



Fall 2023 First Steps 4K Provider Engagement Survey

First Steps 4K values hearing feedback from our providers. Each year, First Steps 4K administers a survey to gain insight on areas of success and opportunities for growth directly from our leaders and teachers who provide a high-quality, First Steps 4K experience in classrooms throughout the state.

First Steps 4K leaders and teachers were invited to participate in the Fall 2023 First Steps 4K Provider Engagement Survey between December 4 and December 18, 2023. The survey was sent via email by First Steps 4K Coaches to their providers. A reminder message to participate in the survey was also posted on the private First Steps 4K Provider Facebook page by the First Steps 4K Outreach Coordinator. There were 181 responses to the survey (estimated response rate: 26%). There was a 33% increase in estimated response rate compared to the Fall 2022 survey.

First Steps 4K pairs providers with a dedicated Coach to support their program.

 **89%**
of First Steps 4K providers are always treated with respect by their First Steps 4K Coach.

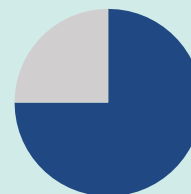
 **76%**
of First Steps 4K providers communicate with their First Steps 4K Coach at least a few times a month.

2 **61%**
of First Steps 4K providers are visited by their First Steps 4K Coach at least twice per month.

“To ensure the program succeeds, they provide all the materials and tools to use. They provide continuous education for you as a teacher, and when you’re in doubt there is always someone you can call to help you along the way.”

Lead Teacher,
Horry County

75% of First Steps 4K providers would highly recommend our program to other child care providers in their county.



First Steps 4K supports high-quality education.

60%
of First Steps 4K providers better understand what high-quality 4K looks like because of their involvement in First Steps 4K.

57%
of First Steps 4K providers better understand the SC Learning Standards because of their involvement in First Steps 4K.

52%
of First Steps 4K providers have seen improvements in the classroom environment because of their involvement in First Steps 4K.

First Steps 4K equips providers with knowledge and technical assistance.

According to First Steps 4K providers, the top 3 most valuable parts of the First Steps 4K program are:

1



the information learned at First Steps 4K Academy

2



the information learned during coaching sessions with the First Steps 4K Coach

3



the relationship built with the First Steps 4K Coach

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