Institute for Child Success

Dedicated to the Success of All Young Children

Our Impact in South Carolina

ICS was founded in Greenville, South Carolina in 2010, where our headquarters remain today. While ICS strives to profoundly impact every child across the nation, our work begins here.

ICS focuses on advancing policy, research and capacity-building in early childhood.

ICS helped catalyzed over $866 million in new investments for South Carolina children and families since 2010

By The Numbers: Investing in South Carolina's Children

$53 Million annually in new statewide preschool expansion
$33 Million towards quality nurse home visiting
$8.5 Million raised for Hello Family Spartanburg
500,000 working families benefiting from Earned Income Tax Credit
53,000 SC children receiving books from Reach Out and Read

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Empowering Current & Future Leaders

Early Childhood Common Agenda

- Coalition to determine core priorities for early childhood health and education, to improve outcomes for children and families.

Desmond P. Kelly, MD Nurturing Developing Minds Conference

- Professional development event providing learning opportunities for a broad, interconnected workforce.

Pediatric Residents Day

- Training doctors and residents to advocate with legislators on behalf of children and families.

Impact Investing Convenings

- Gathering thought leaders to catalyze systems change in early childhood through innovative investing strategies.

ICS Policy Research Fellows Program

- Partnering with researchers to advance policies that support young children and their families to thrive.

Our Key Initiatives in The Palmetto State

- Hello Family Spartanburg: A community-driven continuum of services for babies and families.
- SC Early Childhood Common Agenda: Requesting increased early learning, health, development investments.
- Earned Income Tax Credit: Pushing for $172 Million in tax relief for South Carolina families.
- Expanding early learning: Increasing the reach of quality early care and education across the state.
- SC Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics: Collaborating on issues including the youth mental health crisis and access to care.
- 2023 SC School Safety Policy: Co-developed with a coalition of partners so all children can grow and learn free of fear in their schools and communities.
- Free school lunches for all children: Urging SC lawmakers to require that schools eligible for the Community Eligibility Program offer free meals for students.
- Evidence-based programs: Investigating program efficacy for children and families of color in the Carolinas.
- Expanding early childhood supports: A Child's Haven, doula programs, and systems-change initiatives.

Partner With Us

Are you a government agency, foundation, or nonprofit looking for smart public policies and advisement in early childhood development? Reach out to our team to learn about how partnering with ICS can help young children and families thrive. Our SC partners include...

South Carolina Foundation · South Carolina Infant Mental Health Association · Help Me Grow South Carolina · The Duke Endowment · Mary Black Foundation · Hollingsworth Funds · City of Spartanburg South Carolina · Children's Trust of South Carolina · Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina · South Carolina Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics · Prisma Health Children's Hospital · Furman The Riley Institute · United Way · United Way of Greenville County

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