

Support for Local First Steps Partnerships For Local Partnership Boards

Administrative & Networking

- State “board to board” events
 - Board Engagement Survey (print and online)
 - Together SC Membership Benefits:
Cost: \$100-\$200 per year*
 - SC First Steps subsidizes one Together SC conference registration per partnership
 - Free one-hour board consultation
 - Training, seminars, networking, member discounts:
www.together-sc.org
- *annual dues may be higher for large partnerships*

Planning

- Downloadable Resources: <http://scfirststeps.com/governance/>
 - Guiding Principles and Best Practices for Successful Nonprofits, 4th edition
 - Board Governance Resource File: general policies, legal compliance, board committees, recruitment and elections, member orientation, meeting resources, executive transition

Board Training & Board Support

- **On-demand technical assistance** from TA Team (in-person, by phone or webinar)
- **First Steps orientation PowerPoint series**
- **Free Board Training** (in-person facilitation)
 - Board As Teams
 - Recruitment for High Performing Boards
 - Fundraising for Enthusiastic Boards
 - Planning for Executive Transitions
 - additional training/facilitation on demand
- **Online Training: “10 Minute Tips”** (recorded webinars)
 - Creating High Performing Boards Using The Board Matrix Worksheet
 - Strengthening Your Organization’s Integrity Using Effective Conflict of Interest Practices
 - Planning for Executive Transitions
 - More to come

Support for Local First Steps Partnerships For Partnership Executive Directors and Staff

Financial

- First Steps Partnership Finance System reports, technical assistance, training
- Finance Manager (Manley Garvin)
- Partnership fiscal audits
- Partnership annual nonprofit and tax filings
- Workers' compensation coverage

Administrative & Networking

- First Steps Data Collection System reports, technical assistance, training
- Monthly calendar
- Accountability and state reporting standards, templates, document review
- ED representation on advisory committees to the SC First Steps Board
- Representation and inclusion of local partnerships in regional and state initiatives, collaborations and opportunities
- State meetings
 - ED meetings
- Committee, program, partnership support meetings
- Webinars
 - Monthly ED webinars
 - Committee, program, partnership support webinars
- Free email accounts (upon request)
- Free use of SC First Steps conference line

Planning

- Needs and resources assessment
- Comprehensive strategic planning
- Resource development
- Community education and outreach
- Child care training and PD

Training & Program Support

- **On-demand technical assistance** from TA Team (in-person, by phone or webinar)
- **Downloadable resources:**
<http://scfirststeps.com/partnershipresources/>
- **Parents as Teachers Affiliate support**
APR review, monthly webinars, training, implementation support, QEP support
- **Free training** for program staff:
KIPS, ACIRI, ASQ:3, ASQ:SE2, LSP
- **Free ITERS-3 assessments**
2 TAs certified
- **ECERS-3 coming soon**



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