



PROGRAMS

Early Head Start

Quality Counts

Nurse Family Partnership

ANNUAL REPORT

2014-2015



VISION:

Every child in Spartanburg County will enter school ready for success.

First Steps WORKS for the children of Spartanburg County.

Spartanburg County First Steps

Annual Report

2014-2015

County Statistics

First Steps serves children pre-birth to 5 years old who are at risk of not being ready for school.

Number of Spartanburg County children under 5:
 19,507

Number of Spartanburg County children under 5 living in poverty:
 2,887

Babies born each year in Spartanburg County to a mother without a high school diploma:
 1,036

Eligible for SNAP/Free School Lunches (130% of poverty or below)
 6,787

Our Programs

Early Head Start

Quality Counts

Nurse Family Partnership

Our Results

- ✓ **Early Head Start #'s**
 80 new enrollment slots are awarded!
- ✓ **Quality Counts #'s**
 40% of early care and education programs in Spartanburg County are enrolled in Quality Counts
 Over 2000 children benefit daily from quality care.
- ✓ **Nurse Family Partnership #'s**
 Serving 200 first time pregnant moms and children

***Vision:** Every child in Spartanburg County will enter school ready to succeed.*

***Mission:** Spartanburg County First Steps will be the engine to drive collaboration, partnership, effective resource utilization and funding to prepare children to be ready for school.*

In 1779, as a Founding Father, Thomas Jefferson proposes a two-track educational system, with different tracks in his words for "the laboring and the learned." Scholarships would allow a very few of the laboring class to advance, Jefferson says, by "raking a few geniuses from the rubbish."

_Thomas Jefferson, Principal Author of the Declaration of Independence (1776), and the third President of the United States (1801–1809).

In 2015...236 years later, "We know what a difference early childhood programs make in the lives of our kids." _Barack Obama, President of United States

President Obama called upon Congress to expand access to high-quality preschool for every child in America, proposing investments that support a continuum of early learning opportunity, beginning at birth and continuing to age five. Congress passed funding for the National Childcare Partnership Grants.

Spartanburg County First Steps Early Head Start was awarded one of the EHS Childcare Partnership Grants and the President of the United States called our name on National television as one of the recipients.

How privileged are we to be living in an age where all are considered "Geniuses" at birth and no one is considered "rubbish." At First Steps, we are fortunate to have the opportunity to make a difference in the "lives of our kids."

Privileged,

Carolyn Brooks

Board Chair
Wanda Fowler

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What We Do

Each of the six color blocks of the First Steps logo represents a core area of service, outlining our comprehensive strategy to prepare children for long-term school success.

With **measurable outcomes across each of its six school readiness strategy areas**, First Steps is getting results.



Healthy Start

We begin with a focus on providing a healthy start to life. This includes prenatal and post-partum services for both mother and baby. In 2007, First Steps collaborated with key philanthropic and agency partners to bring Nurse-Family Partnership to SC having a significant impact on reducing premature births and Medicaid costs.



Quality Childcare

Quality childcare starts with quality childcare providers. Our quality enhancement and training strategies lead to improved teacher-student interaction, which research shows has a significant impact on a child's development and success in school.



Family Strengthening

Our home visitation strategies, such as Parents as Teachers, Parent-Child Home and Early Steps to School Success, are helping parents understand their responsibilities to care for and be positive models for their children. As a result of First Steps' intervention and parenting support, 66% of clients initially assessed at "low" levels of parenting have achieved moderate or high levels of parenting skill.



Early Education

Private-public partnerships through First Steps 4K have led to significant cost efficiencies in the delivery of publicly funded 4K. One recent analysis suggests First Steps is achieving comparable results, without the need for costly capital construction, for 80 cents on the dollar.



Early Intervention

According to recent federal evaluations, outcomes for clients participating in BabyNet early intervention programs are above national averages. BabyNet matches the special needs of infants and toddlers who have disabilities and/or developmental delays with customized, community-based resources.



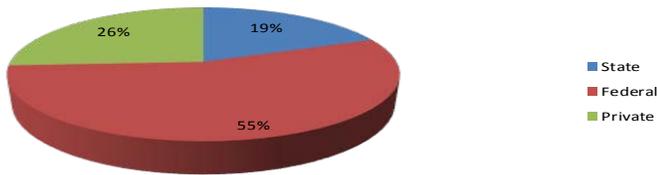
School Transition

Each of the corresponding blocks of services leads ultimately to the goal of transitioning children successfully to school. Programs like Countdown to Kindergarten and From Day One to Grade One are ultimately preparing children for school success.

