

QUESTION: Indicate data being collected from CDEPP providers, how the data is obtained, and whether it is compatible with SLICE.

RESPONSE: Attached please find First Steps' 4K Provider and Student applications for 2015-2016. These forms depict all data requested of providers. By law, First Steps' student data is provided to the SC Department of Education for the assignment of a student unique identification number (SUNS). The assignment of these numbers allows First Steps' 4K students to be tracked via the SLICE longitudinal database.



First Steps Four-Year-Old Kindergarten (4K) 2015-2016 Application for NEW Providers

South Carolina First Steps 4K is now accepting applications for 2015-2016 from private (non-school district) preschool providers seeking to participate in the South Carolina Child Early Reading Development and Education Program (4K) to serve eligible 4K children residing in the following eligible districts:

Abbeville, Aiken, Allendale, Anderson 3, Bamberg 1, Bamberg 2, Barnwell 19, Barnwell 29, Barnwell 45, Berkeley, Cherokee, Chester, Chesterfield, Clarendon 1, Clarendon 2, Clarendon 3, Calhoun, Colleton, Darlington, Dillon 3, Dillon 4, Dorchester 04, Edgefield, Fairfield, Florence 1, Florence 2, Florence 3, Florence 4, Florence 5, Georgetown, Greenwood 50, Greenwood 51, Greenwood 52, Hampton 1, Hampton 2, Horry, Jasper, Laurens 55, Laurens 56, Lee, Lexington 02, Lexington 03, Lexington 4, Marion, Marlboro, McCormick, Newberry, Oconee, Orangeburg 3, Orangeburg 4, Orangeburg 5, Richland 1, Saluda, Spartanburg 3, Spartanburg 4, Spartanburg 07, Sumter, Union, Williamsburg, and York.

This innovative program was created to expand high-quality 4K to eligible children in both public and private settings. To be eligible, the provider must, at a minimum:

- Be approved, licensed or registered and in good standing by the South Carolina Department of Social Services:
- Have the licensing capacity to serve at least 10 four-year-old children in a classroom setting;
- Have the facility capacity to serve at least 10 eligible students in a class, but not more than 20 four-year-old students;
- Comply with all state and local health and safety laws and codes;
- In legal operation for a period of one year or more;
- Have no founded regulatory violations relating to child supervision, compliance with ratios, or serious health and safety issues in the three-month period before approval is granted.

Attached, please find the *First Steps 4K Provider Application*. Before completing the application, it is important that you familiarize yourself with the requirements outlined in the *First Steps 4K Guidelines*.

This document and other resources are available on the First Steps website at http://scfirststeps.org/first-steps-4k-provider

Completed First Steps 4K Provider Applications should be submitted to:

Martha Strickland, State Director First Steps 4K

SC First Steps to School Readiness

1300 Sumter Street, Suite 100

Columbia, SC 29201

This request for applications does not commit SC First Steps to award a grant or to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of an application. SC First Steps reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications received as a result of this grant request, and to negotiate with all qualified applicants. SC First Steps also reserves the right to waive or modify any procedure requirement stated in the application process or 4K Guidelines. Any questions, please call us at 1-877-621-0865.

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Enclosure

SC FIRST STEPS 2015-2016 FIRST STEPS 4K PROVIDER APPLICATION (New)

