



NICHOLSON CHILD AND FAMILY COLLABORATIVE

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OBJECTIVE

- The Nicholtown Child and Family Collaborative aims to create a place-based, two-generation community center in a high-needs area of Greenville, South Carolina, known as Nicholtown.
- NCFC was established to provide services for the children and families of Nicholtown to
 - improve child outcomes;
 - provide parent training, education, and employment;
 - build lasting community infrastructure.
- Two-generation programs share 3

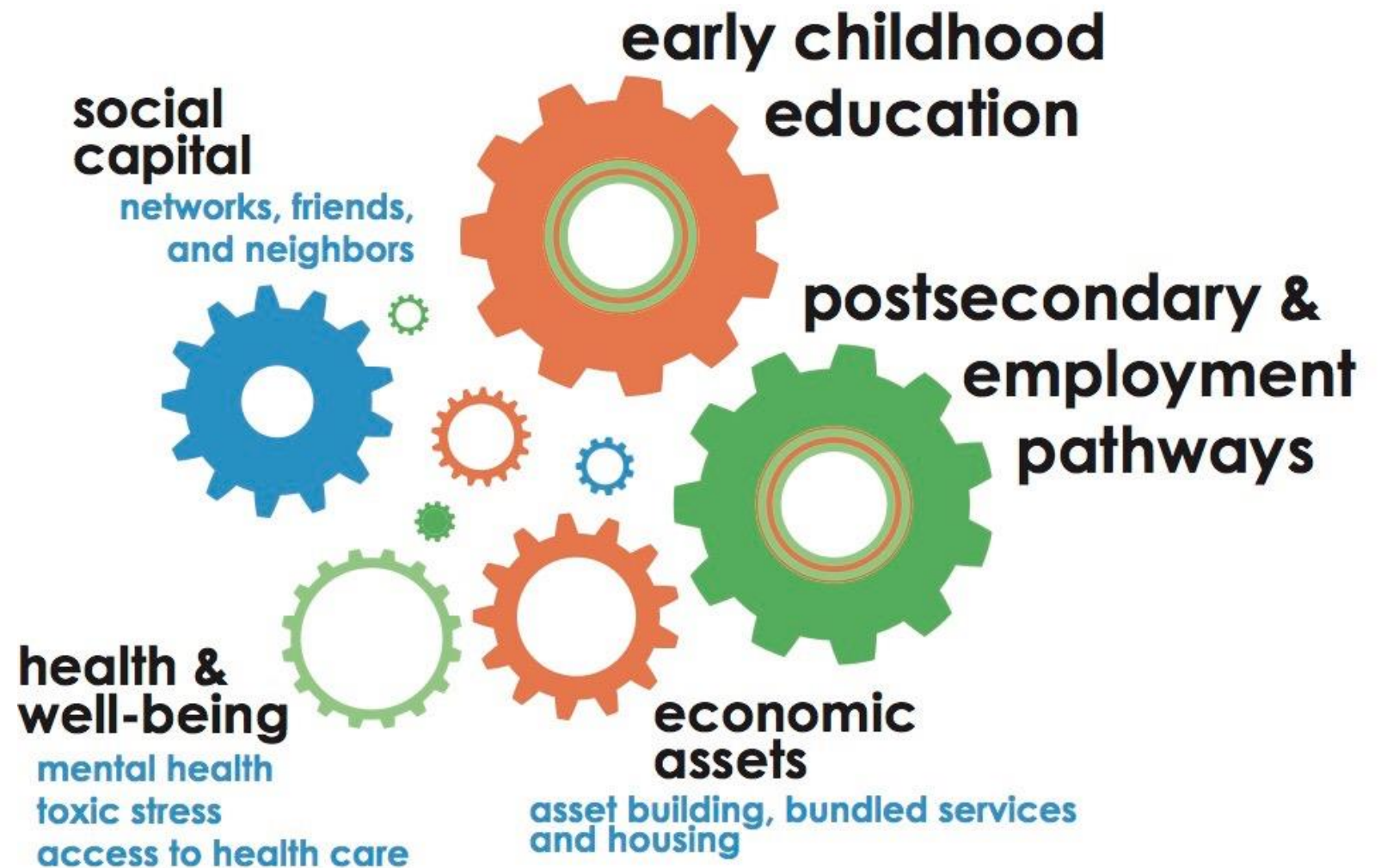
TWO GENERATION APPROACH

- postsecondary

There are five key components of the two- generation approach:
education and

workforce

- early childhood education
- economic supports
- health and well-being
- social capital

