

# NEEDS ASSESSMENT

2024 – 2026



# Needs Assessment Process

## CONVENE

Held two community convenings with 54 participants and developed a vision for young children and their families

October 2022 – January 2023



## UNDERSTAND

Reviewed local data and map assets to understand the state of young children, their families, and the early childhood system

October 2022 – March 2023

## PRIORITIZE

Organized the insight gathered from the convenings and data to prioritize the concerns, needs, and gaps the partnership wants to address and formalized Needs Assessment

January 2023 – March 2023

**“You and your team are an instrumental part of the community. Thank you for your service!”**

-Jennifer McKnight

**“WCFS does not only make me feel like I’m a part of their programs, they make me feel like family. Thank you WCFS!”**

-K. Capers

# Asset Map



# **Priorities:** Summary

**1. Increase Healthy Lifestyles and Choices**

**2. Improve Family and Social Support**

**3. Improve School Readiness**

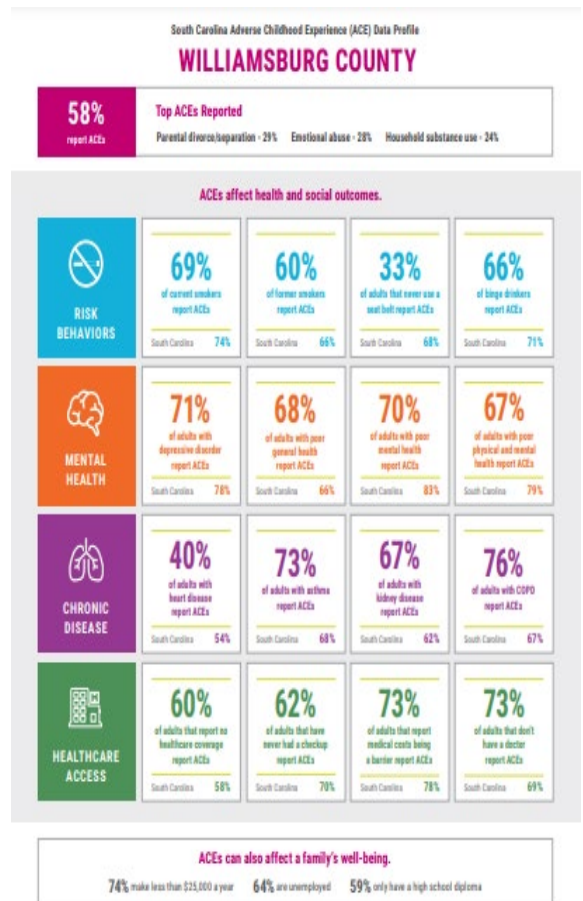
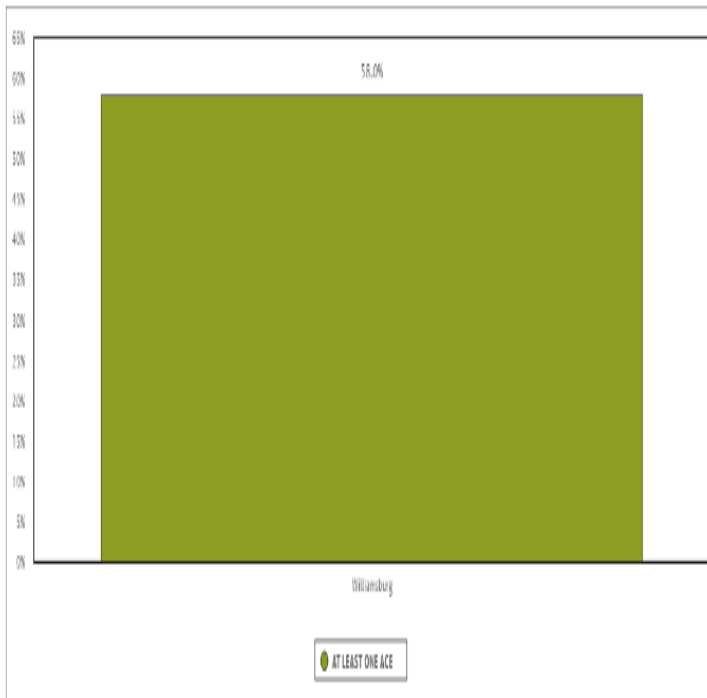
# Priority One: Increase Healthy Lifestyles and Choices

## 58% - At least one Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) 2014-2016 in Williamsburg County

Adverse Childhood Experiences, or ACEs, are potentially traumatic events that occur in childhood (0-17 years). For example: experiencing violence, abuse, or neglect. witnessing violence in the home or community. having a family member attempt or die by suicide. ACEs can also include situations that may cause trauma for a child, such as having a parent with a mental illness or being part of a family going through a divorce. Adverse childhood experiences encompass various forms of physical and emotional abuse, neglect, and household dysfunction experienced in childhood. The harms of ACEs can be long-lasting, affecting people even in their adulthood.

