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Report on the Activities of the Early Childhood Advisory Council For October 21, 2021

Early Childhood Strategic Plan

Public Comment period garnered feedback from more than 33 individuals, stakeholder groups and organizations, including the Family Voice Council, local business leaders, The Duke Endowment, and Bank Street College.

Integrated Early Childhood Data

1. The Data Governance Work Group is finalizing the Early Childhood Integrated Data System (ECIDS) Data Governance Charter to define scope, activities, roles and responsibilities, and goals for the Data Governance Work Group
 - a) The Charter formally establishes data governance (both the structure and the organizing framework) and acknowledges a participating agency's commitment to the data governance of the ECIDS
 - b) The foundation of the Charter comes from actions passed by the ECAC
2. The Data Governance Work Group is drafting a sustainability plan with SC Department of Education (SCDE) and SC Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (RFA)
3. See SC ECIDS Overview, attached, for more information

First Five SC

1. First Five SC finalized eligibility and program information
2. Team made design decisions and vendor, 37 Gears, began programming portal
 - a. 60 programs and services across 10 agencies are featured.
3. Community convenings are planned with stakeholder groups in late October
4. Testing is planned for November, in preparation for soft launch in December.

www.PalmettoPrek.org

1. 75,931 unique website visitors to date (February 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021)
2. 12,775 leads (children ages 3 or 4)
3. 10,536 children eligible for at least one program:
 - a. Head Start eligible: 5,258
 - b. First Steps 4K eligible: 4,124
 - c. Public school eligible: 5,360
 - d. SC DSS voucher eligible: 1,730


Family Voice Council (FVC)

1. 24 total interest forms received
 - a. 14 families met eligibility requirement (to be recipient of a public benefit or service)
 - b. 10 families completed on-boarding
 - c. 2 families are in on-boarding process
2. 8 Family Voice Council seats still open, and recruitment is on-going

3. First (virtual) meetings held in August and September
 - a. FVC provided input on SC Birth-Five Plan
 - b. FVC will provide input on First Five SC at October meeting

Transitions

1. The Palmetto Pre-K Transitions Workgroup has met monthly since February 2021, to align efforts between agencies and develop system-wide supports for families that assist in the transition from Pre-

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- c. Child Trends invited SC to be part of its integrated data presentation. Justina Siuba, ECAC Data Governance Coordinator, will be part of Child Trends' presentation

South Carolina Early Childhood Integrated Data System

The mission of the [South Carolina Early Childhood Integrated Data System \(SC ECIDS\)](#) is to establish and maintain a comprehensive infrastructure for integrated, accurate, and actionable data to support children, families, and communities in South Carolina.

South Carolina Early Childhood Integrated Data System

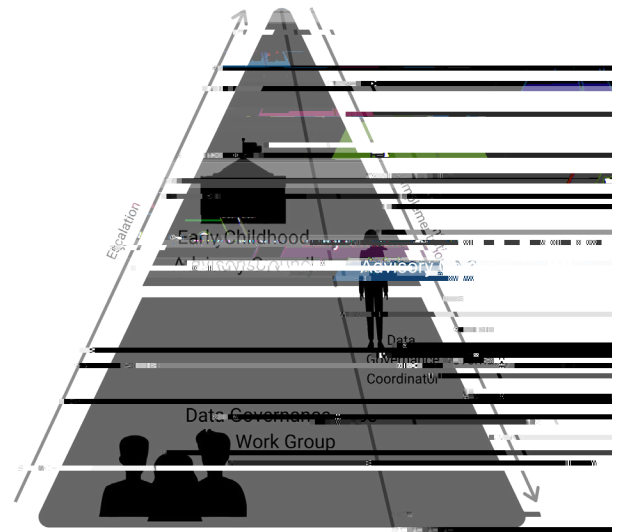
Data Governance

Data Governance is an organizational process and structure. It is the framework for establishing strategy, policies, and processes for shared data.

The South Carolina Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC) serves as the governing body for the SC ECIDS and the venue for collective decision making for the ECIDS Data Governance.

A Data Governance Coordinator is housed at the ECAC to facilitate Data Governance for the SC ECIDS. For questions, please contact [Justina Siuba](#), Data Governance Coordinator.

The Data Governance Work Group develops recommendations to the ECAC for their consideration to ensure that SC ECIDS is aligned, coordinated, and family centered and to operationalize data governance.



Timeline

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Beyond 2024	
Plan							
Design							
Launch							
Maintain & Enhance							

Current Initiatives

South Carolina Early Learning Extension (ELE)

The ELE will be able to answer key questions about children while they were enrolled in early childhood care and education programs and link those experiences with K-12 outcomes. The technical lead on the ELE is the South Carolina Department of Education.

This is funded by the Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems Grant Program, Grant Number R372A200048, from the U.S. Department of Education through February 2024.

Enhanced SC Profile

An enhanced SC Profile will be built for early childhood data, including new data inputs into the SC Integrated Data System and leverage existing data inputs for evidence-based decision-making. The technical lead on this initiative is the South Carolina Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office.

This is funded by the Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five Initiative (PDG B-5), Grant Number 90TP0080-01-00, from the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through April 2023.

The SC ECIDS will continue to grow and expand as new data become available and new initiatives emerge.