Strategic Planning and Evaluation Committee Meeting
Monday, July 12, 2021, 1-2 PM via Zoom (link to join)
Meeting ID: 935 9639 8618
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AGENDA
• South Carolina First Steps
  o Your Voice Matters: First Steps 4K Parent Survey Results (attachment 1)
  o Prevalent program evaluations
    ▪ Parents as Teachers (due November 1, 2021): in progress with UofSC Institute for Families in Society
    ▪ Child care quality enhancement and training (due November 1, 2022): currently drafting scope
  o Every Child Ready (2020-2025 Strategic Plan)
• Early Childhood Advisory Council: B-5 plan potential metrics discussion

ATTACHMENT
4K Parent Survey Results

2021 COMMITTEE MEETING DATES (1-2PM): Sep 13, Nov 8
Survey Administration
The First Steps 4K Family Survey was administered via email from May 18 through June 1, 2021 in English and Spanish. There were 89 total respondents, of which 1 (<1%) completed it in Spanish. The survey was sent to 2,149 parents/caregivers of 4K students (4% response rate).

Respondent Demographics
Most survey respondents were 25-44 years old, identified as white or Black, and were the parent of the 4K student.

First Steps 4K Experience
More than 83% of respondents reported that First Steps 4K met their needs extremely or very well. 8 out of 10 respondents reported that their First Steps 4K teacher always treats them with respect.

What is First Steps 4K good at?
- Teaching basic/ life skills
- Getting children ready for kindergarten
- Teaching children to manage their emotions
- Being kind/ making child feel loved
- Engaging children in learning and play

What could First Steps 4K do better?
- Improve parent-teacher communication about student progress
- Enroll more centers in the program
- Concerns about facilities/hours of operation
- Offer field trips

Because of First Steps 4K...

I now...

- 72% am more aware of developmental milestones for my 4K student
- 61% am more confident as a parent
- 48% can work more than 15 hours per week

My 4K student now...

- 85% has improved social interaction with other children
- 78% knows the alphabet
- 78% can count to twenty (20)