



Strategic Planning and Evaluation Committee Meeting Wednesday, June 5, 2024 12-1PM via Zoom ([link to join](#))

Meeting rescheduled from May 22, 2024 cancellation.

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Staff Liaison: Dr. Chelsea Richard, Director of Research and Strategy

Committee Members	Invited First Steps Staff	Invited External Guests
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AGENDA

- South Carolina First Steps
 - Kick off with new external evaluation vendor
 - Proposed Action: Select Parents as Teachers (FY19-20 through FY23-24) as the subject of the next prevalent program evaluation (due November 1, 2025)
 - Planning for 2025-2030 strategic planning process
- Early Childhood Advisory Council: Updates and Discussion
- Other discussion as time permits

ATTACHMENT: Prevalent program evaluations overview

UPCOMING 2024 MEETING DATES

(11AM-12PM via Zoom)

- July 24
- September 25
- November 27



Prevalent Program Evaluations

OVERVIEW

Legislatively, South Carolina First Steps is required to evaluate prevalent programs on a five year schedule (SC State Code § 59-152-50). Prevalent programs are defined as >10% of total expenditure of Local Partnership formula funding. The legislation dictates that First Steps before June 30, 2015 shall:

“contract with an external evaluator to develop a schedule for an in-depth and independent performance audit designed to measure the success of each prevalent program in regard to its success in supporting the goals of the State Board and those set forth in Section 59-152-20 and Section 59-152-30. Results of all external performance audits must be published in the First Steps annual report.”

HISTORY

On May 18, 2020, the Strategic Planning and Evaluation Committee voted “to adopt a flexible evaluation schedule for the next five years”. This was adopted by the full board at their June 18, 2020 meeting.

Program (years)	Evaluator	Submitted
Parents as Teachers (FY09-FY16)	Compass	December 4, 2017
5-Year Agency Evaluation: All local partnership programs with child-level data (FY14-FY18) – including specific research questions on child care technical assistance and scholarships (prevalent programs)	UofSC Institute for Families in Society	November 15, 2019
Parents as Teachers (FY17-FY19)	UofSC Institute for Families in Society and Pacific Research & Evaluation	October 29, 2021
Child care technical assistance and training (FY19-FY21)	UofSC Institute for Families in Society	November 1, 2022
Child care scholarships (FY18-FY22)	UofSC Institute for Families in Society	November 1, 2023

FUTURE EVALUATION NEEDS

Program (years)	Deadline
5-Year Agency Evaluation: All local partnership programs with child-level data (FY19-FY23)	November 1, 2024
Prevalent program 1	November 1, 2025
Prevalent program 2	November 1, 2026
Prevalent program 3	November 1, 2027

PROPOSED SUBJECT OF PREVALENT PROGRAM 1

Program	FY20-21 State Funding	FY21-22 State Funding	FY22-23 State Funding	Total State Funding	Three-year Average of State Funding
Total State Funding Spent on all Programs	\$11,659,291.52	\$12,014,802.16	\$12,121,157.82	\$35,795,251.50	\$11,931,750.50
Parents as Teachers	\$3,440,926.52	\$3,668,557.26	\$4,044,396.41	\$11,153,880.19	\$3,717,960.06 (31.2%)
Child care Quality Enhancement	\$1,531,308.45	\$1,664,310.62	\$1,771,184.32	\$4,966,803.39	\$1,655,601.13 (13.9%)
Child care training	\$1,303,258.07	\$1,305,676.06	\$1,515,579.30	\$4,124,513.43	\$1,374,837.81 (11.5%)