

# Partnership for Strong Families holds annual health and wellness expo

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Gainesville, Fla. WGFL — A cooking class, raffles and bingo were all a part of today's annual health and wellness expo that the Partnership for Strong Families puts together every year.

"Our goal is to build healthy communities and healthy families," said Library Partnership Resource Center Manager, Cherie Kelly.

Kelly said they wanted to bring together multiple agencies so the community can see what the county has to offer, "over 16 agencies to represent physical health, emotional health, social health and child development."

Gainesville resident, Rebecca J. Hightower, was at a loss for words, "I'm amazed this event has opened my eyes to services that are in the area that I had no idea were in the area."

A few of the other programs were Safe Place a program for youth, UF Health Street, and Peaceful Paths that helps victims of domestic violence.

"A youth can walk in any building and see any staff member and say I need a safe place," said Autumn Santos with Safe Place.

For more information on how to volunteer, donate, or hear more about the services go to the Partnership for Strong Families [website](#).