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Grantee Highlights

Fall 2023

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From the Executive Director

It is with great pleasure that we share the Fall 2023 Grantee Highlights Report with you. The BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Foundation has supported many exciting projects this year.

You'll hear from a wide range of grantees who have advanced the Foundation's core priorities. Grantees have increased access to oral health care, improved the mental health outcomes of people in our state and confronted structural determinants of health equity. They have also continued to align actions against diabetes.

Each grantee's goals are unique, but they are all working together to build a brighter, healthier future for South Carolina. We hope the stories in this report will inspire you as you think about what's possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in white ink, reading "Erika Kirby", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Erika Kirby
Executive Director



Areas of Focus



Access to Care

Support safety net providers in providing primary physical and mental health care.

Implement evidence-based or innovative models to increase accessibility of health care services.



Building a Stronger Workforce for Health

Support projects to increase the number of health care professionals.

Support health care career development through evidence-based or innovative approaches to advance skills.



Improving the Quality and Value of Health and Health Care

Support quality improvement projects that yield cost and resource efficiencies through innovative approaches and solutions.



Investing in the Health and Well-Being of South Carolina Children and Families

Support projects that foster environments and settings that encourage healthy eating and active lifestyles.

Support projects that focus on the integration of mental health and adverse childhood experiences.

Support projects that focus on population health improvement through intentional collaboration across multiple sectors to connect the non-health factors that influence health.



Research/ Special Projects

Support projects to inform, influence and support our areas of focus and our mission.

These projects may fall outside of an established area of focus, yet would generate value-added information relevant to the health needs of the economically vulnerable population in South Carolina.



Mental Health

Prevention Point 1: Infant, Early Childhood and Maternal Mental Health

Grantee	Project Title	Grant Period
A Child’s Haven	Flourishing Families Healthy and Whole	06/2023 – 05/2026
City of Spartanburg	“Hello Family” Pay for Success	01/2020 – 12/2026
SC Infant Mental Health Association	Enhancing Child-Serving Provider Competencies for Infant Mental Health	01/2019 – 05/2023
SC Infant Mental Health Association	South Carolina Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Network	01/2020 – 12/2023
SC Network of Children’s Advocacy Centers	Empowering SC Communities and CACs to Deliver a Best Practice Response to Child Abuse	06/2019 – 05/2024
SC Network of Children’s Advocacy Centers	SC Safe Babies Court Team Collaborative Approach	10/2021 – 09/2024

Empowering South Carolina Communities and Children’s Advocacy Centers To Deliver a Best-Practice Response to Child Abuse

Since receiving the Foundation’s grant, the South Carolina Network of Children’s Advocacy Centers (SCNCAC) has expanded access to services for children who are victims of child abuse. It has also removed hurdles that prevent families and team partners from accessing services.

The grant has increased the number of families SCNCAC and its member, Children’s Advocacy Centers (CACs), have been able to help. Since 2017, CACs in South Carolina have served **62,774 children**, which denotes a **51 percent** increase since the development plan project. The number of children CACs have helped has grown each year. For instance, CACs served **12,897 children** in 2022. This marked a **16 percent** increase since 2021.

SCNCAC has also expanded the reach of CACs. In 2018, **24 percent** of South Carolina counties were without accredited CAC coverage.

As of 2022, only **4 percent** of counties weren’t covered.

Thomas Knapp is the executive director of SCNCAC. He has seen firsthand the difference the grant has made to children and families in the state.

“The development plan project has helped secure state funding for Children’s Advocacy Centers and was instrumental in the passing of the South Carolina Child Abuse Response Protocol Act, which formalizes the use of Children’s Advocacy Centers in the statewide response to child abuse,” said Knapp.

Looking forward, Knapp hopes to continue offering best-practice and evidence-based services to children and families throughout the state.

“We look forward to continuing to partner with the Foundation and Children’s Advocacy Centers to empower South Carolina communities and deliver a best-practice response to child abuse,” said Knapp.

Mental Health

Prevention Point 2: Parenting Supports

Grantee	Project Title	Grant Period
Carolina Youth Development Center	Expanding Services to Youth in the Lowcountry	01/2022 – 12/2024
Children’s Trust of SC	Positive Parenting To Support Adolescent Mental Health	06/2023 – 05/2026
SC Department of Social Services	Increasing Likelihood of Reunification Through Parent Peer Mentor Program	01/2023 – 12/2025
University of South Carolina (USC) Institute for Families in Society	Raising Adolescents To Be Tomorrow’s Leaders	01/2022 – 12/2024



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Prevention Point 3: Schoolwide and Communitywide Prevention

