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Celebrating April as the **Month of the Young Child in Anson County**

The Anson County Partnership for Children will host family-fun activities throughout April to celebrate the Month of the Young Child.

The well-being of our children determines the strength of our society. Understanding the importance of investing in our young children, the Anson County Board of Commissioners declared April as the Month of the Young Child in 2020.

More than half of our young children live in poor or low-income homes. With the many challenges our children face, they need our help to flourish. Together, we can build a community of support to uplift our young children, preparing

Local initiatives are expanding through the Anson County Partnership for Children's collaboration with Anson County Schools, South Piedmont Community College, Atrium Health-Anson, and others to enhance a child's overall well-being and the mental, physical, and emotional components that impact development. These collaborations include participation in two national advocacy initiatives in

April: Week of the Young Child (WOYC), sponsored by the National Association

for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), and Child Abuse Prevention Month, sponsored by Prevent Child Abuse America. The Anson County Partnership for Children will celebrate the Month of the Young Child with events that ensure safety with socially distanced or virtual activities. The

Partnership canceled most events last year and is especially ready to celebrate in 2021. "In April, we celebrate the joy of the present and the hope for the future. Not only do we give voice to the meek, but we embrace the power of what if. That is the magic of our children," said Caroline Goins, ACPC Executive Director.

To celebrate Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Partnership and Anson County Domestic Violence Coalition will host a Pinwheels for Prevention Garden April 1-9 at the Anson County Courthouse. These pinwheels symbolize the safe childhood and bright future all children deserve. As a community, we all play a role in the healthy development of our children. In collaboration with the National Association for the Education of Young Children,

the Partnership will host virtual activities for the National Week of the Young Child. WOYC spotlights the importance of early childhood education and celebrates the active roles in educating young children. The week will launch Saturday, April 10, with Celebration Saturday followed by Music Monday, Tasty Tuesday, Work Together Wednesday, Artsy Thursday, and Family Friday. Each day a community member will lead children through an activity on the Partnership's YouTube channel.

The third week of April, the Partnership will focus on quality early childhood development and education by hosting the following workshops:

• April 20th Reducing Bias in the Early Childhood Classroom, 6-8 pm

• April 22nd Kindergarten Transition Workshop for Parents, 6-7 pm

These educational sessions will be held virtually on Zoom. If you are interested in attending an educational event, call the Partnership at 704-694-4036 to register. The Partnership will visit licensed childcare facilities in Anson to provide educational resources as well. The finale of Anson's Month of the Young Child is the Raising A Reader Literacy

Play. Officer Buckle and Gloria by Peggy Rathmann is the selected book theme this year. This Caldecott award-winning children's book tells the story of safety expert Officer Buckle and his four-legged sidekick, Gloria. Students will delight in Gloria's antics as they use this story about teamwork to build comprehension skills. On Monday, April 26, the Partnership will host Officer Buckle and Gloria Storytime. On Tuesday, April 27th, families will enjoy a virtual showing of the

Council. Inspired by the community helpers in the story, meet local community helpers during the Anson Community Helpers Virtual Tour on Wednesday, April 28. All virtual activities for the Month of the Young Child will be on the Anson County Partnership for Children's YouTube page. Families are encouraged to participate in all activities. For information about the MOYC activities or programs the

original play written by Tommy Wooten and hosted by the Anson County Arts

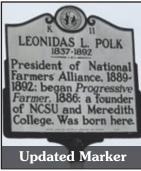
Updates On The L. L. Polk House by Preserve Mecklenburg

Partnership offer, visit ansonchildren.org or call 704-694-4036.

The Case Of The Misplaced Marker. Where In Anson Was L. L. Polk Born?

This is a release from Preserve Mecklenburg: Preserve Mecklenburg is under contract to acquire the L. L. Polk House and 5.82 acres of land. The closing is scheduled for May 7th. We have a possible buyer who will purchase the house from Preserve Mecklenburg and fully





restore it to how it looked when L. L. Polk was born in the house in 1837. An official of the State Historic Preservation Office will visit the house in April to explain what must remain and what can be changed. The yard has been bush-hogged. Drive by and you will see how different it looks. J.D. Bricken volunteered his time and talent.

Preserve Mecklenburg is working hard to save the house in which L. L. Polk was born. But there's a problem. Where was Polk born? We thought we could depend on the Official State Historic Highway Marker. There is one at the house on

Old Highway 74. But there's another on US Highway 74 that claimes Polk was born on what is now the L. L. Polk Campus of South Piedmont Community College. Impossible!

We have solved the problem. The Highway Marker at the house on Old Highway 74 was installed in 1940. The State ordered it replaced in 2009. The N.C. Department of Transportation put the new marker in the wrong place. Both markers have been removed, the new Marker will be moved to the homesite in the near future.

More updates on the project will be upcoming.

ASNC Webinar on Seclusion and Restraint at School on April 7

The Autism Society of NC (ASNC) in coordination with NC Disability Rights invite parents to a free Webinar on Wednesday, April 7, from 6 to 8 pm that will explain what the NC law says about Seclusion and Restraint in schools due to behavior and how parents can participate in these decisions.

Andrea Martinez and Gaile Osborne, both advocates of NCDR, and Kim Tizzard, ASNC Family Support Director, are the presenters of this interesting event with great expectations, in English and Spanish.

Registration link:

zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ZOvGuPImTPCzssVQhk5RDA

Goals: Definition of Restraint and Seclusion in Public Schools • How parents can advocate on the school's procedures with their children's difficult behavior • Actions to be taken by parents when their children's rights are not respected • Resources and services for parent Information: Mariela Maldonado, Hispanic Affairs Liaison of ASNC, mmaldonado@autismsociety-nc.org or 919-302-4625