Based on the needs of our community, Spartanburg County First Steps focuses its investments in Quality Childcare and Early Head Start.

Financial Impact

Expenditures by Funding Source FY1415 (07/01/14 - 06/30/15)



Total 2013-2014 Expenditures
\$3,474,390
Funds Leveraged 425%

Fiscal Year	State	Federal	Private	Total
07/01/2014 - 06/30/2015	\$ 661,783	\$ 1,914,520	\$ 898,087	\$ 3,474,390.00
State Leverage %:	425%			

Strategy	State	Federal	Private	Total	%
Administrative	\$ 194,826	\$ 19,286	\$ 36,914	\$ 251,026	7%
Programmatic	\$ 119,441	\$ 52,075	\$ 25,916	\$ 197,432	6%
Quality Counts	\$ 296,077	\$ -	\$ 193,081	\$ 489,158	14%
Early Head Start	\$ 51,439	\$ 1,450,338	\$ 83,303	\$ 1,585,080	46%
Child Care Partnership	\$ -	\$ 139,796	\$ -	\$ 139,796	4%
Nurse Family Partnership	\$ -	\$ 253,024	\$ 558,874	\$ 811,898	23%
Total:	\$ 661,783	\$ 1,914,519	\$ 898,088	\$ 3,474,390	100%
	19%	55%	26%	100%	

EHS Federal Grant Analysis (Awarded vs Expenditures) FY 14-15 07/01/2014 - 06/30/2015

Agency Name	Agency #
Spartanburg County First Steps - EHS	04CH4602
Program Year Begin Date	July 1 2014

Section A - Budget Summary						Non-Federal Match		
Program Function / Activity	Federal Domestic Assistance Number	Federal		Obligated / Expended	Unobligated	Required	Received	Shortage
		Awarded						
3) PA-25	93.600	1,432,095		1,432,095	-	366,860	366,860	-
4) PA-1126	93.600	35,343		35,343	-	-	-	-
5) Totals	93.600	1,467,438		1,467,438	-	-	-	-

Section B - Budget Categories for Federal Funds

Object Class Categories	Program Funds			Professional Development			Totals			Notes
	Awarded	Obligated / Expended	Unobligated	Awarded	Obligated / Expended	Unobligated	Awarded	Obligated / Expended	Unobligated	
A) Personnel	679,004	676,803	2,201	-	-	-	679,004	676,803	2,201	This is the final year of Grant #04CH602. It has been closed out. EHS has been awarded a new five year for the fiscal year 2015-2016.
B) Fringe Benefits	315,738	281,772	33,966	-	-	-	315,738	281,772	33,966	
C) Travel	-	-	-	12,025	12,025	-	12,025	12,025	-	
D) Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
E) Supplies	29,671	50,934	(21,263)	-	-	-	29,671	50,934	(21,263)	
F) Contractual	240,210	254,768	(14,558)	-	-	-	240,210	254,768	(14,558)	
G) Facilities/Construction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
H) Renovations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
I) Other	107,978	123,162	(15,184)	23,318	23,318	-	131,296	146,480	(15,184)	
J) Total (A-I)	1,372,601	1,387,439	(14,838)	35,343	35,343	-	1,407,944	1,422,782	(14,838)	
K) Indirect Charges	59,494	44,656	14,838	-	-	-	59,494	44,656	14,838	
L) Total (J-K)	1,432,095	1,432,095	-	35,343	35,343	-	1,467,438	1,467,438	-	

EHS CCP Federal Grant Analysis (Awarded vs Expenditures) FY 14-15 07/01/2014 - 06/30/2015

Agency Name	Agency #
Spartanburg County First Steps - CCP	04HP0038
Program Year Begin Date	March 1, 2015

Section A - Budget Summary						Non-Federal Match (a)		
Program Function / Activity	Federal Domestic Assistance Number	Federal		Obligated / Expended	Unobligated	Required	Received	Shortage
		Awarded						
3) PA-25	93.600	1,137,886		141,633	996,253	291,002	-	291,002
4) PA-1126	93.600	26,122		5,583	20,539	-	-	-
5) Totals	93.600	1,164,008		147,216	1,016,792	-	-	-

