



# FIRST STEPS IS HERE

Last year, because of Hampton County First Steps:



**33 children**

were directly served in Hampton County



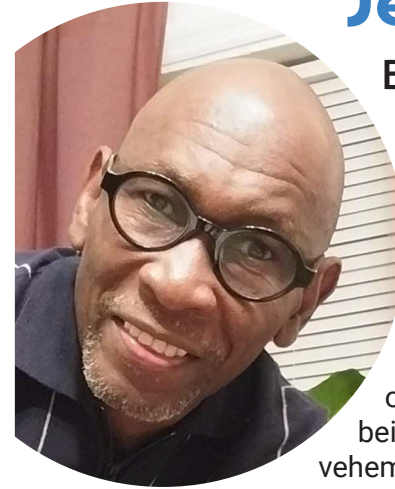
**15 parents & caregivers**

received services and support to be their child's first and most important teacher



**169 educators**

participated in First Steps training and professional development, benefitting 500+ children



## Jeremy Dunbar

Board Chair

As we are in the "new norm" of our societal journeying, our challenging moments have been equated to teachable moments. Inasmuch, our challenging moments have equated to be reachable moments. One of our greatest events held in FY23 was our Family Engagement Carnival grant funded by one of our partners, Save the Children. With over 200 in attendance, families were able to participate in age-appropriate activities so that children can thrive socially, mentally, and educationally. As we evolve into the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the continued support of our legislative bodies, engaging partners and communities is nothing short of being appreciated. The Hampton County First Steps Board and Partnership will vehemently strive to teach and reach its goals in expectancy and anticipation.

### Our Local Supporters

- Save the Children
- Barnes Law Firm
- Youth Generation Matters
- SC Department of Social Services
- Rotary Club of Hampton County
- CODE 92
- Huspah Missionary Baptist Church
- H&H Car Care LLC
- Kim's Best Beauty
- Mommy & Me Bakery
- Hampton County Farm Bureau
- Hampton County School District
- SC Endeavors

### Board of Directors

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### PROVEN RESULTS

A 2019 study found that children who received First Steps local partnership services were:



**74% more likely**

to score at the highest level on the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment



**34% less likely**

to be chronically absent in kindergarten

### THE NEED PERSISTS IN HAMPTON COUNTY

First Steps works but we need to expand our reach to ensure that all children are ready.

**1,280**

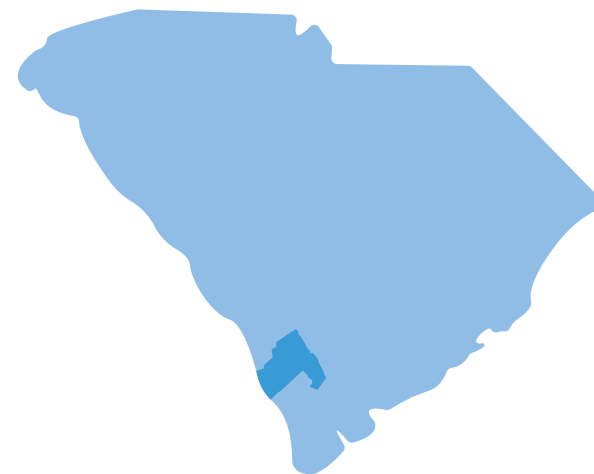
children under age 5

**60.9%**

of young children live in poverty or low-income households

**65%**

of kindergarteners are considered "not ready" for school



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# 2022-2023 ANNUAL REPORT

# OUR MISSION

Fuel and inspire children emotionally, socially and physical in order to achieve their personal best in school through collaboration with parents, caregivers and communities



**Dwana Doctor**  
Executive Director

Greetings!

With great pleasure, I present Hampton County First Steps 2022-2023 Annual Report. Throughout the report, you will find the successes of our organization that is attributed to the generosity of our wonderful community. Our mission is to fuel and inspire children emotionally, socially, and physically in order to achieve their personal best in school through collaboration with parents, caregivers, and communities. As a testament to our collective collaboration, we would like to thank our legislators, board members, parents, and community partners for their hard work in ensuring our success. We look forward to continuing our efforts of impacting quality programs for our children in Hampton County.

## Serving Hampton County's children birth through age five.

"We had a fabulous afternoon with Pete the Cat at the Hampton Library. We also enjoyed the face painting, art work, singing and most of all Pete the Cat. Hampton County First Steps, thank you for all the hard work. We enjoyed our free books and can't wait for your next event."

Hampton County First Steps parent



# PROGRAMS

## PARENTING

### Parents as Teachers

Offers research-based curricula that help families raise children to be healthy, safe, learning, and ready for school.

22 children served    10 group meetings and events    328 home visits

### Supporting Care Providers Through Visits

Site visits for home child care providers to encourage developmentally appropriate practices.

3 children served    2 providers served    8 provider visits

## EARLY CARE & EDUCATION

### Training & Professional Development

Certified and registered training hours for the early childhood workforce.

541 children served    124 providers served    22 certified training hours

### Child Care Scholarships

Eligible children receive tuition-free enrollment at quality child care centers.

5 children served    5 families served    4 providers served

# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

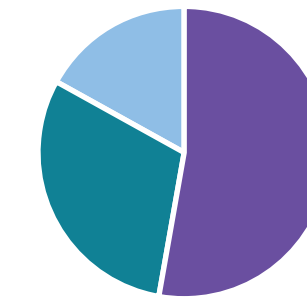


**\$1 = \$1.38**

Hampton County First Steps leveraged \$75,662 from sources outside of state government, providing a match of \$0.38 for every state dollar invested.

## EXPENDITURES

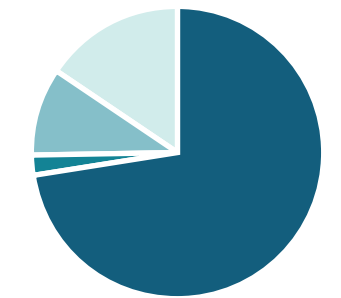
Total: \$241,025.76



- Parenting - \$127,509.29
- Early Care & Education - \$73,172.4
- Administrative - \$40,344.07

## FUNDING SOURCES

Total: \$275,662



- State Funding - \$200,000
- Federal Funding - \$6,336.13
- Private Funding - \$26,839.87
- In-kind Contributions - \$42,486

## FUNDING SUPPORT BY SOUTH CAROLINA FIRST STEPS

State Education Improvement Act (EIA) Funding  
State READY Funding\*  
Federal Preschool Development Grant Funding\*\*  
State Income Tax Check-off and Private Donations to SC First Steps

\*Resources for Early Acceleration and Development in Youth (READY) Proviso 1.105

\*\*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, awarded to the South Carolina Department of Social Services, Division of Early Care and Education