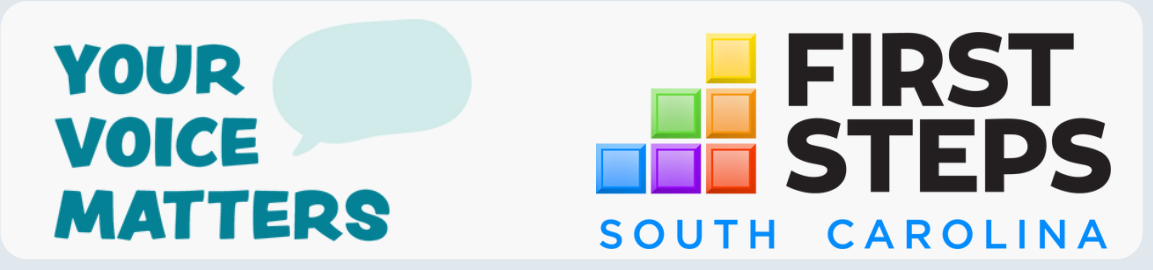


Uplifting and Centering Voices Among Child Care Providers in South Carolina Who Receive Quality Enhancement or Quality Counts

“ I’m so glad our center participates in this program.”
Director, Spartanburg County



QUALITY ENHANCEMENT AND QUALITY COUNTS

Quality Enhancement and Quality Counts are child care quality improvement programs using technical assistance, mentoring, training, quality improvement plans, and equipment/materials funds to produce measurable improvements in the quality of care provided to young children through First Steps local partnerships in 18 counties.

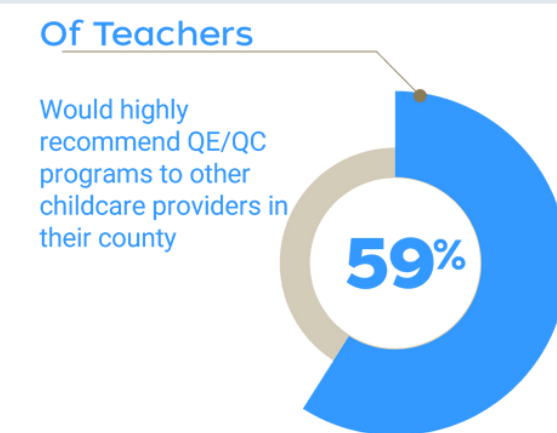
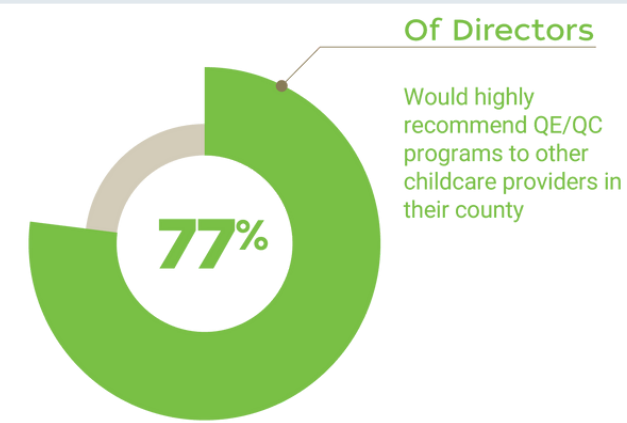
How are we faring?

62% of directors have completed at least some formal training in early childhood education

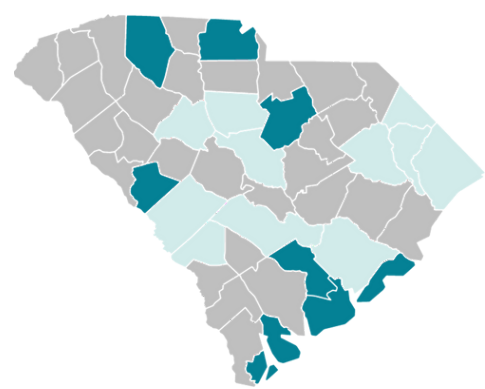
53% of teachers have completed at least some formal training in early childhood education

85% of directors feel the Quality Enhancement or Quality Counts program has met their needs extremely or very well

75% of teachers feel the Quality Enhancement or Quality Counts program has met their needs extremely or very well