Section B - Budget Categories for Federal Funds

Object Class Categories	Program Funds			Professional Development			Totals			Notes
	Awarded	Obligated / Expended	Unobligated	Awarded	Obligated / Expended	Unobligated	Awarded	Obligated / Expended	Unobligated	
A) Personnel	238,582	55,628	182,954	-	-	-	238,582	55,628	182,954	(a) Non-Federal Match is based on an 18 month grant schedule and has not yet been received. (b) This report reflects only figures from March 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015.
B) Fringe Benefits	83,504	15,658	67,846	-	-	-	83,504	15,658	67,846	
C) Travel	-	-	-	15,050	5,583	9,467	15,050	5,583	9,467	
D) Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
E) Supplies	39,400	40,984	(1,584)	-	-	-	39,400	40,984	(1,584)	
F) Contractual	687,600	4,200	683,400	-	-	-	687,600	4,200	683,400	
G) Facilities/Construction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
H) Renovations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
I) Other	63,800	17,743	46,057	11,072	-	11,072	74,872	17,743	57,129	
J) Total (A-I)	1,112,886	134,213	978,673	26,122	5,583	20,539	1,139,008	139,796	999,212	
K) Indirect Charges	25,000	7,419	17,581	-	-	-	25,000	7,419	17,581	
L) Total (J-K)	1,137,886	141,633	996,253	26,122	5,583	20,539	1,164,008	147,216	1,016,792	

Early Head Start (FS EHS)



Program Description

Early Head Start provides high quality, culturally sensitive child development and parent support in homes and centers.

Spartanburg County First Steps Efforts to Prepare Children for Kindergarten.

- Spartanburg County First Steps Quality Counts works with 44% of the child care centers in the county to improve the quality of early education for young children.
- All seven school districts are represented on the First Steps Board.
- The School Readiness Community Team includes school district personnel.
- FS EHS has contracts with two school districts to provide Early Head Start services in their centers which also are family literacy sites.

School Readiness

- ✓ Readiness does not happen at the same time or in the same way for all children
- ✓ 96% of Early Head Start children were developing typically based on GOLD Assessment- April 2015

FS EHS by the Number\$

FS EHS Enrollment and Attendance	#
Funded Enrollment-	120
Percentage Average Monthly Enrollment	99
Number of Children Served	182
Number of Families Served	146
Percentage of Eligible Children Served	98
Percentage of Attendance for the Year	82
# of Pregnant Women Served	18
# of Children & Families on Waitlist	106

Early Head Start

Funding Source	FY1314	FY1415
State Funding	\$ 44,813	\$ 51,439
<i>South Carolina First Steps</i>	\$ 44,813	\$ 51,439
Federal Funding	\$ 1,414,948	\$ 1,522,043
<i>Early Head Start</i>	\$ 1,374,557	\$ 1,467,438
* CACFP	\$ 35,355	\$ 36,084
* ABC	\$ 5,036	\$ 18,521
Private Funding	\$ 107,449	\$ 107,707
<i>School District 7</i>	\$ 104,729	\$ 103,851
<i>Parent Co-Pays</i>	\$ 2,720	\$ 3,856

Total: \$1,567,210 \$1,681,189

* CACFP - Child and Adult Care Food Program
* ABC - ABC Childcare Program

Family Goals

365 family goals were developed
19 goals were completed
75% of families progressed on their goals

Child Care Partnership Grant

Funding Source	FY1314	FY1415
State Funding	\$ -	\$ -
Federal Funding	\$ -	\$ 147,216
<i>Child Care Partnership</i>	\$ -	\$ 147,216
Private Funding	\$ -	\$ -
Total:	\$ -	\$ 147,216



Health Services

18% of Children Served With Disabilities
78% of Children Served Who Received Medical Exams
62% Children Served Up to Date Dental Screenings
16% Children received Dental Examinations
22% Pregnant Women Who Received Dental Services
79% Children Up to Date on Immunizations
90% Pregnant Women Received Post-Natal EHS Visit within 14 Days
2 Health Services Advisory Meetings

Early Head Start



On March 1, 2015 our program was awarded a \$1,474,814 federal grant. The intent of the grant is for Early Head Start to partner with community childcare centers to serve low-income, working families. The grant targets zip codes that have high concentrations of poverty.