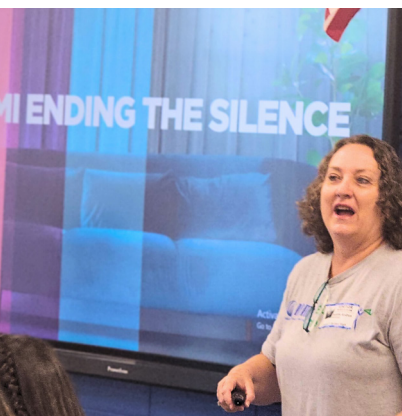
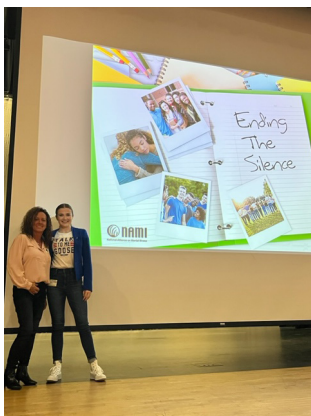
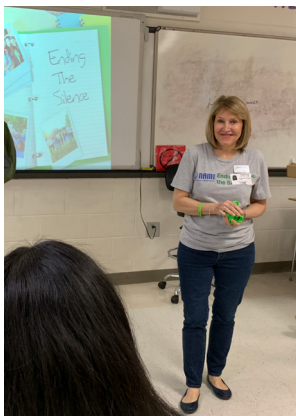
Grantee	Project Title	Grant Period
Communities in Schools of South Carolina	Post-Pandemic Social Emotional Learning Supports for Students in Low-Income Communities	01/2023 – 12/2025
Communities in Schools of South Carolina	Student Mental Health Initiative	01/2022 – 12/2024
National Alliance on Mental Illness	South Carolina Youth-Centered Mental Health Awareness and Education	06/2022 – 05/2025
SC Department of Mental Health	Planning Grant: Zero Suicide Communities of Care	06/2020 – 03/2023
SC Department of Mental Health	Zero Suicide Communities of Care	01/2021 – 12/2023

South Carolina Youth-Centered Mental Health Awareness and Education

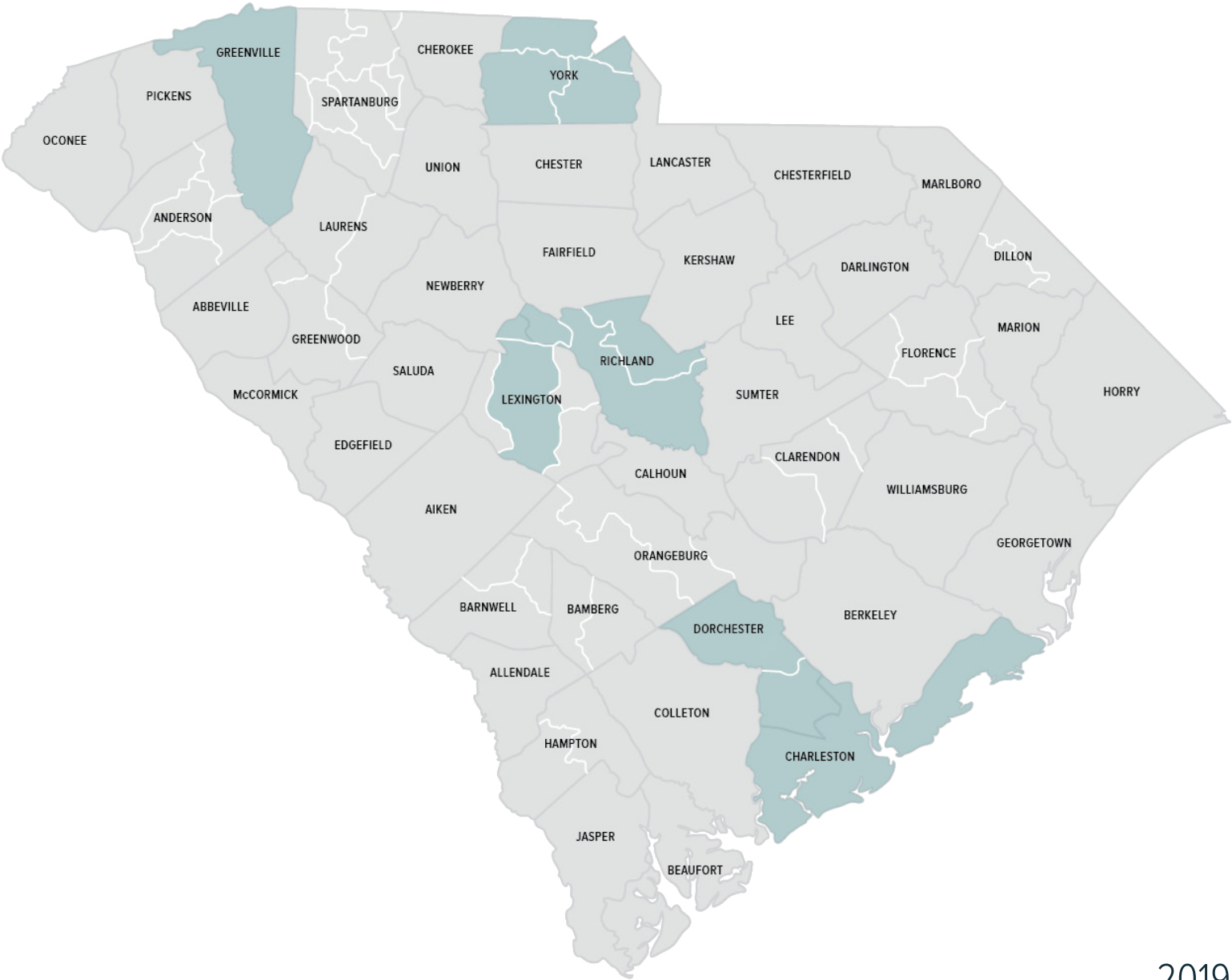
National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) South Carolina has grown the Ending the Silence (ETS) program into new areas of the state. ETS is a national, evidence-based program that makes teens more aware of their mental health. It aims to prevent suicide and decrease the stigma around mental health.

