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Adolescent Parenting Program

Michelle Spinner had Carson when she was 16 years old. Having been in the Adolescent Parenting Program in Lincoln County for three years, Spinner said the program has helped her get to where she is today. "Overall the program has made me be a better Mother," Spinner said. Spinner, now 20, is working at a local bank and is loving the field. She plans to make it a career. Spinner cherishes her relationship with Jessica Towery, the APP coordinator. She said she has become a mentor for her and she appreciates the once a week visits that she provides. "She has been the perfect support-she has really matured me," Spinner said.



The Adolescent Parenting Program is open to Lincoln County residents under the age of 21 with a child or children aged birth through five. It provides support and services at no charge. Part of the program includes peer group meetings, which helps teens with education, helps build self-esteem, and helps with social skills. "We are a sound board and support for these girls," said Towery. Each peer group meeting has a different topic, which may include guest speakers. Towery also offers home visits every month, which help the parents with goal setting, parenting, education, independence and employment.

For more information contact Jessica Towery at 704-736-8781.

Want to get involved?
The Adolescent Parenting Program is funded through the Partnership for Children of Lincoln & Gaston Counties. For more information contact Jessica Towery at 704-736-8781.

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OUR MISSION

Serving as a leading advocate and collaborative resource to provide 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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Where's Baby? Look before you lock.

Never leave your child alone in a car!

Did you know that heatstroke is the leading cause of non-crash, vehicle-related deaths for children? According to Safe Kids USA, on average every 10 days a child dies from heatstroke in a vehicle. These deaths are preventable! Many caregivers do not realize that a child's body heats up three to five times faster than an adult's. It only takes a few short minutes before a child can become overheated. Heat stroke happens when the body cannot cool itself fast enough and the core temperature rises to dangerous levels. In a vehicle, temperatures can exceed 100 degrees in less than 10 minutes on an 80 degree day, which can be fatal. Cracking the window does nothing to reduce the temperature inside a car left in the sun. Angel Ross, Trauma Program Coordinator with CaroMont Health Trauma Services in Gastonia said that many of these deaths are because parents forgot their children were in the vehicle. There are many things you can do to remind yourself that your child is in the car including putting your child's picture on your rearview mirror. "Pay close attention and always check the backseat," she said.

Top Tips for Preventing Hyperthermia (According to Safe Kids USA). Remember ACT-Avoid, Create Reminders and Take Action! Avoid heat stroke-related injury and death by never leaving your child alone in the car, even just for a moment! Create reminders and habits that give you and your child's caregiver a safety net:

- Set the alarm on your cellphone or computer calendar as a reminder to drop your child off at childcare.
- When you drop off your child, make a habit of calling other caregivers so everyone knows where your child is at all times.
- Place an item in the backseat that is needed at your next stop such as your purse or wallet.

Take action if you see a child unattended in a vehicle. Dial 911 immediately!

Download the Free iPhone App "Baby Reminder"

Baby Reminder, a new iPhone app, was created by a software developing company in Israel to help prevent these tragedies. It is a good tool to remind you not to leave your child alone in your car. Here is the link: <http://itunes.apple.com/il/app/baby-reminder/id468332744?mt=8>.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following center who increased their star rating in our Quality Sustainability Program (4 and 5 stars):
Toddler Tech University in Gastonia increased from a 4 to a 5 star

Congratulations to the following center who increased their star rating in our Quality Enhancement Program (centers/homes rates 4 stars or below) to our Quality Sustainability Program (4 and 5 stars):
Little Scholars University Inc. in Bessemer City increased from a 3 star to a 5 star



Summer Book Recommendations

Plant a Little Seed
by Christensen, Bonnie

Underground
by Fleming, Denise

Yucky Worms
by French, Vivian

Swim, Little Wombat, Swim!
by Fuge, Charles

Construction Kittie
by Goodwin-Sturges, Judy Sue

Hello, Day!
by Lobel, Anita

Peep and Ducky
by Martin, David

See Me Dig
by Meisel, Paul

Sea Turtle Hatchlings
by Owen, Ruth

A Baby Sea Otter Stor
by Rustad, Martha E.H.

Hot Air Balloons
by Schuh, Mari C

Superhero
by Tauss, Marc

The Princess and the Pea
by Vaes, Alain

Red, White and Boom!
by Wardlaw, Lee

Should I Share my Ice Cream?
by Willems, Mo

SAVE THE DATES:

Gastonia Grizzlies Super Splash Day

Wednesday, June 26, 2013
Gates open at 10 a.m. • Game at Noon
\$5 per ticket or \$8.50 for ticket and lunch

The Partnership will have a booth at the event! Call Emily McDonald for tickets at 704-866-8622

Apple Festival

Saturday, September 21, 2013
9 a.m.- 4 p.m. • Lincolnton, NC

Visit our booth in the Kids Apple Orchard and our Street booth

PFCLG's Annual Spooktacular

Saturday, October 26, 2013
WoodMill Festival Grounds • Vale, NC

Teacher Appreciation Banquet



The Early Childhood Professionals of Gaston/Lincoln Counties held the 18th annual Teacher Appreciation Banquet at the Citizens Resource Center in Dallas on April 25, 2013. The banquet recognized those who work in child care. Some of the awards handed out included the Caring Award, the Pioneer Award, the Family Child Care Home award, the Teacher of the Year awards and the Director of the Year awards for both counties.

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