Childcare Partners:
Abundant Blessings, Sunshine House, Mother Goose, Learning Years and District Seven's Early Learning Center.

Early Head Start by the Numbers

Child Care Partnership (CCP) Grant Award

Socialization Activities
 38 parents & children attended 23 events!

CACFP
 26,238 nutritious breakfasts, lunches and snacks were served at FS EHS centers

Parent Engagement Activities
 996 parent engagement events were provided and training topics included child health, mental health and nutrition, parenting, budgeting, pedestrian safety and school readiness.

Early Head Start Federal Review & Audit Results

Results Audit
 The A133 Single Audit of 2013-2014 was completed with no material findings and was filed with the Federal Clearinghouse in March 2014.

Results Federal Review
 The triennial review was held January 6-10, 2014. South Carolina First Steps to Spartanburg County (Spartanburg County First Steps) was found noncompliant for Part 1306- Head Start Staffing Requirements and Program Options- Grantees implementing a home-based program option must: maintain an average caseload of 10-12 families per home visitor with a maximum caseload of 12 families for any individual home visitor. The agency created a Home-Based Program Option Compliance Plan which addressed and corrected the staffing problem which was sent to Atlanta in April 2014. A letter was received from Ann Linehan, Acting Director, Office of Head Start in August stating that the information provided to ACF was sufficient to close the previously identified findings.

Parents read to their children a total of 310 hours this year!

1351 home visits were completed with families.

Triennial Community Assessment Completed!

307 families received Community Referrals!!



Ekky Foss
Early Head Start Director Retires!
 December 31, 2014
 Thank you for your Exceptional Leadership

Much of the Early Head Start program's success is a result of Ekky's leadership. Spartanburg County First Steps Staff and Board wish to thank Ekky for her thirteen years of service.

Jeri Ross-Hayes accepted the Early Head Start Director's position after an extensive National search. The Board and Staff look forward to Jeri's leadership.



Quality Counts



QualityCounts
recognizing excellence in early care & education

Has your child's pediatrician ever mentioned that 90% of your child's brain architecture will be built by age 4? That's right 90%!

Quality Counts Program Information

What is Quality Counts?

Quality Counts is a quality initiative that uses a Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) framework to improve the quality in early care and education programs. Quality Counts began as a pilot in January 2012 and went to full implementation in July 2013.

What is the Goal of Quality Counts?

Quality Counts is a quality enhancement strategy designed to raise and sustain the level of quality in early care and education programs with the goal that all children will arrive at school better prepared for school success.

Who is Participating?

Quality Counts is open to all early care and education centers who are licensed, registered, or approved by DSS. Approximately 45% of the eligible programs in Spartanburg County are participating.

Why Does Quality Counts Matter?

Quality Counts supports learning environments that promote healthy brain development for young children. **Healthy brain development helps children to arrive at school ready to learn and better prepared for future success.** Healthy, prosperous communities need a strong workforce and engaged citizens; preparing for the future means investing in our young children today.

Quality Counts Program Partners

Quality Counts is a partnership between the Mary Black Foundation and Spartanburg County First Steps. Public-private partnerships are essential to the success of Quality Counts. These partnerships support the credibility and visibility of Quality Counts in the community.

Funding Partners

**Mary Black Foundation
Spartanburg County First Steps
Spartanburg County Foundation**

Community Partners

***Spartanburg Academic Movement
Institute for Child Success
Spartanburg Chamber of Commerce
Spartanburg County Foundation
Spartanburg Herald-Journal
Spartanburg Regional Foundation
Spartanburg Regional Healthcare
Spartanburg County School Districts
United Way of the Piedmont**

****Spartanburg Academic Movement "SAM"***

The Spartanburg Academic Movement (SAM) is a committed partner and is a firm believer in the work of Quality Counts.

"It is the launch pad for the transformation SAM is pursuing: which is for all children in Spartanburg County to be educated to the level of their full potential ... cradle to career."

John C. Stockwell, PhD,

Executive Director, Spartanburg Academic Movement

Quality Counts Community Impact



Quality Counts Supports *What Matters Most*

Highly-qualified technical assistance providers and raters are an integral part of the Quality Counts (QC) TA Model. Highly-qualified means that the Quality Counts team is educated in early childhood development, is experienced in the early care and education world, and is well trained in best practice.

