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 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

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