

NEEDS ASSESSMENT

2024 – 2026



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- Georgetown County School District*
- Women of Choice II*
- Brown’s Ferry Community Outreach*
- Abundance Home Care*
- Georgetown County Early Learning Council*



Message from the Executive Director



Ayesha Smith-Salim

Executive Director
Georgetown County First Steps

One of our core values of the organization this year in the planning process this year is “Resilience”. Our positive relationships with county partnerships has help to make this assessment along with our programs resilient in Georgetown County.

Dr. Ayesha A. Smith-Salim



Needs Assessment Process

CONVENE

Held two community convenings with Women of Choice II and Brown's Ferry community organization participants and developed a vision for young children and their families
October 2022 – January 2023



PRIORITIZE

Organized the insight gathered from the convening and data to prioritize the concerns, needs, and gaps the partnership wants to address and formalized Needs Assessment.

January 2023 – March 2023

UNDERSTAND

Reviewed local data and map assets to understand the state of young children, their families, and the early childhood system.

November 2022

“It was a pleasure to be included in such a great community meeting with other providers making decisions for our children.”

Pearlene Flowers

“Thank you for inviting the community to be a part of the planning for our children in Georgetown”

TyRhonda Priest

Priorities: All children in Georgetown County will reach their full potential to be ready for school and school success.

- 1. Increase the quality and availability of supportive family service programs that affect children 0-5 year of age.**
- 2. Increase awareness for GCFS that will provide more funding sources to help fund and improve the numbers of children served through early childcare programs including parent involvement.**
- 3. Strengthen existing programs to better support early care and education providers and families.**
- 4. Strengthen the Partnerships' internal capacity to build on and maintain a healthy, inclusive, and sustainable organization.**

Priority One: Increase the quality and availability of supportive family service programs that affect children, ages 0-5.

Georgetown County School District Strategic Plan

Georgetown County Health Assessment portion moving towards a healthier Georgetown County.

Due to Georgetown county having an 2.4% increase in population from 2010 (according to the Community Health Assessment, County Snapshot) priority to serving those parents and children ages birth to five, especially those who are considered high risk of school failure. Increasing family services may help increase not only KRA scores in our county but increase growth and development in our children.



Priority Two: Increase awareness for GCFS that will provide more funding sources to help fund and improve the numbers of children served through early childcare programs concerning parent involvement.

Georgetown County Strategic Plan

The local school district encourages and assists parents in becoming more involved in their children's education. Some examples include making special efforts to meet with parents at more convenient times, providing them with resources, and expectations on what is required pertaining to their child/children.



Priority Three: Strengthen existing programs to better support early care and education providers and families.

Georgetown County School District Strategic Plan

Georgetown County School District would like to have trainings for parents that will strengthen existing programs in the county already.

Examples are:

- Family Literacy Trainings
- Interactive Literacy Activities
- Economic Self-Sufficiency
- Parenting Skills



Priority Four: Strengthen the Partnerships' internal capacity to build on and maintain a healthy, inclusive, and sustainable organization.

Georgetown County Snapshot

Moving forward to a Healthier Georgetown County

Strengthening our board capacity will allow our agency to grow, then allow the presence in the community to build lasting relationships with our community leaders. This should allow better outcomes/efforts.

These efforts should produce the following for our agency:

- Effective communication
- New opportunities
- New Partnerships
- Access



Next Steps



PLAN

Write the partnership's three-year Strategic Plan using the Needs Assessment

March 2023 – May 2023

APPLY

Utilize the Strategic Plan to inform the partnership's Annual Formula Funding Grant Application

May 2023, May 2024, May 2025



IMPLEMENT

Execute the programs and services outlined in the Strategic Plan

July 2023 – June 2026

MONITOR

Track the partnership's progress on implementing programs to fidelity and on achieving the Strategic Plan

July 2023 – June 2026