During the past year Quality Counts team members were among the first in our state to be trained on the Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale – 3rd edition. Commonly known as the E-3, this scale will replace the ECERS-R and focuses more heavily on the interactions between the teacher and the child. Julie Greer, Quality Counts Rater, has earned reliability on the E-3 and has used the scale in a small pilot with Quality Counts programs. After QC programs receive training on the E-3, QC will begin to use the tool more widely. Tammy Compton, who joined the Quality Counts team in 2014, has completed CLASS Observer Certification for Toddlers. Sharon Bruton and Julie Greer attended the NAEYC conference (National Association for the Education of Young Children) in November, 2014 in Dallas Texas.



Quality Counts by the *Numbers*

Funding Source	FY1314	FY1415
State Funding	\$ 319,149	\$ 296,077
<i>South Carolina First Steps</i>	\$ 319,149	\$ 296,077
Federal Funding	\$ -	\$ -
Local Private	\$ 187,750	\$ 181,750
<i>Mary Black Foundation</i>	\$ 187,750	\$ 181,750
Total:	\$ 506,899	\$ 477,827

- 44% of the eligible early care and education programs in Spartanburg County are enrolled in Quality Counts
- Quality Counts offered participants more than 95 hours of high quality training last year
- Approximately 2100 children benefited every Monday-Friday from enhanced learning environments
- More than 450 directors and teachers are implementing goals from an individualized Quality Improvement Plan

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Nurse-Family Partnership

Helping vulnerable first-time moms empowers them to achieve a better life for themselves and their children.

Program Description

WHY IT WORKS

NURSE-FAMILY PARTNERSHIP (NFP) IN OUR COMMUNITY

Nurse-Family Partnership® (NFP) is an evidence-based, community health program that helps transform the lives of vulnerable mothers pregnant with their first child. Each mother served by NFP is partnered with a registered nurse early in her pregnancy and receives ongoing nurse home visits that continue through her child's second birthday. Independent research proves that communities benefit from this relationship — **every dollar invested in NFP can yield more than five dollars in return.**

NFP is supported by the most extensive research foundation of any maternal and child health program. Three randomized controlled trials in 1997, 1988 and 1994 - which are still being examined today for long-term impact – show consistently proven results in the areas of **improved prenatal health, fewer childhood injuries, fewer subsequent pregnancies, increased intervals between births, increased maternal employment, and improved school readiness.**

NURSE-FAMILY PARTNERSHIP GOALS

1. Improve pregnancy outcomes by helping women engage in good, preventive health practices, including thorough prenatal care from their healthcare providers, improving their diets, and reducing their use of cigarettes, alcohol and illegal substances
2. Improve child health and development by helping parents provide responsible and competent care
3. Improve the economic self-sufficiency of the family by helping parents develop a vision for their own future, plan future pregnancies, continue their education and find work.

Risk Factor Profile:

% Single Mothers	90.9
% < HS Diploma	54.3
% with Developmental Delays	3.5

Program Results 2009-2015

Spartanburg County NFP by the Numbers

- ✓ 482 Clients served
- ✓ 318 Babies Born to Program
- ✓ In August 2015: 81% moms initiating breastfeeding.
- ✓ Premature Birth rate 6.9%
- ✓ 100% of children immunized at 6,12,& 18 months

In Spartanburg County, Nurse-Family Partnership is implemented through Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System, Home Health Division and Spartanburg County First Steps serves as Fiscal Manager



Thank you to our partners!

DHEC Region 2
Spartanburg Regional Hospital Systems
United Way of the Piedmont
Congregational Nursing Program
Spartanburg Regional Home Care
Spartanburg County First Steps
SC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy
The Duke Endowment
Children's Trust of South Carolina

Nurse Family Partnership

Funding Source	FY1314	FY1415
State Funding	\$ -	\$ 1,500
<i>South Carolina First Steps</i>	\$ -	\$ 1,500
Federal Funding	\$ -	\$ 253,025
<i>Children's Trust Fund of SC</i>	\$ -	\$ 253,025
Local Private	\$ 677,235	\$ 529,600
<i>Duke Endowment</i>	\$ 566,306	\$ 500,000
<i>Children's Trust Fund of SC</i>	\$ 88,629	\$ -
<i>United Way of the Piedmont</i>	\$ 22,300	\$ 29,600
Total:	\$ 677,235	\$ 784,125

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Getting Children Ready for School

Early Learning ... A Priority in Spartanburg

In collaboration to learn from each other and help change a community of learners, Spartanburg County School District Seven set as a priority an early learning center concept in the Park Hills community.

