May 2022

# June

5	World Environment Day 	6	Yo-Yo Day 	7	Aquarium Month  Aquarium Month 	8	World Oceans Day 	9	Wine Day 	10	Iced Tea Day 	11	Corn on the Cob Day 												
12	Red Rose Day 	13	Sewing Machine Day 	14	Flag Day 	15	Email Week 	16	Candy Month 	17	Eat Your Vegetables Day 	18	Go Fishing Day 	20	Ice Cream Soda Day 	21	International Yogurt Day 	22	Chocolate Eclair Day 	23	Dairy Month 	24	Swim a Lap Day 	25	Log Cabin Day 
19	Kissing Day 	20	Beautyician's Day 	26	Insurance Awareness Day 	27	Sunglasses Day 	28	Camera Day 	29	Meteor Day 	30													
1	Flip a Coin Day 	2	Rocky Road Day 	3	It's Repeat Day I said, It's Repeat Day 	4	Hug your Cat Day 																		

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