Please type or neatly print all requested information below

PROGRAM INFORMATION					
Name of Center: Name of School District in Which Your Cente	County:				
Name of Owner:	Name of Director:				
Mailing Address of Center:	Nume of Director.				
Physical Address (if different from above):					
Phone#: ()	Director's E-mail:				
Fax# ()					
Facility Type:	☐ ABC Level A+ ☐ Private Non-Profit ☐ Private For-Profit				
	☐ ABC Level A ☐ Faith-Based ☐ Head Start				
☐ Approved ☐ Licensed ☐ Registered CHECK ALL THAT APPLY →	☐ ABC Level B+ ☐ Military Program ☐ Other:				
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Is your center accredited by an outside entity					
No NAEYC OTHER ACCREDITATIO	N:				
Years in Operation (Check one) ☐ Less than 12 months ☐ 1 - 2 years ☐ 3 - 4 years	ars □4 - 5 years □7 - 8 years □8 - 9 years □ More than 10 years				
What are your hours of operation? (PLEASE L					
Does your center own a bus? Yes No					
Does your center provide transportation to an					
Does your center propose to request transpo					
Do you provide before- and after-school care	in your center? Yes No				
Do you have a current regular license from DS	SS Child Care Licensing? Yes No				
Do you have any pending citations? Or CAP?	P				
Do you participate in the Child and Adult Care	Food Program? Yes No *Attach copy of menus for 2 weeks				
	university or technical school? No Yes, list name of school:				
Is your center participating in other early childhoo	d programs, pilots or quality enhance initiatives? No Yes, list:				
	NROLLMENT INFORMATION Id care license or registration (front and back) with this application. *****				
Total number of children you are licensed to					
Check and specify the number of children cui	Trently enrolled in your facility by age: \Box 2 \Box 3 \Box 4 \Box 5 \Box 6-12				
What is the square footage of the proposed 4	K classroom? Must be at least 350 sq. ft.				
(350 sq. ft. is the minimum for 10 four year olds, 700 sq. ft. is the minimum for 20 four year olds)					
Are children currently enrolled in your center eligible for free- and reduced–lunch (185% of federal poverty)? No Yes - If yes, please estimate how many:					
Are children currently enrolled in your center eligible for Medicaid?					
No Yes - If yes, please estimate how many:					
Do you accept ABC Child Care vouchers?					
If no to the above, are you <i>willing</i> to accept ABC Child Care vouchers? Yes No					
Do you currently serve children with identified special needs? Yes No					
Is your facility or classroom accessible to children and adults with physical disabilities? Yes No					
All buildings must be ADA compliant.					

CURRICULUM
The research-based curricula currently approved for use within First Steps 4K classrooms are
High/Scope, Creative Curriculum and Montessori.
Please indicate your PROPOSED curriculum for use in the 4K classroom: High/Scope
☐ Other supplementals, list:
— other supplementals, not
ASSESSMENT INFORMATION
Please briefly describe any formal assessment and/or developmental screening methods currently in place
within your program. Include the name of any instruments utilized.
How do you currently report children's progress to their parents?
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PARENT INVOLVEMENT INFORMATION
Do you currently provide an orientation meeting for parents/guardians? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Do you currently provide parent education information or activities? Yes No
If yes to the above, specifically describe the types of parenting programs/activities you offer. If this includes the
provision of parent education materials and/or literacy materials, please give examples:
Does the center currently do any transition planning or activities for children entering public 5K? Yes No
If yes, please describe:
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INDOOR AND OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENT
Do you have a sink located in the 4K classroom? No Yes Warm water? Yes No
Is a bathroom located in the 4K classroom? \square No \square Yes
Briefly describe the 4K playground (including size and equipment).
TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION
Is there a functional computer that may be used by center administrative staff? Yes No
Is there current access to the internet in the center office? Yes No
Is there a functional computer for use by teachers and children in the proposed 4K classroom? Yes No
Check all that apply to classroom: DesktopLaptopTablet
Is there current access to the internet in the proposed 4K classroom? Yes No
Does your office computer software open and save Word and Excel documents? No Is there a scanner in your center? Yes No
Is there a scanner in your center?
Do you receive and send faxes from your center?

PERSONNEL QUALIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete the chart on current personnel or personnel that you proposed to be employed in the <u>4K class only</u>. In the "Highest Educational Level" column, specify the name and type of the degree. If staff is currently working on a degree, include the anticipated date of completion. The qualifications of 4K staff should support the Lead Teacher and Instructional Assistant positions outlined in the 4K Guidelines, Section 7.0 Personnel and Training. Also include rate of pay or annual salary of proposed 4K staff.

- ***Submit copies of transcripts and certifications on your Proposed Lead Teacher(s) and Instructional Assistant(s) for the 4K class only.
- ***Submit coursework documentation of Lead Teacher's progress toward four year degree, if applicable.

