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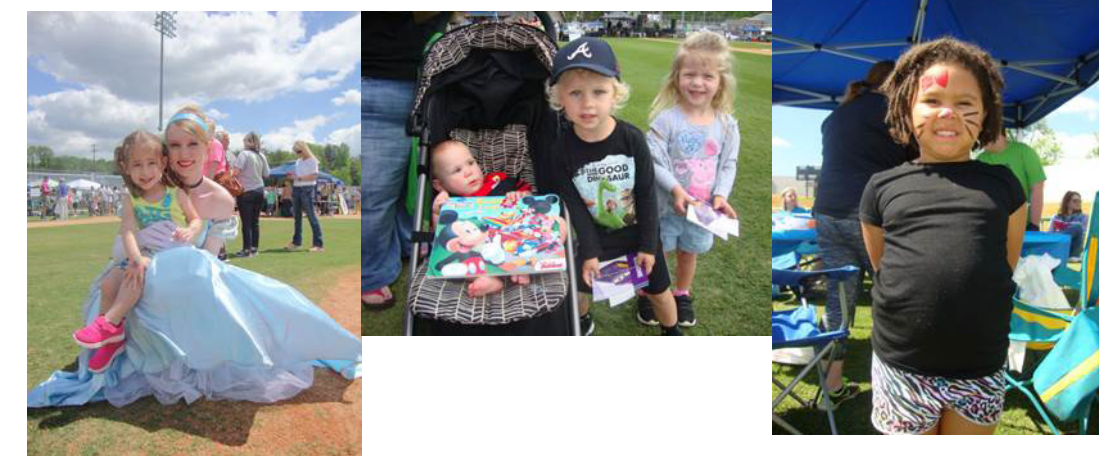


## Hope, Health & Harmony Festival

The Partnership for Children of Lincoln & Gaston Counties was thrilled to join the 27 Forever Foundation for the Hope, Health & Harmony Festival on April 23, 2016. The event was held at Sims Legion Park, Gastonia.

The Children's Area was presented by the Partnership staff and many wonderful volunteers. Books were distributed to all children who visited our book tent! There were several games and activities including: Bottle Toss, Wood-Craft Station, Cornhole, a Bounce House and Slide, Face-Painting, Tile Painting, and more. A fire truck, police car and motorcycle, ambulance, and smokehouse were also on site to teach children and families the importance of safety.

Ernaya Johnson and her mother, Patrice Mitchell, were present at the festival to speak on the importance of early childhood literacy. Johnson received acceptance letters from 10 colleges, five of which were Ivy League! Mitchell said that her daughter's love for reading was directly related to her exceptional achievement. Congratulations, Ernaya!



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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 to grow to be thriving adults.

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# Congratulations to our HP Laptop PC winner!

The Partnership announced that Mr. Brandon Hord, of Dallas, is the raffle winner of an HP 15.6" Laptop PC. Money from the raffle will support early childhood literacy.

Pictured is Michael Linker, Executive Director of the Partnership and Brandon Hord. Congratulations, Brandon!



## Partnership Events

Child Safety Fair-April 30, 2016  
Gaston Safe Kids



Community Empowerment Event  
at Mt. Zion Resurrection-May 21, 2016



## Hope, Health & Harmony April 23, 2016



A Place to Grow Spring Fling-May 21, 2016



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## Assuring Better Child Health & Development (ABCD)

Medical practices in Gaston and Lincoln Counties are using standardized, developmental and behavioral screening tools at well child visits. Medicaid policy requires a developmental screening at each well child visit and autism screening at the 18 and 24 months visits. Examples of screening tools for children birth-five years include the Ages & Stages Questionnaire 3rd Edition (ASQ3) and the Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers-Revised with Follow-Up interview.

Most medical practices recognize the importance of screening ALL children at these visits and not just Medicaid recipients. The ABCD Coordinator educates and updates medical practices regarding referral resources information and where to refer. Through contact with families, the coordinator can answer any questions they may have about the referral and evaluation process. An early intervention activities packet is sent to families encouraging them to spend quality time with their children regarding the age appropriate activities designed to further skills in all developmental domains.

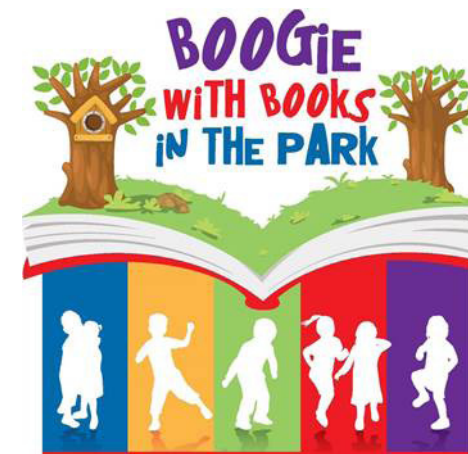
ABCD Coordinator, Kathy Hudson, penned a catchy phrase when she first started the ABCD Program in Gaston County in 2002. Today, she continues to share this with whoever will listen..."Don't Delay, Screen and Refer Today!" Okay, it might be corny, but it is good advice to follow!

Find out more information by contacting Hudson at (704) 862-6115 or visit her office located at 200 E. 2nd Avenue, Gastonia.

Kathy Hudson, ABCD Coordinator, Gaston-Lincoln Counties



## JOIN US AT THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!



July 22nd, 3:00pm-7:00pm  
Rhyne Community-Bethlehem Church  
2782 Fairview Dr, Gastonia



Super Splash Day  
June 22, 2016-Game starts at 12:00pm  
Visit the Grizzlies Homepage for ticket and event information!  
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