

January 20, 2022  
Zoom Webinar  
11:30am- 1:00pm

1. Welcome

2. – Derek Cromwell

- Over the next few weeks Georgia and Kaitlyn Richard, SCFS new Government Affairs Liaison will be making contact with each of the Legislative

4.

- Strengthening Families Program (SFP)– New evidenced-based standard requiring approval.
  - Strengthening Families Program is a 14-session parent training program found to significantly improve parenting skills and family relationships, reduce problem behaviors, delinquency and alcohol and drug abuse in children and to improve social competencies and school performance.

(see attached SFP Standards).

5. Next Meeting March 17, 2022  
11:30am- 1pm

# FIRST STEPS PROGRAM ACCOUNTABILITY STANDARDS Strengthening Families 0-5 (220)

## REQUIREMENTS FOR FY22:

### SCFSBOT Designation: Evidence-Based

The Strengthening Families Program (SFP) is a nationally and internationally recognized parenting and family strengthening program for high-risk families. It is a 14-session parent training program found to significantly improve parenting skills and family relationships, reduce problem behaviors, delinquency and alcohol and drug abuse in children and to improve social competencies and school performance.

Partnerships funding this strategy must adhere to national model guidelines.

### TARGETING:

#### **Targeting Clients At-Risk Of Early School Failure**

At least 60% of home visitation clients shall be identified on the basis of two (2) or more of the readiness risk

below)

Education Act, Parts B (Preschool Special

- A preschool aged child with a developmental delay as documented by a physician or standardized assessment (not screening tool)
- Teenage mother/primary caregiver at or under the age of 20 (at the time of the focus child's birth)
- Low maternal/primary caregiver education (less than high school graduation at the time of focus child's birth)
- A preschool-aged child has been exposed to the substance abuse of a caregiver
- A preschool-aged child has been exposed to parental/caregiver depression
- A preschool-aged child has been exposed to parental/caregiver mental illness
- A preschool-aged child has been exposed to parental/caregiver intellectual disability
- A preschool-aged child has been exposed to domestic violence within the home
- Low birth weight (under 5.5 lbs.) in association with serious medical complications.
- English is not the primary language spoken in the home.
- Single parent household and has need of other services
- Transient/numerous family relocations and/or homeless
- Incarcerated Parent(s) (parent(s) is incarcerated in federal or state prison or local jail or was released from incarceration within the past year)
- Death in the Immediate Family (death of a parent/caregiver or sibling)
- Military Deployment (Parent/guardian is currently deployed or is within 2 years of returning from a deployment as an active duty member of the armed forces. Deployment is defined as any current or past event or activity that relates to duty in the armed forces that involves an operation, location, command or duty that is different from his/her normal duty assignment.)
- Recent Immigrant or Refugee Family - One or both parents are foreign-born and entered the country within the past 5 years

The following condition, while not considered



**Staff Qualifications and Training:**

- Each SPF group leader shall attend a two-to-three-day training covering the following topics: underlying theoretical concepts, program mechanics, recruitment and retention of families, overview of the curriculum, facilitation group