

# Having Our Say

*The newsletter of SaySo, Strong Able Youth Speaking Out*

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## Become a Member!

If you are interested in joining **SaySo**, let us know! E-mail or write us with the following information: your name, birth date, and address (including e-mail), region and the kind of out-of-home placement you are or have been in.

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## Superstar Reward Program

Strong Able Youth Speaking Out (SAYSO) is pleased to announce a new program to help get youth engaged in LINKS activities. The new "SAYSO Superstars Rewards Program" provides incentive for youth to get involved with community service, advocacy, fund raising, member recruitment, local chapter development, attending monthly meetings, and participating in SAYSO events. Youth earn points for each activity in which they are engaged in and local chapters earn points for each activity they plan and implement. Individual points can be used to purchase reward items in the SAYSO Store at SAYSO Saturday. Items currently in the store include hats, shirts, and bags from the Carolina Panther, Converse Chuck Taylor duffle bags, Otterbox Phone cases for iPhone 5 and 5s, gift cards, and more.



## It's My Transition

On Saturday, February 13, 2015, SaySo in partnership with Mecklenburg County LINKS hosted a youth conference event at Johnson C Smith University. "It's My Transition" is a one-day workshop for youth ages 16+up. The day focused on the (7) LINKS Outcomes with greater emphasis on having sufficient income to meet your daily needs and having a safe and stable place to live. There were youth speakers and great door prizes. It was a fantastic day and we hope to see many of you at our next event.

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## Upcoming Events

### Save the Dates.....

*SaySo Survivor X-*  
**Friday, May 1-3**  
**Camp Chestnut Ridge**

*Link Up-*  
**Saturday May 16, 2015-**  
**Forsyth County**

Details to come check  
SaySo website

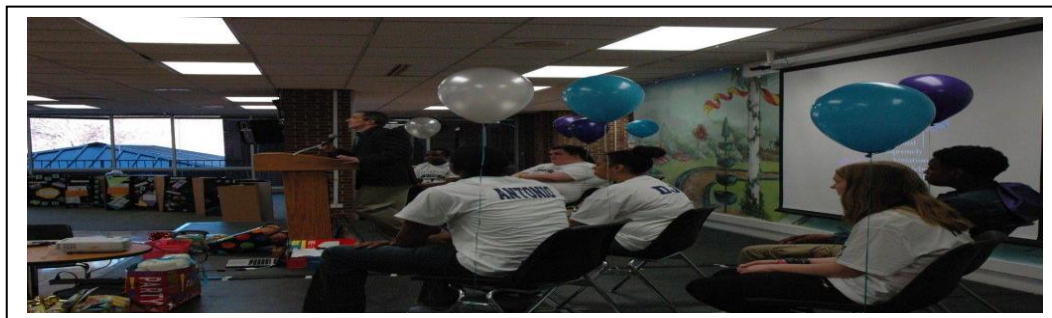
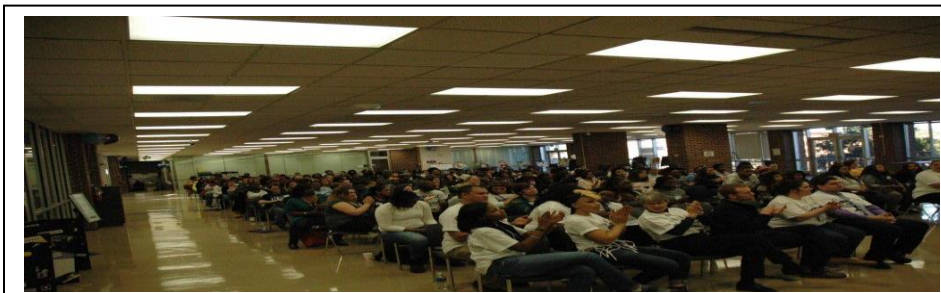
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## SaySo Saturday Super 17th

February 7, 2015, SaySo organized a successful 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Guilford Technical Community College in Jamestown, NC. SaySo Saturday is an annual birthday party and our own family reunion. We all enjoyed our food, of course catered by Boston Market. It was our largest party ever, with over 260 guests!



**Mr. Kevin Kelley, NC Division of Social Service**



**Workshops**