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OUR MISSION

To lead, advocate, and collaborate with others to insure the well-being of children, ages birth to five

OUR VISION

Communities where children, ages birth to five, reach their health, developmental, and educational potential and grow to be thriving adults

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Partnership Recognizes Achievements

On February 7, 2017 the Partnership's Board of Directors presented recognition certificates to a number of special persons for their achievements. Persons included were those who earned degrees in Early Childhood Education, child care centers who enhanced their service quality, retiring owners/directors, and others who have made a positive impact on children in our community.

The Partnership would like to thank each of these individuals and their child care centers as a whole for the positive impact that they are making on our young children. Without the commitment of our child care community, the Partnership's mission—*To lead, advocate, and collaborate with others to insure the well-being of children, ages birth to five* would not be possible. Thank you!



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Upcoming Events

- **Saturday, April 8: Community Foundation Run**-Visit the Community Foundation website at www.cfgaston.org to sign up for a 2K walk or 5K run. Be sure to select the Partnership for Children as the organization you are running/walking for! Money received from this event will be used for Early Childhood Literacy projects! Time: 9:00am. Location: Rotary Pavilion in downtown Gastonia.
- **Saturday, April 15: Easter Egg Hunt**-Free event hosted by the Lincoln County Coalition Against Child Abuse and Lincoln County Parks & Rec. The Partnership will be present to promote awareness of its services and to distribute books to children! Time: 10:00am-12:00pm. Location: Betty G. Ross Park.
- **Saturday, April 22: Gaston Safe Kids Event & Week of the Young Child Kickoff**-Join the Partnership and Gaston Safe Kids for a free, fun-filled day with lots of fun, educational activities, and free books as we kick off *Week of the Young Child* (April 24-28)! Time: 10:00am-2:00pm. Location: Kohl's, Gastonia.
- **Saturday, May 6: Convoy of Hope**-This event is being hosted by Bethlehem Church of Gastonia. Free groceries, health and dental screenings, haircuts, family portraits, and a meal will be available to participants while supplies last. The Partnership will participate by promoting awareness of its services and by distributing books in the children's area! Time: 10:00am-2:00pm. Location: Gaston Gazette-1893 Remount Rd, Gastonia.
- **Saturday, May 6: Lincoln Safe Kids Day**-Free, family-friendly event hosted by Safe Kids Lincoln County to provide safety and education to the community. The Partnership will be participating by promoting awareness of its services and will be distributing books! Time: 10:00am-2:00pm. Location: Lincolnton YMCA.



"Play is the beginning
of knowledge"



Celebrate Week of the Young Child

Monday, April 24th: Music Monday!

Sing, dance, celebrate, and learn.

TRY THIS: Find the beat to connect music, movement, and math. Practice clapping, drumming, or stomping to the beat of the music while counting.

Wednesday, April 26th: Work Together Wednesday!

Work together, build together, and learn together.

TRY THIS: Practice organizing blocks by size. Try building a block tower with large blocks on the bottom and little blocks on top!

Tuesday, April 25th: Tasty Tuesday!

Healthy eating and fitness at home and school.

TRY THIS: Measure your ingredients while making your snacks. Ask children if they'd like the same or different amounts of each ingredient.

Thursday, April 27th: Artsy Thursday!

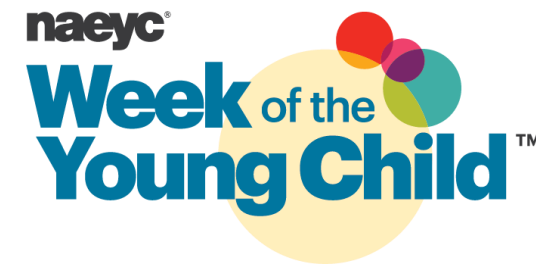
Think, problem solve, create.

TRY THIS: Bring art outdoors! Offer dark and light paper, chalk, and pastels, and suggest children create their own versions of the day and night sky!

Friday, April 28th: Family Friday!

Sharing family stories.

TRY THIS: Invite parents for a Family Friday breakfast where children can prepare and share breakfast treats with their families!



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