



FIRST STEPS IS HERE

Last year, because of Allendale County First Steps:



146 children

were directly served in Allendale County



34 parents & caregivers

received services and support to be their child's first and most important teacher

PROVEN RESULTS

A 2019 study found that children who received First Steps local partnership services were:



74% more likely

to score at the highest level on the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment



34% less likely

to be chronically absent in kindergarten

THE NEED PERSISTS IN ALLENDALE COUNTY

First Steps works but we need to expand our reach to ensure that all children are ready.

430

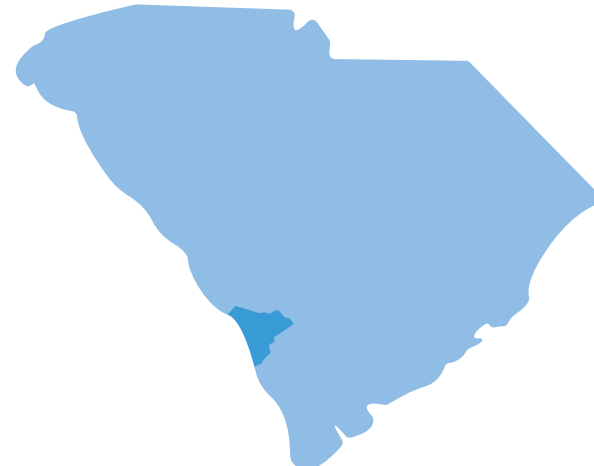
children under age 5

81.9%

of young children live in poverty or low-income households

57%

of kindergarteners are considered "not ready" for school



Our Local Supporters

County of Allendale \$34,210

Town of Allendale \$1,200

Save the Children \$15,000

United Way of Allendale/Barnwell Counties \$750

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OUR MISSION

To ensure that children start school ready to learn by supporting the caring adults who touch their lives.



Patricia Hall
Executive Director

Greetings,

The Allendale County First Steps Partnership take pride in providing parents with access to the support they seek and want to strengthen their families and to promote the optimal development of their children. We do not take our goal to provide quality enhancing services to our constituents lightly. We ensure this happens by having qualified staff to provide mentoring, technical assistance, a researched-based curriculum parenting program, and on-going attendance at best practice trainings.

We have served as a lifeline to our community and is known as the "go to agency" for information, service, support, etc. As we move forward with our combined resources, despite the challenges we face, we will continue to do the best job possible to help families get their children ready to be successful in school. We thank you for your support in the past and look forward to continued support in the future.



Teresa Kennedy
Board Chair

Connecting All The Pieces: Child – Family – Education – Health – Community

Greetings,

I would like to thank our legislators, state agencies, early childhood educators, businesscommunity, and parents of our future leaders. They have demonstrated their overwhelmingeffort, support, and commitment for the development of the children of Allendale County as wecontinue getting children ready for school by making sure they are able to receive the servicesthey need.

Allendale County First Steps has met and will continue meeting the requirements for policies andprocedures including governance, guidance and resources. It is my distinct pleasure and honor towork with the entire membership of the Allendale County First Steps.

PROGRAMS

PARENTING

Nurturing Parenting

Designed to build nurturing parenting skills as an alternative to abusive and neglecting parenting and child-rearing practices.

14

children served

11

families served

247

home visits

EARLY CARE & EDUCATION

Enhanced Early Education

Provides important support to students and their families through supplemental materials and book distributions to classrooms

29

children served

28

families served

9

parent and caregiver workshops

HEALTH

Early Identification & Referral

Providing developmental screenings and referrals to other services, independent of another partnership program.

26

children served

23

families served

Serving Allendale County's children birth through age five.

"First Steps is the best program that I've come across that is willing to help parents learn and grow with their children. I'm grateful for chosing Allendale County First Steps to be a part of my parenting experience."

Allendale County First Steps parent



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

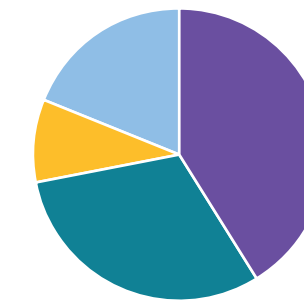


\$1 = \$1.29

Allendale County First Steps leveraged \$57,023.06 from sources outside of state government, providing a match of \$0.29 for every state dollar invested.

EXPENDITURES

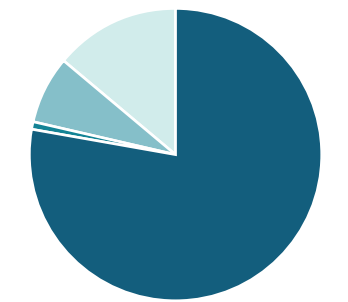
Total: \$256,156.67



- Parenting - \$105,375.89
- Early Care & Education - \$79,151.39
- School Transition - \$23,253.37
- Administrative - \$48,376.02

FUNDING SOURCES

Total: \$257,023.06



- State Funding - \$200,000
- Federal Funding - \$2,500
- Private Funding - \$19,113.06
- In-kind Contributions - \$35,410

FUNDING SUPPORT BY SOUTH CAROLINA FIRST STEPS

- State Education Improvement Act (EIA) Funding
- Federal Preschool Development Grant Funding*
- State Income Tax Check-off and Private Donations to SC First Steps

*Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five Initiative (PDG B-5), Grant Number 90TP0080-01-00 from the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, awarded to the South Carolina Department of Social Services, Division of Early Care and Education