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EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS MAKE A POWERFUL DIFFERENCE

More than one hundred twenty people attended the seventh annual Foothills Regional Conference for Early Childhood Educators. The award-winning educational event took place Saturday, November 5 at the Iredell County Center of NC Cooperative Extension in Statesville.

This year's conference theme, You Make a Powerful Difference, explored the difference that early childhood educators make in the lives of young children. Keynote speaker, Mary Ponds, talked about the powerful ways that children learn from the important adults that care for them. Ms. Ponds is mayor of Granite Quarry and a retired educator.



Left to right: Debbie Cox (Caldwell County), Eleanor Summers (Burke County), Toi Degree (Rowan County), Glennie Daniels (Catawba County), Ann Simmons (Iredell County), and Margo Mosley (Alexander County).

NC Cooperative Extension family and consumer sciences agents from Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Iredell, Lincoln, and Rowan counties presented workshops on topics relating to marketing, professionalism, financial literacy, nutrition, energy conservation, and after school care.

Participants received continuing education credits, information about valuable resources, networking opportunities, and door prizes. The conference is coordinated and hosted by Cooperative Extension family and consumer sciences agents Margo Mosley, Eleanor Summers, Debbie Cox, Glennie Daniels, Ann Simmons, and Toi Degree.