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OUR MISSION

To serve as a leading advocate and financial resource, in collaboration with other community agencies, to provide affordable access to high quality services for young children.

OUR VISION

A community where young children will reach their full health and educational potential.

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WE'VE MOVED!! BUT STILL CLOSE BY!

Partnership for Children of Lincoln & Gaston Counties Moves to New Location!

The Partnership for Children of Lincoln & Gaston Counties has moved to a new location, 120 Roechling Street, Dallas, NC 28034. This will also be our mailing address. Roechling Street is located on 321 N, from I-85 South take exit 17 for US-321/US-321 N toward Gastonia/Lincolnton, turn left at US-321 N/N Chester Street. The building is located on the right after Tommy's Drive in, 2708 Gastonia Dallas Highway. All phone numbers, fax numbers and e-mail addresses have remain unchanged. Please come by and see our new office! A date for a ribbon cutting will be announced in the near future.



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Tuesdays for Tots

On Tuesday, June 1, 2010, child advocates from Lincoln and Gaston Counties traveled to the North Carolina General Assembly as part of Smart Start's statewide, "Tuesdays for Tots" initiative. The constituents met with the legislative delegation from each county and asked members to "hold the line" and continue to invest in young children in Gaston and Lincoln counties. Earlier this year more than 800 community leaders from across the state voted that access to quality early education and care was a top priority for young children.

Tuesdays for Tots is Smart Start's signature effort that takes place during the legislative session. On Tuesdays, advocates representing Smart Start's 77 partnerships come to Raleigh for one-on-one meetings to educate lawmakers on the challenges facing young families and how Smart Start meets these critical needs.

Smart Start has experienced funding reductions over the past 9 years of \$43.8 million. This amounts to a loss of \$101.2 million when combined with the effects of inflation. These cuts are occurring at the same time that economists and other business leaders are advocating that investments in young children are one of the strongest investments not only for the short term but also for sustained growth and job creation. In fact, the North Carolina General Assembly's Legislative Study Commission on Children and Youth concluded: "It is critical to ensure the healthy development of children in the State and improve outcomes for all children in order to ensure the future success of our State and our citizens."

Local residents who traveled to the North Carolina General Assembly included: Steve Eaton, Executive Director of the Partnership for Children of Lincoln & Gaston Counties, Amy Wadsworth, Public Information Coordinator of the Partnership for Children of Lincoln & Gaston Counties, Deanna Matthews, Child Care Health Consultant with the Gaston County Health Department and Doreen Melton, Executive Director with First Baptist Children's Ministry in Lincoln. The group met with the following members of the Lincoln and Gaston County legislative delegation. They included Representative William Current, Sr., Representative Johnathan Rhyne, Jr., Representative Pearl Burris-Floyd and Senator James Forrester.



Run for the Money 2010



Save the Dates!

Apple Festival- September 18, 2010
 The Partnership for Children of Lincoln & Gaston
 Counties Family Spooktacular- Saturday, October
 30, 2010 12 NOON to 4: 00 p.m.

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