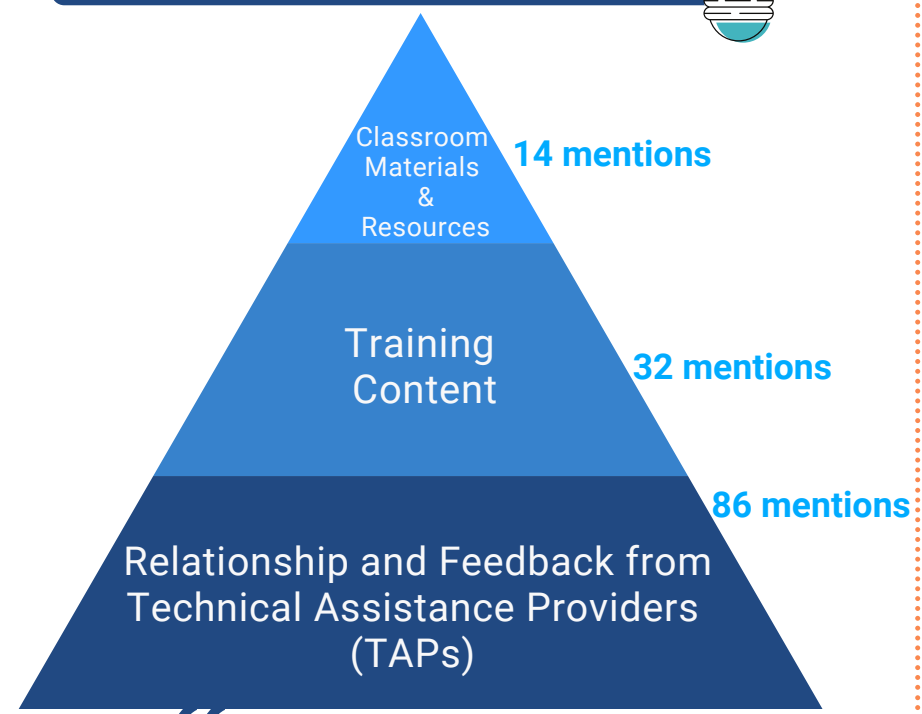


- Number of Respondents: 153
- 51 Directors & 102 Teachers
- Number of Counties: 8



Dark teal represents counties that participated in the survey and light blue represents counties that were invited but did not participate in the survey

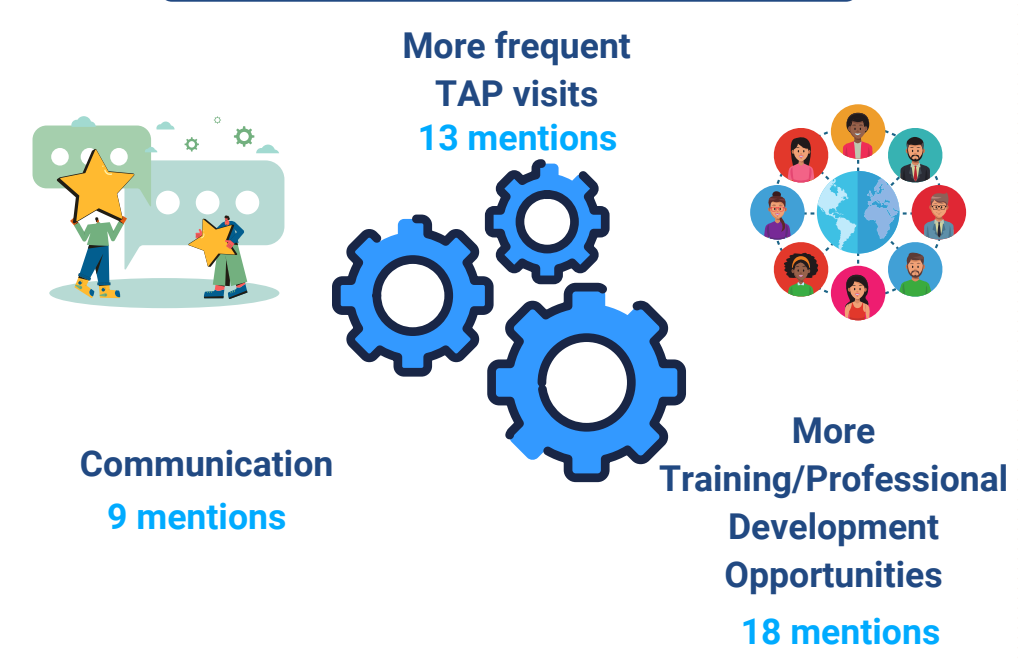
Areas of Success



“ The First Steps program is good at giving us technical support, provid[ing] us with needed training [and] assist[ing] us with purchasing supplies.”

Director, Beaufort County

Areas for Improvement



“ Weekly updates on what is working and what needs work from the quality coaches. This will have directors support the work of the quality coaches between visits.”

Director, Beaufort County

“ Continue to work towards providing training courses to meet the needs of the educators.”

Director, Dorchester County

Next Steps



“ I love all aspects of the program. It helps improve [the] overall quality of the program in which they are helping. The support received from Quality Counts is amazing.”

Teacher, Spartanburg County