Title/Position	Name	Length of employment with center	Number of years working with children younger than 6	Highest level of edu completed PLEASE SPECIFY DEGF (i.e. HS Diploma, AA ir Childhood, Bachelors of Early Childhood Education	REES n Early f Arts in	List any Early Childhood Education or Child Development Certification and/or Specialized Training of Staff	Working Towards any additional degree (AA, Bachelors, Masters, etc.)? Name degree and include anticipated completion date	Specify Rate of Pay (Hourly Rate x No. of Hours per Week) or Annual Salary
Director								
4K Lead Teacher ****								
4K Teacher Assistant ***						Completed EDC 101: ☐ Yes ☐ Not Yet To take		
TRAINING INFORMATION To assist First Steps in planning for professional development and training needs during the school year, please check if the proposed staff has participated in formal training on the following topics within the last two years(leave blank if not):								
Creative Curric	ulum	LEAD	TEACHER		☐ DIR	ECTOR		
High/Scope Cu	rriculum	LEAD	TEACHER		☐ DIR	ECTOR		
Ages and Stage	es Questionnaire (ASQ) 🗌 LEAD	TEACHER		☐ DIR	ECTOR		
Emergent Liter	асу	LEAD	TEACHER		☐ DIR	ECTOR		
Teaching Child	ren of Poverty	LEAD	TEACHER		☐ DIRI	ECTOR		
Conscious Disc	cipline	LEAD	TEACHER		☐ DIRE	CTOR		

I am submitting an application to enroll as an approved South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness 4K Provider. I verify that all information in this application is correct and true. I am duly authorized to bind my agency/corporation should my agency/corporation be awarded a contract. By the submission of this application, I acknowledge that we will comply fully with the program requirements outlined in the First Steps 4K Guidelines.

Center Name		
Signature of Authorized Agent	Date	
Printed Name of Authorized Agent	_	

This application must be complete and accurate.

<u>A validation visit will be conducted by First Steps Staff</u> to verify all information reported in this application.

Incomplete applications will not be considered for funding.

The 4K provider application AND the following documents must be submitted to

S	outh Carolina First Steps at the same time:
	Copy (back and front) of current child care license or registration
	Complete print-out of center's page from www.scchildcare.org (DSS licensing site) Provide documentation of resolved citations if any are listed as pending on the website
	Copy of Transcripts and/or certificates on each proposed Lead Teacher and/or proposed Assistant. If current staff is completing additional coursework (e.g. ECD 101 or a degree) to meet staff qualifications outlined In the CDEPP Guidelines, provide

☐ Copy of 2 weeks of menus

documentation.



Student Application for 2015-2016 First Steps Four-Year-old Kindergarten

South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness is now accepting applications for four-year-old kindergarten as part of the South Carolina Child Early Reading Development and Education Program (4K).

To qualify your child must:

- Be four years of age on or before Sept. 1, 2015,
- Be eligible for free or reduced-price lunch or Medicaid, and
- Live in one of the 61 eligible school districts:

ELIGIBLE SCHOOL DISTRICTS: Abbeville, Aiken, Allendale, Anderson 3, Bamberg 1, Bamberg 2, Barnwell 19, Barnwell 29, Barnwell 45, Berkeley, Cherokee, Chester, Chesterfield, Clarendon 1, Clarendon 2, Clarendon 3, Calhoun, Colleton, Darlington, Dillon 3, Dillon 4, Dorchester 04, Edgefield, Fairfield, Florence 1, Florence 2, Florence 3, Florence 4, Florence 5, Georgetown, Greenwood 50, Greenwood 51, Greenwood 52, Hampton 1, Hampton 2, Horry, Jasper, Laurens 55, Laurens 56, Lee, Lexington 02, Lexington 03, Lexington 4, Marion, Marlboro, McCormick, Newberry, Oconee, Orangeburg 3, Orangeburg 4, Orangeburg 5, Richland 1, Saluda, Spartanburg 3, Spartanburg 4, Spartanburg 6, Spartanburg 07, Sumter, Union, Williamsburg, and York

We invite you to complete and submit the attached application for your child. For your application to be considered, you must <u>fill in all sections</u> of the application and <u>provide all required documentation</u>.

use this checklist below to ensure your application is complete: □ Copy of child's certified birth certificate (age 4 on or before Sept. 1, 2015)
□ Two (2) proofs of residency (utility bills, tax bill, rental agreement, etc.)
□ Copy of child's SC Certificate of Immunization
□ Copy of child's Medicaid card (if your child receives Medicaid)
□ If NO Medicaid then you must provide Proof of family income and complete
pg. 5 of application - Verification of family income may include pay stubs,
2014 tax returns, or W-2 forms
□ Pg. 2-4 completed of this application. Only complete and attach pg. 5 if Medicaid
card copy is not attached.

