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WHAT IS OUR VISION?

All Pickens County children are valued, supported, educated, and healthy.

WHAT IS OUR MISSION?

To establish a coordinated service that effectively maximizes community resources to foster thriving children, prenatal to five, and their families.



OUR STRUCTURE

Leadership Team

Early
Intervention
and
Special Needs

Health
Mental Health
Nutrition
Safety

Early Learning & Family Assets

SUPPORTING SUCCESSFUL EARLY EXPERIENCES FOR SOUTH CAROLINA'S YOUNGEST LEARNERS

Just as a sturdy foundation promotes the long-term stability of a house, the quality of the brain architecture built in the early years of life has long-term effects on children's health and developmental outcomes.

Supporting early childhood health, education, and development yields a brighter future for South Carolina – as today's children are the basis of tomorrow's social and economic prosperity.

South Carolina has made strides for children, but much work remains to ensure a path to success for every child.

From 2015 Early Childhood Common Agenda, South Carolina

Brain Hero: Launch Video from

The Early Intervention Foundation

2016 PARTNERS FOR PREVENTION LUNCH & LEARN

Over 100 community partners attended this event that kicked off Child Abuse Prevention Month!













2016 PARTNERS FOR PREVENTION LUNCH & LEARN

Community Partners

- Behavioral Health Services
- Children's Trust of SC
- DSS
- Friends of the Guardian ad Litem
- Pickens County First Steps
- Pickens County Advocacy Center
- The Mill Church
- The Parenting Place
- Elected officials
- Representatives from organizations & agencies across
 Pickens County











2016 PINWHEELS FOR PREVENTION

- Over 6,000
 pinwheels one for every child, birth to age 5, at 75 sites around the county
- Pinwheel gardens
 were planted at
 schools, child
 development
 centers, local
 businesses,
 municipal buildings,
 and faith
 communities.









Grand opening of two Born Learning Trails in Clemson and Pickens! These trails were funded by BB&T and Clemson Rotary.







Public / Private Partnerships at Work!

- Ahead Start
- BB&T Bank
- Boomerang Books
- Born Learning
- Children's Trust of SC
- Cities of Central, Clemson, Easley, Liberty, Pickens, and Six Mile
- Clemson Rotary
- Delta Zeta, Clemson University
- Department of Natural Resources
- Parenting & Family Literacy
- Pickens County Library System
- Safe Kids Upstate
- School District of Pickens County
- SC Child Resource & Referral Network
- Southern Wesleyan University
- United Way of Pickens County
- Elected officials
- Local child development centers
- Local fire departments
- Local parks & recreation departments
- Local restaurants
- Local storytellers guild

































2016 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

We partnered with Clemson Parks & Recreation, Creekwood Apartment Complex, and Safe Kids to provide bike helmets, books, and resources.







SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PICKENS COUNTY

2016 PARENTING & FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM COMMUNITY EVENT











2016 COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR

More than 20 agencies gathered for breakfast and participated in our resource-sharing event!













USING OUR WEBSITE TO PROVIDE RESOURCES

The CSC page on our website provides links to download a "Pickens County Resource Guide for Children Prenatal to Five" and a "Pickens County Mental Health Providers Guide for Children."



Pickens County Resource Guide For Children Prenatal to Five Provided by The Children's Services Council of Pickens County



UTILIZING SOCIAL MEDIA

PROMOTING OUR CSC PARTNERS' WORK AND EVENTS

Find us @PCFirstSteps and @ChildrensServicesCouncilOfPickensCounty on Facebook, @PCFirstSteps on Twitter, and @PCFirstSteps on Pinterest.



Question: Why Can't I Lend a Job?

Answer: You are protestly not setting yourself apart from others.

Solution: Register for the Work Forward Workshop!

Next Workshop: October 17-20 Monday through Thursday 9:30-noon, with a different topic each day Newman Hall @ St. Andrew in Clemson

Professionals who specialize in job-search skills, are offering a free workshop that would normally cost thousands of dollars.

Why: They believe that having a job is essential for personal and community well-being.

Are your job stills potented enough for today's challenges in securing world? Are you exert











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