



Partners in Prevention

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

BE A CHAMPION FOR
Children


Children's Trust
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

 Prevent Child Abuse
South Carolina

With Prevention, Everyone Wins.

When parents and families have the right tools and resources, they raise happy, healthy and safe children. And that is what everyone wants – a South Carolina where children thrive and grow into productive citizens. By working upstream through proven prevention programs and family strengthening services, the positive effects are immediate and long-lasting.

Parenting programs help families stay together and spare children from the long-term, devastating effects of abuse and neglect. Communities can focus on building the next generation rather than spending limited resources on costly expenses associated with physical and mental health, social services, law enforcement, foster care and the justice system.



By the numbers: the need for proven prevention programs.



12,371

children in substantiated investigations of abuse and neglect in South Carolina last year



48%
ages 0-6



30%
ages 7-12



74%
neglect



25%
abuse

32% of maltreatments were classified as Substantial Risk of Physical or Mental Injury. This category is separate from evidence of abuse or neglect. Source: South Carolina Department of Social Services, state fiscal year 2024 - 2025.

Invest in Prevention

Established by the General Assembly in 1984, the Trust Fund was created to find and fund innovative child abuse prevention efforts.

By funding proven prevention programs, we can ensure the resources to protect children, strengthen families and reduce long-term costs – now and into the future.

Too Costly to Ignore Child Abuse and Neglect

A recent economic study from the Darla Moore School of Business at the University of South Carolina confirmed that we all pay for child abuse and neglect through lost earnings, workplace absenteeism and higher medical costs.

\$74.2B

in economic losses
across South Carolina

Prevention Saves Dollars and Futures

Reducing child abuse and neglect through prevention and intervention drives significant economic gains for South Carolina.

\$2.1B

in statewide economic
benefits for lowering
child abuse and neglect

2026 Prevention Partners in South Carolina

Children's Trust is the state chapter for Prevent Child Abuse America and leads Child Abuse Prevention Month for South Carolina. Recognizing that we all must work together, the following partners have made a commitment to stand together during Child Abuse Prevention Month.

14th Circuit Victims Services Center and Family Justice Center
Allendale, Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton and Jasper

A Child's Haven
Pickens

Abacus Planning Group
Richland

ABC Quality
Greenville

Anchor Family and Community
Richland

ASD4 Family Learning Center
Anderson

Axis I Center of Barnwell
Barnwell

Barnwell County Healthy Families
Barnwell

Beaufort County First Steps
Beaufort

Beaufort-Jasper-Hampton Comprehensive Health Services, Inc.
Beaufort

Bethany Christian Services
Richland

Beyond Abuse
Greenwood

Bikers Against Child Abuse
Horry

Bob Jones University
Greenville

Bright Beginnings Clover School District
York

CARE House of the Pee Dee
Florence

Carolina Family Services, Inc.
Greenville

Carolina Health Centers, Inc.
Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick and Saluda

Cayce Police Department
Lexington

Central Police Department
Pickens

Charleston County First Steps
Charleston

Charleston Hope
Charleston

Child and Family Resource Foundation
Darlington

Child Abuse Prevention Association
Allendale, Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton and Jasper

Children's Advocacy Center
Cherokee, Spartanburg and Union

Children's Attention Home
York

The Children's Council
Lancaster

Children's Place, Inc.
Aiken, Bamberg, Barnwell, Edgefield and McCormick

City of Clemson Police Department
Anderson and Pickens

Clover School District
York

Compass Collegiate Academy
Charleston

Dee Norton Child Advocacy Center
Charleston

Department of Child Advocacy
Charleston and Spartanburg

Dickerson Children's Advocacy Center
Lexington

Disciples Fellowship Baptist Church
Greenville

Dorchester County 4-H Youth Development
Dorchester

Easterseals South Carolina
Dorchester, Greenville, Horry, Kershaw and York

Eau Claire Cooperative Health
Richland

EHS Parent Liaison
Orangeburg

Empathy Connects
Charleston

Exodus Academy
Spartanburg

Family Outreach of Horry County
Horry

Flourishing Families Early Intervention
Greenville

Flourishing Families of South Carolina
All counties

Fostering the Family
York

Front Porch Housing
Greenville

Geer Memorial Baptist Church CDC
Pickens

Greenville First Steps
Greenville

Greer Relief and Resource Agency
Greenville and Spartanburg

Guardian ad Litem Program
Kershaw

Head Start/Early Head Start
Chesterfield

Healthy Families America
Greenwood

Healthy Learners
Richland

Herstory in the Making
Lexington

Hopeful Horizons
Beaufort

HopeHealth
Florence

It Does Take a Village, LLC
Spartanburg

Joy Lutheran Church
Spartanburg

Just Say Something
Greenville

Kay Phillips Child Advocacy Center
Dorchester

Kindred Hearts South Carolina
Richland

Lakeview Middle School
Greenville

Lancaster County First Steps
Lancaster

Laurens County First Steps
Laurens

Lee County First Steps
Lee

Lexington 2 School District
Lexington

Lighthouse Ministries
Florence

Lutheran Services Carolina
Greenwood

Mayfield Chapel Baptist Church
Spartanburg

Middle Tyger Community Center
Spartanburg

Mine Creek Missionary Baptist Church
Saluda

Miss Ruby's Kids
Georgetown

MUSC Health
Lancaster

MUSC HFA
Charleston

MUSC Women's Health Nurse-Family Partnership
Berkeley

National Youth Advocate Program
Charleston

New Foundations Home for Children
Anderson

Now Hear This
Charleston

Nurse-Family Partnership
York

Opportunity Calls Everyone Family Development Center
Orangeburg

Toby's Place, Oliver Gospel
Richland

Orangeburg County First Steps
Orangeburg

Parent and Child Enrichment Program
Lexington

The Parenting Place
Pickens

Peace From Pieces
Spartanburg

Pee Dee Coalition
Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Marion, Marlboro and Williamsburg

Pee Dee Community Action
Florence

Phenomenal Blessings Academy
Marlboro

Pickens County Advocacy Center
Pickens

Prisma Health, Nurse-Family Partnership
Greenville

Prisma Upstate, Nurse-Family Partnership
Greenville

Queendom Come Coaching, LLC
Anderson

Rapid Response
Richland

Safe Babies Court
Lexington

Safe Kids
Sumter

S.C. Department of Social Services
All counties

S.C. Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
Lexington

S.C. Department of Children's Advocacy Foster Care Review Division
Richland

S.C. Foster Care Review Board
All counties

S.C. Mentor
Lancaster and Richland

S.C. Office of Rural Health, Family Solutions
Orangeburg

S.C. Pediatric Alliance
Richland

Sea Haven for Youth
Horry

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St. James Health and Wellness
Georgetown

**Study of Trauma, Adolescence,
Relationships, and Resilience
at USC**
Saluda

**Temple of Deliverance Prayer
and Praise Ministry**
Richland

Thornwell
Laurens

Tomorrow's Rainbow Upstate
Abbeville, Anderson, Cherokee,
Greenville, Greenwood, Laurens,
McCormick, Oconee, Pickens,
Spartanburg and Union

Training Made Simple, LLC
Lancaster

Turbeville Children's Home
Clarendon

**Upstate Family
Resource Center**
Spartanburg

Waccamaw EOC
Georgetown, Horry and
Williamsburg

**Westview Behavioral
Health Services**
Newberry

**White Knoll High School,
Counseling Department**
Lexington

Windwood Family Services
Charleston

The Zone Service, Inc.
Anderson

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