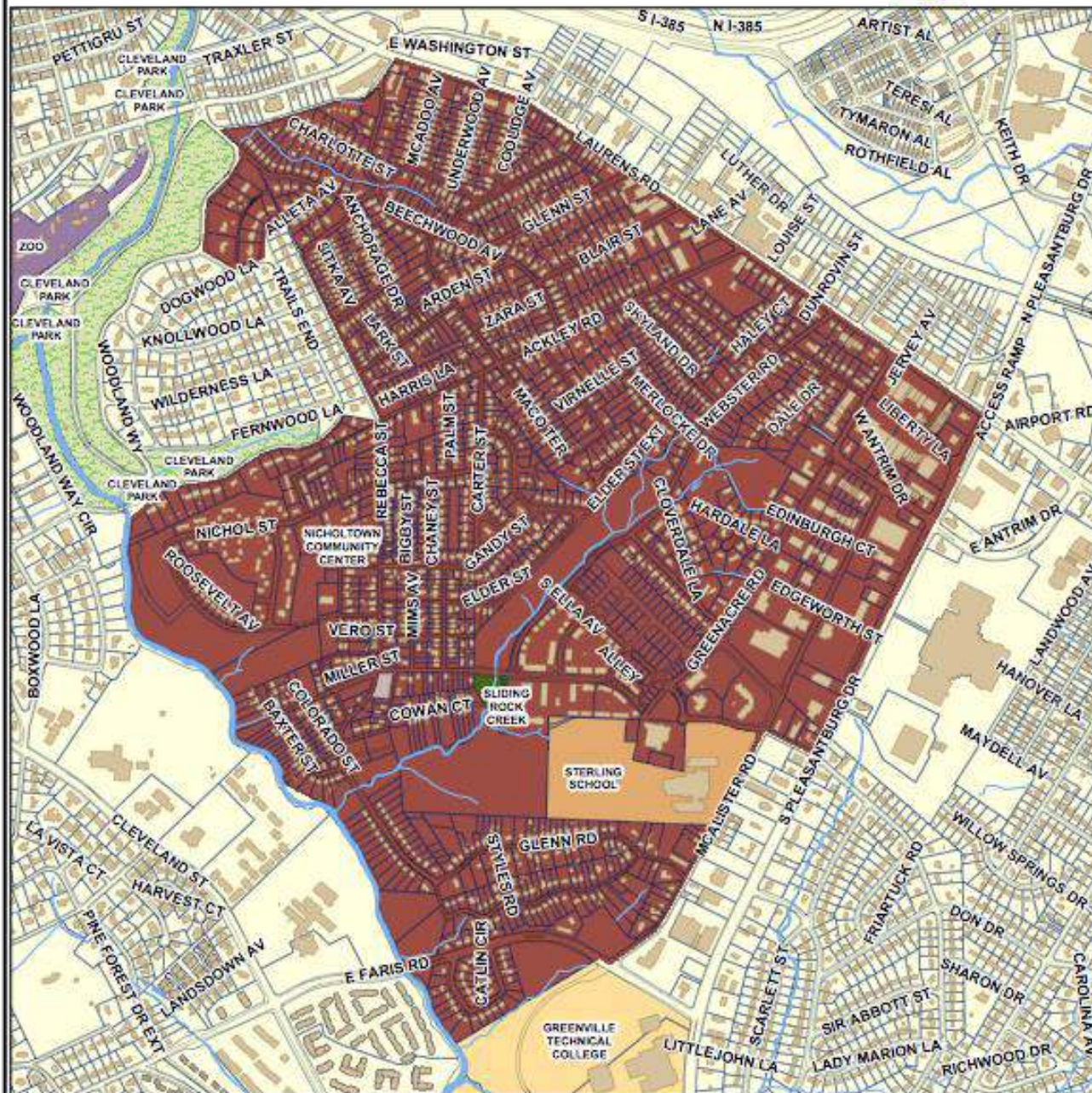


Graphics from <http://ascend.aspeninstitute.org/pages/the-two-generation> approach

