

New Knowledge

Research in child development reveals that the preschool years are far more important than previously recognized in forming the physical, emotional, social, and intellectual foundations for later development.



Alachua County Situation

Teachers will tell you that more than a third of Alachua County's students, when they enter kindergarten, are not prepared to learn.

How You Can Help

SPEAKER

Are you willing to share a topic that would help young parents?

Contact: Liz Stewart
stewarea@sbac.edu
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EXHIBITS

Do you or your organization have something to display that would interest young parents?

Contact: John Spindler
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FINANCIAL

We need donations of all sizes to help with expenses and prizes.

Contact: Sam Butz
jesses9@yahoo.com
375-2668

*Please write checks payable to
University City Kiwanis Foundation*

GENERAL INFORMATION

Contact: Ginger Childs
childs@sbac.edu
538-1070

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2nd Annual

World's Greatest Baby Shower



Saturday, May 6, 2006
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

at

LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL



Sponsored By

Kiwanis Clubs of Gainesville
and

Alachua County School Board

The World's Greatest

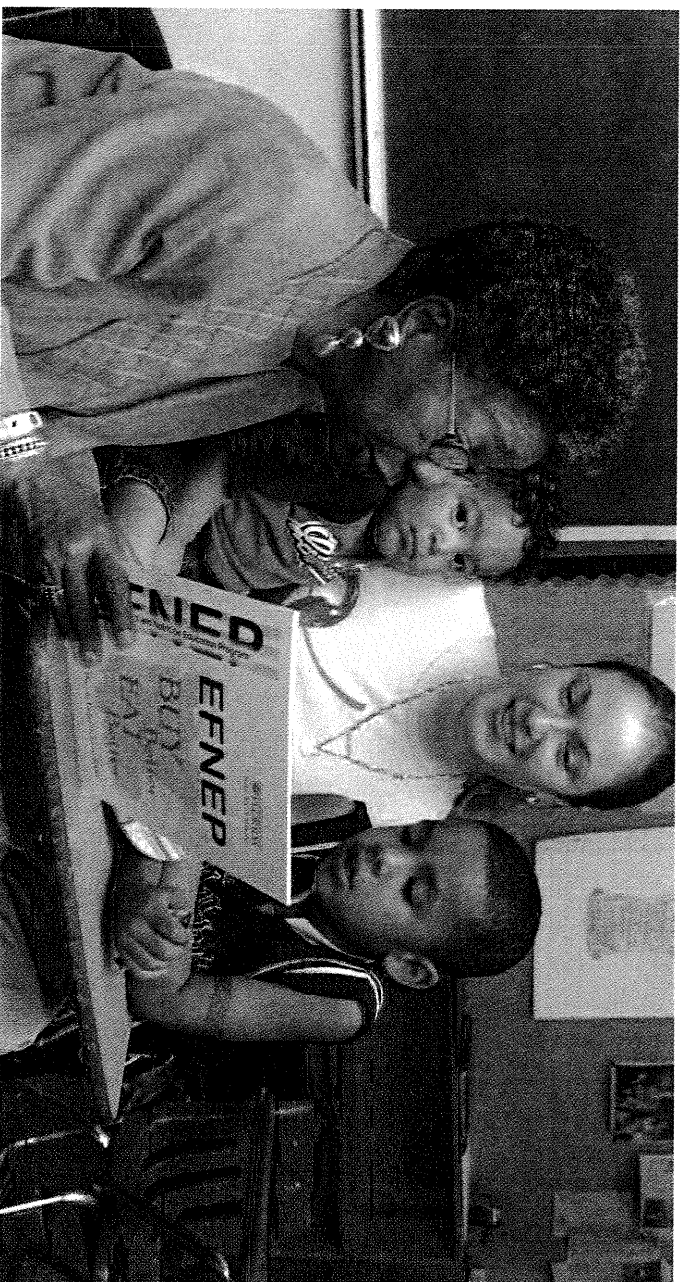
Baby Shower is an educational event about...

- Good Parenting
- Raising a healthy child
- Getting a child ready to enter kindergarten
- Getting young parents together with professionals who can help them

Last Year

more than 200 new and expectant mothers attended the first **World's Greatest Baby Shower** in this area.

The mothers received gifts of baby necessities, books, personal and household items, along with door prizes. Everyone had lunch. It was funded by \$10,000 in contributions from individuals, churches, and businesses.



This Year

attendance at the second **World's Greatest Baby Shower** is expected to at least double. Last year 21 groups who work with infants and pre-school children presented exhibits and educational sessions. With increased participation our budget is expected to go above \$20,000.



Participating Organizations

- Alachua County Health Department
- UF Women's & Infant Care Project
- Alachua County Library District
- Family Literacy Programs
- Alachua County Extension Service
- Child Abuse Project
- Early Learning Coalition
- Embrace Program
- Head Start

Stork's Nest Project - Zeta Phi Beta Sorority

Acorn Clinic

United Way of North Central Florida

Voluntary Pre K

Partnership for Strong Families

Peaceful Path