**Data Source:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Survey Data. Atlanta, Georgia: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2014-2016.

ACE: CHILDREN WHO EXPERIENCED AT LEAST ONE ADVERSE CHILDHOOD CONSEQUENCE: AT LEAST ONE ACE (PERCENT) - 2014-2016



Note: Data was collected via the South Carolina Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System 2014-2016, managed locally by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. S = data suppressed due to small sample size.

Total population for Williamsburg County 18 and older = 24,941.

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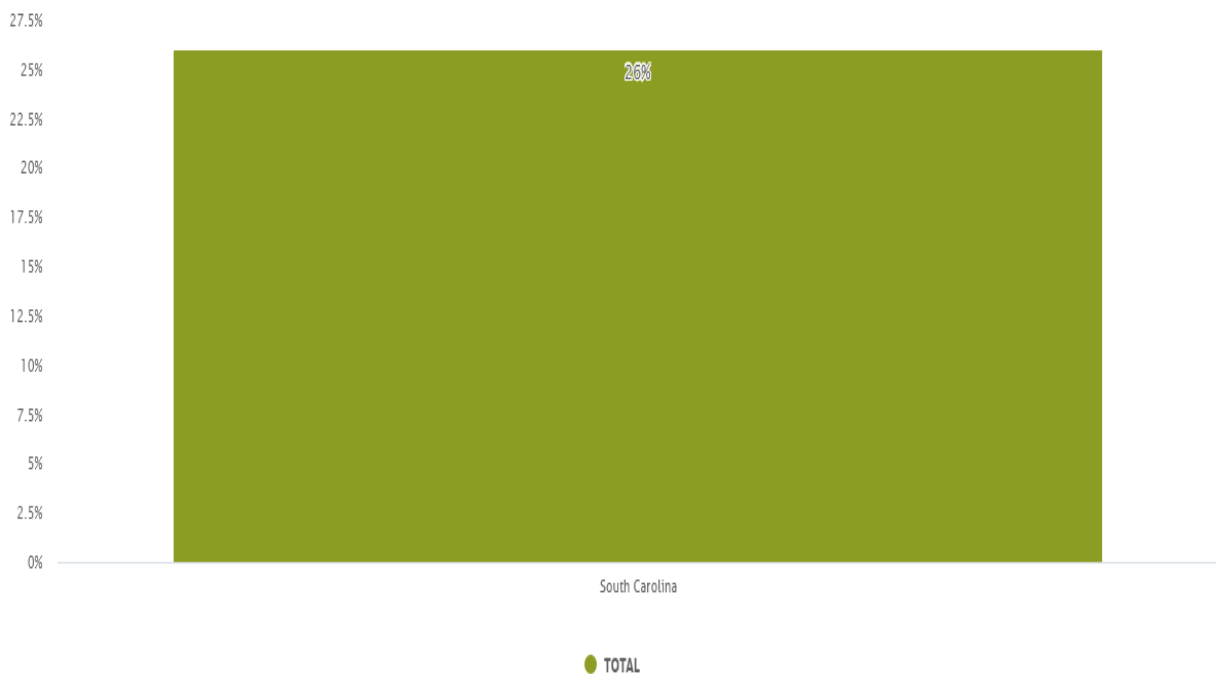
# Priority Two: Improve Family and Social Support

## 26% Children who have one or more emotional, behavioral, or developmental conditions

Children ages 3 to 17 with a parent who reports that a doctor has told them their child has autism, developmental delays, depression or anxiety, ADD/ADHD, or behavioral/conduct problems.

Data Source: Child Trends analysis of data from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau, National Survey of Children's Health.

