To collaborating with other entities, First Steps helps Allendale County families and caregivers prepare their children for school success by maximizing public and private community resources to deliver, enhance and expand high-quality early childhood services.

**OUR APPROACH**

- High quality programs and services for children and families
- Intensive training, resources and support for childcare providers
- Strategic partnerships and community education

**OUR IMPACT**

410

number of children and adults served by Allendale County First Steps in 2018-2019

**JOIN US**

We rely on a community of partners, donors, and volunteers – people like you – who believe in a brighter future for children and families in our community.
OUR STORY

We are motivated and full of optimism that we are on a track to success. We are full of anticipation as we see the faces of board members, staff, parents, community friends and partners in commitment, collaboration and support to meet our goals. To each of you we cannot thank you enough for your support and are honored and proud to have the opportunity to serve our community and work together as we focus on our community’s children.

OUR GOALS

Allendale County strategic goals set the direction for how our organization intended to work in collaboration with state and local partners as we focused on advancing Allendale County First to implement its mission and address the needs of its focus population, the Ready Kindergartener for the year’s plan.

Goal 1: Expand the reach of programs and services of Allendale County First Steps:

Goal 2: Increase and improve access to early childhood services in the community to ensure children in need are enrolled in quality early education programs

Goal 3: Increase public awareness of Allendale County First Steps and mobilize community to work in support of Allendale County First Steps mission

Education is the doorway to opportunity and success; enter graciously !!!

Theresa Kennedy, Board Co-Chair
Parents as Teachers (PAT) is a home visiting program designed to build strong communities, thriving families and children who are healthy, safe and ready to succeed. PAT services include:

- Personal visits from a parent educator at least twice monthly
- Monthly group connections with other PAT families
- Screenings and assessments to identify developmental concerns
- Connections to outside resources that families may need to succeed

**PAT IN THE NEWS**

PAT recently received the highest rating from the federal Prevention Services Clearinghouse. This recognition validates the effectiveness of Parents as Teachers as a strategy for improving parenting practices, promoting early detection of developmental delays and health issues, preventing child abuse and neglect, and enhancing school readiness and success.

**PAT IN ALLENDALE COUNTY 2018-2019**

- 31 families served
- 661 total home visits

Families that participate in our PAT program can identify their strengths and set goals for their children and themselves.
Thanks to Allendale County School district for your generous support of our Countdown to Kindergarten program.

Education is a good investment with great community interest.
Every child is unique and together makes this world a beautiful garden of educated flowers.

Racheal Gill, Lead Teacher-Little New Steps Child Care

High-quality child care hinges on high-quality professional development that meets the needs of the local child care workforce. Our training programs are certified though the SC Center for Child Care Career Development and include topics in the areas of nutrition, health and safety, curriculum, child guidance, professional development and program administration. Our 2018-2019 trainings included:

**Connecting Parents to Community Resources**

**Exploring Licensing Regulation-Crossing Over**

**Let’s Look At Mental Health Differently**

**No! No! No! Biting-Supporting Teachers When a Child Bites**

**Nutrition: Sugar, Sugar, Sugar-Are There any Nutritional Benefits**

**Emotional Development of Young Children**

**Language Development of Young Children**

**Health & Physical Development Standards**

**Physical Development & Health**

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**TRAINING BY THE NUMBERS 2018-2019**

- 28 total training attendance
- 25 child care teachers and directors served
- 9 number of training sessions offered
For many families in Allendale County, the cost of quality child care is out of reach. Our scholarship program makes payments to child care providers to care for children from low-income families so their parents can return to school or work.

Allendale County First Steps offers scholarships to families enrolled in our Parents As Teachers program, as well as income-eligible children whose parent attends school or works at least 30 hours per week.

**SCHOLARSHIPS BY THE NUMBERS**

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100% the money paid to child care providers goes back into our local economy to benefit the citizens of Allendale County.
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Addressing the needs of young children is a shared endeavor. In addition to providing services to families and support for child care providers, Allendale County First Steps mobilizes partners and community members to ensure all children in Allendale County begin school ready to succeed. We serve as a:

LOCAL PORTAL
connecting preschool children and their families to services

CONVENER
of community stakeholders to develop an effective and comprehensive early childhood system

CHAMPION
of the importance of school readiness to our children’s future

OUR PARTNERSHIPS BY THE NUMBERS
2018-2019

87 data point
796 data point

“...We must learn to learn, learn to live and learn to work.”
It does take a village to raise a child.

Theresa Kennedy, Board Member Co-Chair
Through partnerships and collaborations, as well as financial support from grants and contributions, Allendale County First Steps leverages state dollars to enhance and expand to children and families.

**FUNDING SUPPORT**

Allendale County School District: $3,300

Coastal Community Foundation $3,500

Private Donors: $1,058

**IN-KIND SUPPORT**

Allendale County School District

Little New Steps Child Care Center

ABC Scholarship Program

Town of Allendale

County of Allendale

**JOIN US**

For more information on partnership opportunities, visit [scfirststeps.org/Allendale](http://scfirststeps.org/Allendale)
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

OUR INVESTMENT IN QUALITY
Expenditures of State Funds by Program Type

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2% Evidence-based
98% Evidence-informed

ESTIMATION OF COST SAVINGS

Since inception, Allendale County First Steps has leveraged $1,293,833 from sources outside of state government.

That’s $0.36 for every state dollar.

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES BY STRATEGY
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