

TALKING POINTS

- First Steps 4K + SIBLINGS, in partnership with DSS, will extend child care and after-school scholarships through the SC Voucher Program, for up to 52 weeks, to any siblings, age 0-12, of a First Steps 4K enrolled student.
- For this scholarship program, a sibling is considered any child that lives in the same home as the First Steps 4K enrolled student.
- Sibling scholarships can be applied toward enrollment at any licensed child care center or afterschool program that participates in ABC Quality, the state's voluntary quality rating and improvement system. First Steps 4K + SIBLINGS increases access to high quality early care and education opportunities.
- First Steps 4K + SIBLINGS ensures care and education for the whole family, leaving no child behind.
- Families can apply online for both First Steps 4K and First Steps 4K + SIBLINGS at <u>Free4KSC.org</u>.