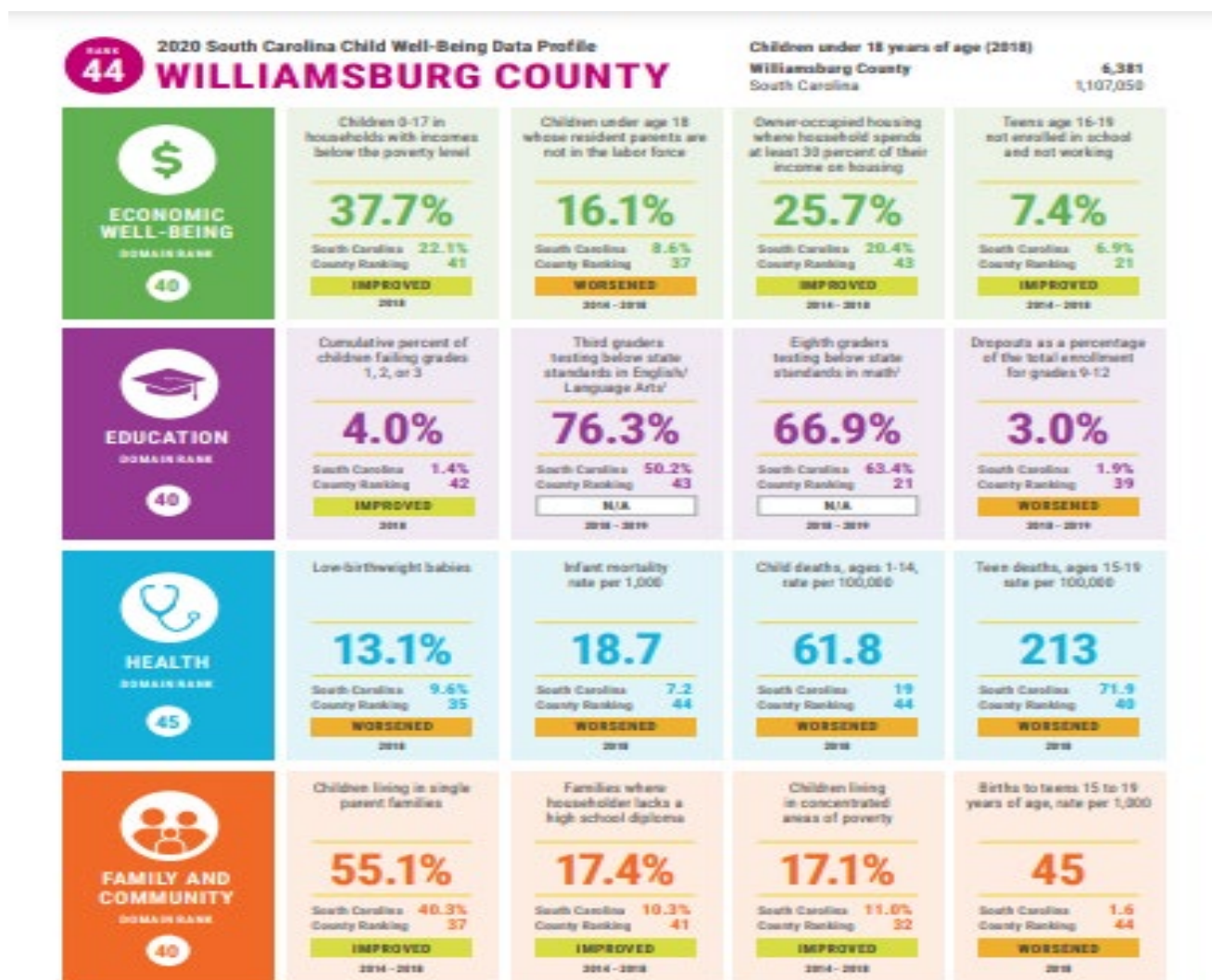
CHILDREN WHO HAVE ONE OR MORE EMOTIONAL, BEHAVIORAL, OR DEVELOPMENTAL CONDITIONS (PERCENT) - 2019-2020



# Priority Three: Improve School Readiness

## 76.3% - Third graders testing below state standards in English/Language Arts

The data source for each indicator can be found at [datacenter.kidscount.org/data#SC](http://datacenter.kidscount.org/data#SC) and Children's Trust of South Carolina.



Lower county rankings (e.g., #1) indicates better outcomes. There are 46 counties in South Carolina. The data source for each indicator can be found at [datacenter.kidscount.org/data#SC](http://datacenter.kidscount.org/data#SC). N/A - Not Available.

1. This year's data is not comparable to last year's per South Carolina Department of Education. See definitions and sources on KIDS COUNT data center.

# Next Steps



### PLAN

Write the partnership's three-year Strategic Plan using the Needs Assessment

March 2023 – May 2023

### APPLY

Utilize the Strategic Plan to inform the partnership's Annual Formula Funding Grant Application

May 2023, May 2024, May 2025



### IMPLEMENT

Execute the programs and services outlined in the Strategic Plan

July 2023 – June 2026

### MONITOR

Track the partnership's progress on implementing programs to fidelity and on achieving the Strategic Plan

July 2023 – June 2026

