



## Child care centers are ready for a statewide expansion of 4K.

### There is a great need in South Carolina to serve more four year olds.

In the Palmetto State, we estimate that there are over 58,000 four year olds, and about 36,000 (62.1%) of them are considered at-risk. Approximately 4 out of 10 at-risk four year olds in our state live in a non-CERDEP school district.

### Child care centers can meet that need today.

Statewide, there are 186,876 slots in 1,654 licensed, approved, or registered child care centers. In the non-CERDEP school districts, there are 84,516 slots (45.2%).

### First Steps 4K provides high quality education to children and support to centers.

Currently, 216 (13.1%) child care centers have at least one First Steps 4K classroom. If every center in the state had one classroom of 20 First Steps 4K students, 33,080 children could be served. If every center in non-CERDEP school districts had one First Steps 4K classroom, 11,880 children could be served. This would serve approximately 8 out of 10 at-risk four year olds in those districts.

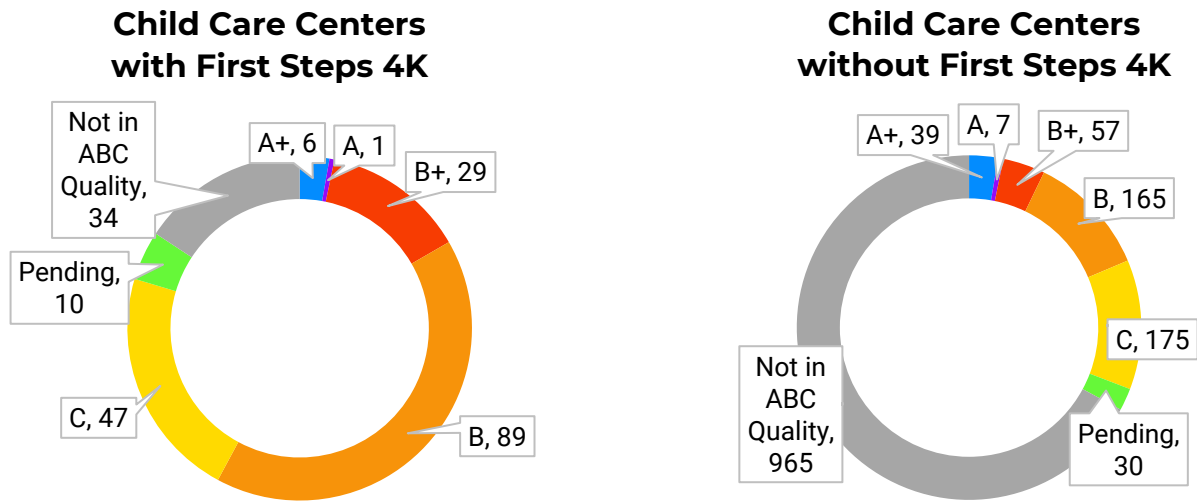
School District	Estimated 4K slots if 1 classroom per center	Estimated number of at-risk 4 year olds
Anderson 1	220	360
Anderson 4	60	121
Beaufort	880	1,200
Charleston	2,760	2,629
Dorchester 2	520	857
Greenville	3,080	3,499
Lancaster	380	574
Lexington 1	560	661
Lexington 5	380	404
Pickens	540	751
Richland 2	620	1,497
Spartanburg 1	100	217
Spartanburg 2	300	440
Spartanburg 5	220	353
York 2	180	181
York 3	700	656
York 4	380	219
<b>Total*</b>	<b>11,880*</b>	<b>14,619</b>

\*Total First Steps 4K capacity also includes charter schools and private schools, which are not included above.



## First Steps 4K is high quality.

There are 182 (84.3%) child care centers with at least one First Steps 4K classroom that participate in the ABC Quality Rating System, compared to 32.9% (473/1438) of centers without a First Steps 4K classroom. Among centers with a First Steps 4K classroom that participate in ABC Quality, 68.7% (125/182) of them are rated B or higher, compared to 56.7% (268/473) of centers without a First Steps 4K classroom.



## First Steps 4K students are ready for kindergarten.

