



December 8, 2011
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
S.C. Department of Mental Health, Columbia
Room 323

RETREAT AGENDA

- 10:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions
- 10:05 - 10:15 a.m. "The Business Case for Early Education" New Carolina Education and Workforce Chairman,
Don Herriott
- 10:15 - 11 a.m. "SC Kids Count: A Ten Year Review of SC's Children" Baron Holmes
- 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. EARLY CHILDHOOD DATA DIALOGUE: Elliot Regenstein
Karen Ponder

Given the business case and Baron's data review, current public feedback, and our own focus on data-driven decision making:
"What is it we really want to know about young children and how does the state currently meet their needs?"

This will be a facilitated session, where the Council can receive a briefing on Early Childhood themes coming from the recent Joint Legislative Committee on Children public hearings. Our facilitators can also share experiences of other states who have participated in the recent Early Learning Challenge, our peer states who participated in the Children's Defense Early Childhood Data Technical Assistance Project, and peer states involved in the pilot of the Data Quality Campaign's recent Early Childhood Data Collaborative.

-The Joint Legislative Committee on Children and USC Children's Law Center staff have been invited to join us for this discussion-

- 1:00 p.m. LUNCH
(Child Development Pilot Program Presentation: Department of Education, First Steps, USC)
- 2:00 - 2:45 p.m. Early Childhood Advisory Council Vendor Presentations
- University of South Carolina and Clemson University:
SC School Readiness Indicators
Professional Development of the SC Early Childhood Workforce
- 2:45 p.m. Wrap-up/Next Steps