



Cabarrus Cares for Kids

**Thanks to
the AL Brown
Marching Band!**



The Cabarrus County Partnership for Children gave out 543 Kindergarten Back Packs to all More at Four children in Kannapolis City and Cabarrus County Schools. The Partnership would not have been able to do this without the help of the A.L. Brown High School Marching Band and band director Gordon Snyder.

This great group of young people packed 543 back packs with paper, pencils, crayons, chalk, scissors, activity sheets, books and much more in just one day!



Thank you for your support in helping make this year's Smart Start Back Pack Program a huge successes!



Cabarrus Partnership for Children

July, August, & September

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<http://ncchildren.worldpress.com>

H1N1 (Swine Flu) Update in Cabarrus County

On June 11, 2 children that attend a local child care center were diagnosed with the H1N1 virus. One child is a resident of Rowan County, so technically, we have had one reported case in Cabarrus County, the first so far.

What does this mean for you as teachers and parents? First of all, be assured that the public health

department, Cabarrus Health Alliance, was informed of the diagnosis, and took immediate action to assess the situation.

The Communicable Disease Department, along with the Child Care Health Consultant arrived at the center to determine if other children had symptoms, and to talk with concerned parents and teachers. Review of

preventive measures were discussed, and a letter was presented to send home to other parents to inform them of the diagnosis.

Licensing and sanitation requirements are mandated requiring hand washing, cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting.

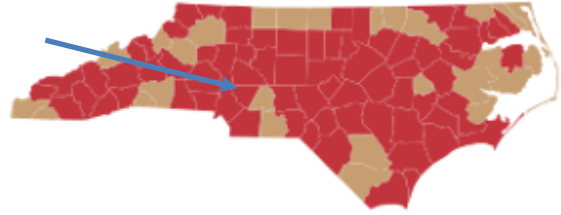
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Cabarrus County Children/Early Childhood Teachers Miss Out On Important Mental Health Services and Professional Development Awards

72 counties with growing numbers of young children, including Cabarrus had their Smart Start funding cut, which means fewer services for children and families.



The Cabarrus Partnership for Children has been struggling this fiscal year with budget reversions of 7.67% (\$238,000). These cuts have greatly impacted our operations.

Because of budget cuts, **pregnant and parenting teens are missing out on the support** needed to improve the lives of their children. The Cabarrus County Partnership for Children had to eliminate one of the licensed clinical social workers in its Intensive Home Visiting program. The program provides regular home visits by a Registered Nurse to first time pregnant teens during their pregnancies and until the child's second birthday.

It helps to ensure quality early childhood experiences, prevents additional pregnancies and provides prenatal care and a medical home for the child so they will get all their check-ups. Home visiting enhances parenting, promotes the growth and development of young children. In high-quality programs, and increases the odds that children from at-risk families will enter kindergarten ready to learn.

The **quality of early childhood programs in Cabarrus County is in danger**. Future cuts will have an impact on some of the health services provided by our child care

health consultants and dental health providers. These consultants/dental clinic play a critical role in ensuring that programs are providing a healthy and safe environment for young children. They also have had a significant impact on childhood obesity and dental decay in Cabarrus County.

In most fields, additional education means additional pay. But not typically in early childhood professionals—who also often don't earn enough to pay for the classes. Yet ongoing education is a critical part of ensuring quality. The Cabarrus County Partnership for Children had to **cut child care providers professional development supplements by 27%**, because we just did not have the money.

Long term without this added funding; child care teachers may not be able to afford to go to school to continue their education. In the future this would impact on the quality of care that is provided for our youngest children. We need well-educated and trained early childhood teachers.



“Smart Start provides so much help for directors with all these programs. I just love all the consultants and help.”

~ Dee Almond, director of Elite Child Development Center.



Resources for Families in Cabarrus County

There are so many resources available for families in need. Most of them just do not know where to look.

Listed below are just a few resources available in this county. If you know someone in need or even for yourself, these resources are a great starting point.

The Partnership has updated our Parent Resource Guide. It will be available for distribution near the end of July.



Department of Social Services

1303 S. Cannon Blvd.
Kannapolis, NC 28083
704-920-1400

- Financial Assistance
- Child Protective Services

Cooperative Christian Ministry

246 Country Club Drive
Concord, NC 28025
704-786-4709

- Food
- Financial assistance

Salvation Army

216 Patterson Ave.
(off Cabarrus Ave.)
Concord, NC 28025
704-782-7822

- Financial
- Food & Clothing
- Night Shelter

Employment Security Commission

2275 Kannapolis Hwy.
Concord, NC 28027
704-786-3183
Job Line: 1-800-768-5627

Call Elizabeth
Albright for
more
Information
704-262-3683
ext. 107

FREE & Inexpensive Activities this Summer

Looking for something to do this summer that does not cost a lot of money?

Here are a couple of events that are happening in Cabarrus County this summer- Great for the whole family!

Note: The Event/Activity is free unless otherwise stated.



~ Concord, NC ~

For more information/ events go to www.ci.concord.nc.us/

Stars in the Park

Les Myers Park at 8:45 p.m.
7/24- Kung Fu Panda
8/28- Wall-E

Union Street Live

3rd Thursday of each month: May-Aug.
6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Historic Courthouse Lawn
7/16- Sea Cruz
8/20- Tim Clark Band
9/17- The Catalina's

AMC Concord Mills 24

Summer Movie Camp
June 17-Aug. 5th
\$1.00 Movies
10 am every Wednesday

~ Kannapolis, NC ~

For more information/events go to www.ci.kannapolis.nc.us/calendar_showcase.asp

Movies in the Park

Village Park at 8:45 p.m.
7/10- Jumanji
7/24- Kung Fu Panda
8/7- Footloose
8/21- Bolt

Stories Under the Stars

Kannapolis Library Patio at 7:00 p.m.
7/11- Beverly Botsford
8/29- Allan Wolf
9/26- Grey Seal Puppets

Summer Concert Series

Village Park at 7:00 p.m.
7/18- Andrew Theilen Big Band
7/31-8/01- Beach Music Festival
8/15- Too MUCH Sylvia

Splash Pad

Village Park
\$1.00 per person
Mon-Sat: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Sundays: 12 p.m.- 6 p.m.





2353 Concord Lake Rd, Suite 160
Concord, NC 28025
Phone: 704-262-3683
Fax: 704-262-3767



Visit the Cabarrus Partnership for Children Website for more information

www.cabarrusmartstart.org

Common Questions about H1N1

What are the signs or symptoms of Novel H1N1 flu?

Similar to symptoms of regular flu
Fever (over 100 F orally; 99 F under arm; 101 F rectally), cough, sore throat, body aches, headaches, chills and fatigue.

Some people have had diarrhea and vomiting

What can I do to stay healthy?

- Stay informed.
- Influenza is spread mainly person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people.
- Take everyday actions to stay healthy.
- Cover your nose and mouth with

a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

What do I need to do if my child has symptoms?

- Call your child's doctor
- Most importantly, stay home; do not send a sick child to daycare in order to keep from spreading the flu.

If your child is VERY sick, such as having trouble breathing and your doctor is not available; call 911.



If my child has flu like symptoms when can he return to daycare?

Children (& adults) with flu symptoms

(fever; cough, or sore throat) must stay home for at least 7 days.

CDC recommends that you stay home from work, school or daycare and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.

Additional information can be located on the web page

www.cabarrushealth.org