Principal Wanda Owens-Jackson said ... *“It will help us to get on one chord, as far as serving our early learners. We’ll be able to pool our resources and make this a wonderful experience for our early learners.”*

Over 20 partnerships were formed to make this early education effort possible including Spartanburg First Steps Early Head Start, the Mary Black Foundation, Boys and Girls Club, ReGenesis Community Health Center, Silver Hill United Methodist Church, Spartanburg County Adult Education Program, Spartanburg County Foundation, Spartanburg Housing Authority, Spartanburg Regional Foundation and others.

Spartanburg County First Steps Partnership Board

Name	Position	Board Category
Donna Anderson	Department of Social Services Support Provider	DSS
Kim Ashby	Spartanburg County School District Two	School District Representative
Terrill Banks	Former EHS Parent	Parent
Joan Blalock	Spartanburg County Library	Library
Jean Brewington	Spartanburg County School District Three	School District Representative
Laverne Byrd	Retired Teacher	Family Education, Training
Sabrina Coan	Childcare Director	Early Childhood Education
Tamara Cook	Spartanburg Regional Healthcare Nurse	Healthcare Provider
Wanda Fowler	Middle Tyger Community Center, ED. Retired	School District Representative
Clarisa Giles	Nurse Family Partnership, Director	Healthcare Provider
Amy Goulding	Attorney – 7 th Circuit Solicitor’s Office	Attorney
Ann Greene	Spartanburg County School District One	School District Representative
Ava Hughes	Arts Education Director/Chapman Cultural Center	Business
Karyn Lemon	McAbee, Talbot, Halliday (CPA)	Fiscal – Required by EHS
Sarah Love	Childcare, Early Childhood Development	Children, Early Childhood
Kim McAbee	Spartanburg County School District Four	School District Representative
Dr. Lindi Metcalf	Spartanburg County School District Six	School District Representative
Mike Newman	Department of Health and Environmental Control	DHEC
Bob Page	Early Childhood Education	Retired Principal
Kay Phillips	Budweiser of Spartanburg/Business	Legislative Appointee
Terry Pruitt	Spartanburg County School District Seven	School District Representative

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BabyNet

South Carolina's Early Intervention System

First Steps is the lead agency for BabyNet, South Carolina's early intervention system for children under 3. Parents of children 0-2 years old with disabilities or suspected developmental delays should contact their local BabyNet office to schedule an evaluation.

Local BabyNet Office: Serving Spartanburg, Cherokee and Union

Location:

S.C. School for the Deaf and Blind
355 Cedar Springs Road
Spartanburg, SC 29302

Lead Supervisor: Melissa Swann

Office: 864.591.8645

Cell: 864.360.4102

Main Telephone Line: 864-591-8641

BabyNet is South Carolina's interagency early intervention system for infants and toddlers under three years of age with developmental delays, or who have conditions associated with developmental delays.

BabyNet matches the special needs of infants and toddlers who have developmental delays with the professional resources available within the community. Services are provided in everyday routines, activities and places relevant to the life of the family. BabyNet is funded and regulated through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and managed through South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness.

Anyone (a parent, doctor, caregiver, teacher or friend) can make a referral by the number listed below. The earlier a baby or toddler receives help, the better!

To make a referral or to get more information call [1-877-621-0865](tel:1-877-621-0865) or send an email to babynet@scfirststeps.org for assistance



The Goals of First Steps

- (1) Provide parents with access to the support they might seek and want** to strengthen their families and to promote the optimal development of their preschool children
- (2) Increase comprehensive services** so children have reduced risk for major physical, developmental, and learning problems
- (3) Promote high-quality preschool programs** that provide a healthy environment that will promote normal growth and development
- (4) Provide services** so all children receive the protection, nutrition, and health care needed to thrive in the early years of life so they arrive at school ready to succeed
- (5) Mobilize communities** to focus efforts on providing enhanced services to support families and their young children so as to enable every child to reach school healthy and ready to succeed.

Section 50.152.20



Interested parents can contact any participating 4K providers to complete an application. To view a list of participating First Steps 4K providers, visit:

<http://scfirststeps.org/4k>