ALL sections must be complete and required documents attached before turning it in to the center. Centers will <u>only submit completed documents</u> to the 4 K Offices of First Steps for approval.

Name of Center Receiving Application:
Date Received:
Date Approved by FS office:

2015- 2016 Student Application for 4K



CHILD INFORMATION, please print							
Name and Lord District Co. (18)							
Name as on legal Birth Certific							
First Name:	Middle Name:	Last Name:					
(Circle one) Male Female	Date of Birth:(Month/Day/Year)	Child's Social Security Number (not mandatory)					
Race/Ethnicity of Child (check all that apply)	☐ American Indian or Alaska Native ☐ Asian ☐ Black /African American	□ Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander □ Spanish /Hispanic/ Latino □ White					
Child: (circle one) is a US citizen.	Home Language: □ English □ Spanish	County of Residence School District of Residence					
is not a US citizen.	Other :	School District of Residence					
Home Address (Physical) : Street:	City:	State: Zip Code:					
Mailing address, if different: Street or PO Box:	City:	State: Zip Code:					
	Registering PARENT(S)/GUARDL	AN(S) INFORMATION					
Name of registering Parent/Guardian: (First, Middle Initial, Last) Relationship to Child:							
Address, (If different than above):							
Home Phone : ()	Cell Phone: () email:						
Place of Employment: Work Phone: ()							
Education (check the highest level) Still in high school Some College Associate Degree High school diploma 4-year degree, such as BA or BS GED GED GED Graduate degree , such as MA or PH.D							
	SECOND PARENT/GUARDIA	N INFORMATION					
Parent/Guardian: (First, Middle	Parent/Guardian: (First, Middle Initial, Last) Relationship to Child:						
Address (If different from above):						
Home Phone: () Cell Phone: () email:							
Place of Employment:		Work Phone: ()					
Education (check the highest lev	el): Still in high school Some high school (did not graduate High school diploma GED	☐ Some college ☐ Associate Degree ☐ 4-year degree, such as BA or BS ☐ Graduate degree , such as MA or PH.D					
Child's Legal Guardian (prima	ary custody): Both parents Mother Fa	ather Grandparent(s) Other					
Child lives with: Both paren	ts Mother Father Grandparent(s)	Other					
Name of Child's Primary Physician/Doctor: Office Phone: ()							
	Who is to be called in an emergency for the child? Phone: _() Relationship to Child:						
Last year my child was cared for by a: (circle one) Child care center Family home care facility Head Start Center Non-family Member Family Member							

	MEDICAL AND DEVELO	PMENTAL CHIL	D INFORMATION	
Is your child eligible for Medicaid?	☐ Yes If yes, have you provided a co ☐ No	py of the Medicaid ca	rd?	
Has your child ever had any serious injuries or illnesses?	☐ Yes. If yes, explain			
Does your child have any health concerns or problems? (check all that apply)	☐ Other diagnosed condition(s) i	Circle all that apply: pritis Epilepsy requiring treatment: v, specify:	Heart Trouble Sickle Cell Anemia	
Does your child have any allergies?	☐ Food, specify:			
Did your child have a low birth weight (5.5 pounds or less)?	☐ Yes (child's birth weight was 5.5 pounds or less) ☐ No (birth weight was more than 5.5 pounds)	Has your child been identified with a disability?	 □ Child has been identified with a disability, specify the diagnosis □ No 	
Is your child receiving services related to his/her disability?	☐ Yes , please list the agency/organization: ☐ No disability		Does your child have an active Individualized Education Plan (IEP)? ☐ Yes ☐ No	
Is there anything else that would be helpful to know about your child?				

