



CLOSING THE GAP



First Steps 4K gets children ready for school.

First Steps 4K has options that work for you & your family.



All First Steps 4K programs are in-person, 5 days per week, throughout the school year. Most providers offer a full day (8 hour) program.



Families have a variety of options including year-round, summer-only, or school-year only programs and traditional school-day programs or extended-day programs.



Children benefit from small class sizes (one to ten teacher to child ratio) and an evidence-based instructional curriculum that prepares them for school.



First Steps 4K + Siblings ensures care and education for the whole family, leaving no child behind.



Some centers offer transportation for no fee.

First Steps 4K empowers parents to work.

64%

credit their ability to work or go to school to their child's participation in First Steps 4K

77%

of them report working full-time

[Your Voice Matters 4K Survey](#) January 2022

First Steps 4K is closing the gap in kindergarten readiness for children in poverty.

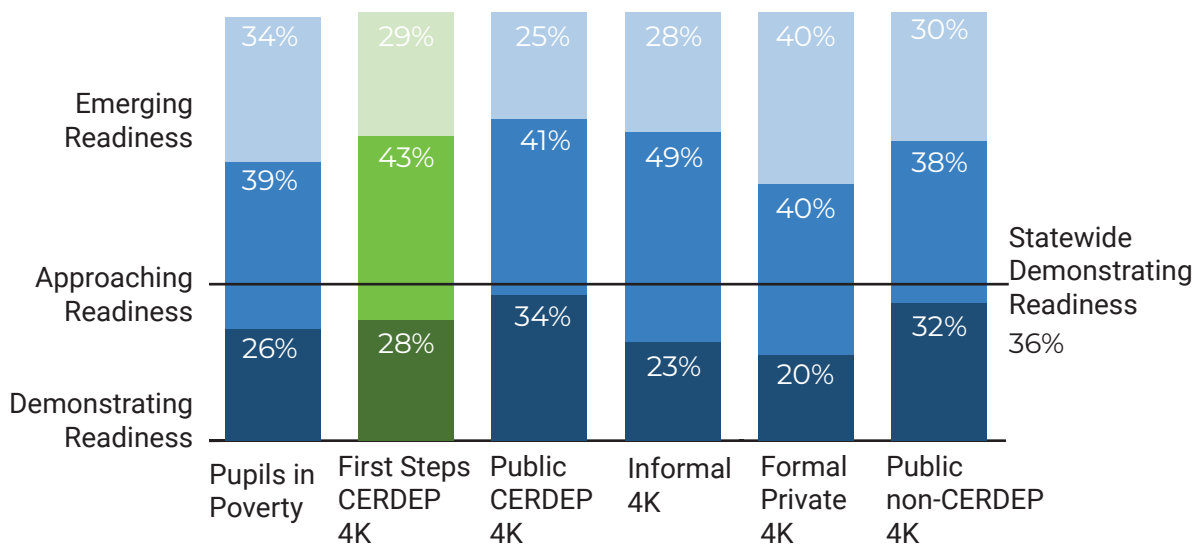


Figure. Pupils in Poverty (PIP) Overall KRA Results (Fall 2021 Administration) Served in CERDEP-Funded and Non-CERDEP-Funded Programs

Data Source: South Carolina Education Data Dashboard for 4K-5K Students



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