

SC State Data



Helping South Carolina's Children Succeed

Since 2003, we've implemented our core programming in South Carolina. We currently partner with 17 schools and communities in 8 counties, serving 7,997 children.

OUR SOUTH CAROLINA PROGRAMS GET RESULTS

2012 RESULTS

Literacy Results: Children in our program read an average of 73 books during the school year and more than 77% of participants showed significant reading improvement. On average, literacy improvement among program participants was equivalent to an additional 6 months of schooling.

Health Results: Children participated in an average of 30 minutes of physical activity per day and were introduced to nutritious snack options.

National Early Steps Results: 83% of 3-year-olds in our Early Steps program scored at or above the normal range for vocabulary acquisition.

2012-2013 EDUCATION AND HEALTH PARTICIPATION

School by County	Children Served	Early Steps	Literacy	Healthy Choices
Barnwell County	1,774			
Barnwell Prim.		✓	✓	
Kelly Edwards Elem.		✓	✓	✓
Macedonia Elem.		✓	✓	✓
Clarendon County	1,654			
Manning Early Childhood Ctr.		✓	✓	✓
Manning Prim.			✓	✓
St. Paul Elem.			✓	✓
Summerton Early Childhood Ctr.		✓	✓	✓
Florence County	505			
Lake City Elem.			✓	✓
Georgetown County	955			
Andrews Elem.		✓	✓	✓
Lee County	1,069			
Bishopville Prim.		✓	✓	✓
Lower Lee Elem.			✓	✓
West Lee Elem.		✓	✓	✓
Orangeburg County	748			
Bethune-Bowman		✓	✓	✓
Dover Elem.		✓	✓	✓

CORE PROGRAMS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

The Early Steps to School Success program is designed to assist children, from birth to age 5, with language, social and emotional development; to equip parents with the skills and knowledge to successfully support their child's growth; and to develop strong home-school connections. Ages 0-5

The Literacy program provides children in elementary school with the opportunity to increase their reading achievement by supplying the tools they need to develop reading skills and the guidance and support they need to grow as readers. Ages 5-12

The Healthy Choices program aims to increase children's information and access to regular physical activity and healthy snacks in a school environment. Ages 5-12

OTHER CORE PROGRAMS

The Resilient and Ready Communities initiative helps communities at risk of disaster meet new national standards and integrate best practices for supporting children's safety and well-being through preparedness planning and programs. Ages 0-18

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School by County	Children Served	Early Steps	Literacy	Healthy Choices
Union County	1,098			
Foster Park Elem.		✓	✓	✓
Monarch Elem.		✓	✓	✓
Williamsburg County	194			
D.P. Cooper Elem.			✓	✓

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CREATING IMMEDIATE AND LASTING CHANGE FOR CHILDREN

POLICY & ADVOCACY

We advocate for initiatives and legislation at the state and national level that promote children's well-being and resiliency, including the necessity of quality early education programs, funding for underserved school districts, and child care emergency preparedness. As part of the national effort to reverse the childhood obesity epidemic, Save the Children and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation created the Campaign for Healthy Kids, which aims to accelerate state and local policy change to increase children's access to affordable healthy food and opportunities for physical activity.

Results: In 2013, policy changes championed by Save the Children stand to benefit 40 million American kids; we improved child health and wellness policies in ten states; and since 2009, we've influenced disaster preparedness policy changes in 22 states.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE & RECOVERY

We respond directly to disaster-affected communities, working to address unmet needs of children and providing Child-Friendly Spaces, supervised play areas in shelters. We also offer long-term resiliency support to children and caregivers through our Journey of Hope program.

Results: In 2012, we provided 99,400 children and caregivers with critical emergency relief, recovery and preparedness training, including 45,000 children and families affected by Hurricane Sandy.

SPONSORSHIP

Our child sponsorship program gives children living in poverty a chance at a brighter future by supporting Save the Children's programs in communities to ensure access to quality education, healthy foods and opportunities to grow in a nurturing environment.

Results: Currently, 1,160 children in our South Carolina programs receive sponsorship.

EFFECTS OF POVERTY IN SOUTH CAROLINA

26% of children live in poverty;¹ in rural areas it's 32%.²

54% of children are eligible for free or reduced-priced meals, a socioeconomic challenge recognized as a barrier to student achievement.³

41% of 4th graders scored below the basic level of reading achievement on the National Assessment of Educational Progress.⁴

39% of children ages 3 to 5 are not enrolled in nursery school, preschool or kindergarten.⁵

More than 1 in 3 rural children ages 10 to 17 are overweight or obese (37%).⁶

20.9% of rural children, compared to 17.9% of urban children, are obese, or have a body mass index exceeding the 95th percentile for the age and gender.⁷

¹ 2011. Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates. U.S. Census Bureau.

² 2009. South Carolina: Demographics of Poor Children, National Center for Children in Poverty (NCCP). Columbia University. New York, N.Y.

³ 2011. National Center for Education Statistics, US Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences.

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ 2010. Early Warning! Why Reading by the End of Third Grade Matters, Annie E. Casey Foundation (AECF).

⁶ 2007. Overweight and Physical Inactivity among Rural Children Aged 10-17: A National and State Portrait, South Carolina Rural Health Research Center.