I verify all information to be correct, and I understand that completion of this form does not guarantee placement in a SC First Steps 4K class. If my child is placed in the SC 4K Program, I agree that my child will attend the program for the required number of hours and days as prescribed by the SC First Steps 4K Program and outlined by the center where my child is enrolled. I understand that failure to comply with these attendance requirements could result in disenrollment. I understand that I cannot register my child without appropriate age documentation. I have provided a certified birth certificate to be copied and attached to this registration form.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian	Date

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENTS *ALL SECTIONS MUST BE SIGNED AND DATED IN ORDER FOR THE CHILD TO BE APPROVED*

APPLICATION

I certify that I am the Parent/Legal Guardian of the child for whom this application is being made. I verify the above

information to be correct and true. I grant permission for the release of data contained in this application for the purpose of ensuring children are not receiving duplicative benefits from other South Carolina agencies. In addition, I understand that the First Steps 4K program is publicly-funded by the state of South Carolina and that, as a condition of participation, my child will be assigned a student identification number by the SC Department of Education. This student identification number will enable the state to identify his/her participation in this and other public education programs and to include his/her student data in analyses designed to measure the benefits of the program and to examine the attributes and progress of groups of South Carolina students, I understand that all data collected are subject to the provisions of the Family Educational and Privacy Act (FERPA) as well as South Carolina statutes and regulations protecting individual privacy and confidentiality, and that individual student information will not be reported. Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian Date PHOTOGRAPH/VIDEOTAPE RELEASE South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness, to include all First Steps county partnerships (First Steps), may take photos or video tape children in the 4K Program. These photos and/or tapes may appear on printed materials such as brochures, newsletters, news reports, stories, on the First Steps website or used for training. Any photograph, photo transparency, drawing or other illustrative graphic material, audio-visual tape or audio-visual illustration, news report, story or article may be used without my prior examination of the finished product. By checking the "YES" box below, I grant to First Steps perpetual right in and to any use of such photographs, whether through its own facilities or those of other agencies or organizations to whom it subsequently grants use. However, First Steps may grant permission only where it considers any intended use to be in good taste and appropriate to the objectives of First Steps. I also agree that First Steps shall not be required to include any credit identifying any person(s) in the use of the photographs. (Place a checkmark in ONE of the boxes below) YES. I authorize the reproduction and release of photographs, videos, slides, negatives or proofs of my child for use by First Steps 4K Program. NO. I do not authorize the reproduction and use of photographs, videos, slides, negatives or proofs of my child for use by First Steps 4K Program. Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date

Child's Name:		

Do NOT Complete or attach this page if Medicaid card copy is attached to application.

HOUSEHOLD INCOME INFORMATION, Calculation of Annual Income					
Frequency of Pay	Rate				
Weekly	Gross pay x 4.33 x 12 = Annual Income (Need copies of 4 consecutive paychecks)				
Twice a Month	Gross pay x 2 x 12 = Annual Income (need copies of 2 consecutive paychecks)				
Bi-weekly	Gross pay x 2.15 x 12 = Annual Income (need copies of 2 consecutive paychecks)				
Monthly	Gross pay x $12 = \text{Annual Income}$				
Family Size is the TOTAL number of people living in household: (add both A. and B.)	Check all of the child's immedia members that live in household: Guardian(s), how many Mother Father Sister(s), how many Brother(s), how many Number of Immediate Family Men in Household A (include apply	mbers	Check other members of the household: ☐ Grandmother ☐ Grandfather ☐ Aunt (s), how many ☐ Uncle(s), how many ☐ Cousin (s), how many ☐ Other(s) specify: Total Number of Others Living in Household B.		
Check ALL that apply. Verification of income must include income documentation for one month or a year. Examples are pay stubs, tax return, a letter from DSS TANF worker documenting income, or a letter from employer.	Source Gross Pay Amount (be taxes)		fore	How Often Paid (frequency)	Income
	□ Current paystubs (primary caregiver) □ Current paystubs (secondary caregiver) □ Unemployment Compensation □ AFDC/TANF □ Child support □ Pension/Retirement (primary caregiver) □ Pension/Retirement (secondary caregiver) □ Social Security (primary caregiver) □ Social Security (secondary caregiver) □ Other: □ Other:			TOTAL:	