



## **TALKING POINTS**

- First Steps 4K + SIBLINGS, in partnership with SC Voucher, will extend child care and after-school scholarships through the SC Voucher Program, for up to 52 weeks, to any siblings, age 0-12, living in the home of a First Steps 4K enrolled student. Families can begin using First Steps 4K + Siblings scholarships on August 15, 2022.
- This scholarship program also covers all wrap-around care needed for the First Steps 4K student. The family must include the First Steps 4K student on their + Siblings application to receive the wrap-around scholarships for the 4K student.
- All First Steps 4K families are eligible for this scholarship program but must complete a First Steps 4K + Siblings scholarship application to receive the benefit.
- Sibling scholarships can be applied toward enrollment at any child care provider who 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 First Steps 4K by visiting Free4KSC.org. After the application for the First Steps 4K student is approved, the family will receive a First Steps 4K + Siblings application from First Steps 4K by email.