PARTNERS AND SETTING

Nicholtown Neighborhood

A City of Greenville Special Emphasis Neighborhood



NCFC has recruited partners who have a vested interest in children, families, education, health, and communities.

Partners include:

- The Institute for Child Success
- United Way of Greenville County
- The Community Foundation of Greenville
- Greenville County Board of Education
- First Steps
- Junior League of Greenville
- SHARE Head Start
- Phillis Wheatley Association
- Nicholtown Neighborhood Association
- Greenville Health System
- DHEC
- Nurse Family Partnership
- Urban League of the Upstate
- First Baptist Church
- The City of Greenville Housing Authority
- The City of Greenville
- SC General Assembly
- Nicholtown Community Members

SETTING DEMOGRAPHICS

Nicholtown Age Profile

(Source: 2010 U.S. Census)

*Data based upon Nicholtown Special Emphasis Neighborhood boundary file uploaded to ESRI Business Analyst

General Information	2010 Census
Population	3,183
Households	1,438
Average Household Size	2.21
Average Family Size	2.79

Detailed Age Profile	Count	Percent of Population Ages 0-4
< 1	60	23.5%
1	42	16.5%
2	60	23.5%
3	57	22.4%
4	35	13.7%



METHOD

- 1. Identified and recruited stakeholders**
- 2. Hired consultant to develop strategic plan**
- 3. Hired project coordinator**
- 4. Held a community engagement event**
- 5. Implementation of existing community resources into Nicholtown (Ex: GHS Mobile Clinic)**
- 6. Visited similar projects within and beyond Greenville**
- 7. Analysis of current progress and next steps**

FINDINGS



General

It is difficult to do work on such a large scale without paid employees, and NCFC has been operating with limited financial resources. This indicates that there is interest among stakeholders for this project to succeed; since this is a project that engages the Nicholtown community, there is also interest in the project's success from the community perspective. In order to continue this trajectory, aside from financial resources, the thoughtful and deliberate recommendations set forth by the consultant should continue to be followed.

STAKEHOLDERS

- Each person comes to the project with her own agenda.
- Relationships with stakeholders must be fostered, and it is essential to keep them engaged in the project's progress.
- It is fundamentally important to assess current stakeholders in the NCFC project when considering a new aspect of work that must be done to further the NCFC goals.





DATA REVIEWS

Reviews of the data collected by the consultant indicate that there is interest

- within Nicholtown,
- in the greater Greenville community,
- among stakeholders who are already involved in NCFC,
- entities who would potentially provide financial support,
- and the Nicholtown community members/residents.



INSIGHTS FROM OTHER PROJECTS

Site visits were helpful in considering

- possible paths forward,
- ways to address challenges,
- team-building,
- fostering relationships within NCFC,
- self-discovery of assets and resources,
- and gaining concrete concepts of similar successful



ONGOING REVIEW OF GOALS

- Continue to re-examine the recommendations set forth by the consultant to ensure that there are not gaps that could be filled by new stakeholders.
- Each person involved in NCFC has a different skillset, and may be able to identify gaps that others may overlook.

CONCLUSION

- The NCFC project is an ongoing project in the heart of Greenville, South Carolina.
- Collaborative members and leadership have worked hard to make this an inclusive project that engages the community as it progresses.
- Much work remains to be done, but a mindful adherence to recommendations from consultants and community engagement frameworks will guide the project to successful, community-accepted completion.