

Child Well-Being Matters in South Carolina

We have work to do so that every child can grow into their potential.

South Carolina ranks **41** nationally in child well-being



Children continue to need support in maintaining their health

- **5%** of children do not have health insurance
- **10%** of babies are born at a low birthweight, which is still higher than the national average
- **36%** of teens are overweight or obese



More children have access to a quality education

- **68%** of fourth graders are not proficient in reading, an improvement since last year
- **71%** of eighth graders are not proficient in reading, an improvement since last year
- **53%** of 3-4 year old children are not in in school reading, an improvement since last year



Families are stronger, but could greatly benefit from more opportunities and resources

- **23%** of children live in poverty
- ✓ **71%** of parents have secure employment
- **19,572** children in founded investigations of child maltreatment