In its first year, NAMI South Carolina gave 505 ETS talks to 21,240 people in schools, churches and community groups.

The following maps show how NAMI has expanded its reach since 2019.

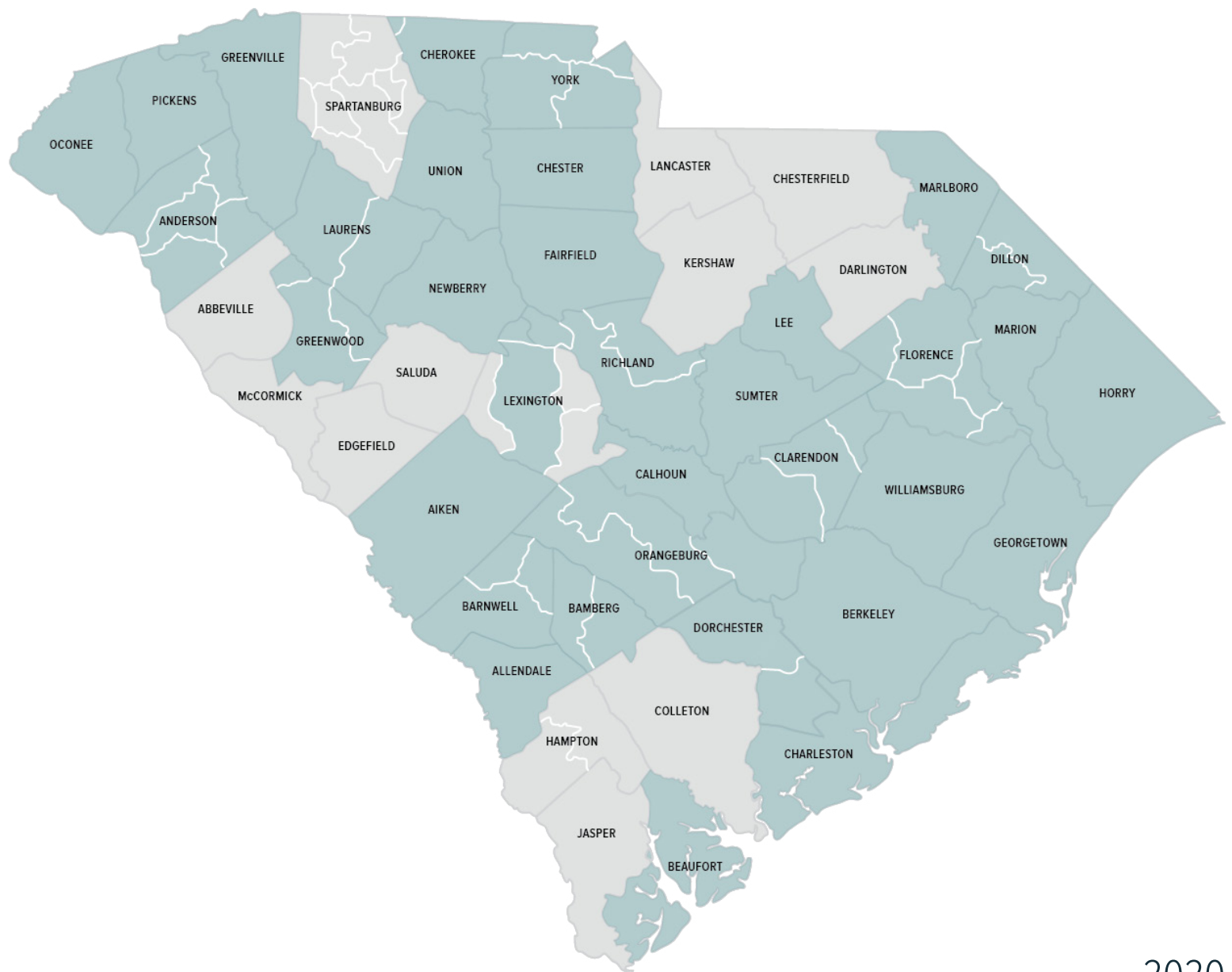


South Carolina Youth-Centered Mental Health Awareness and Education



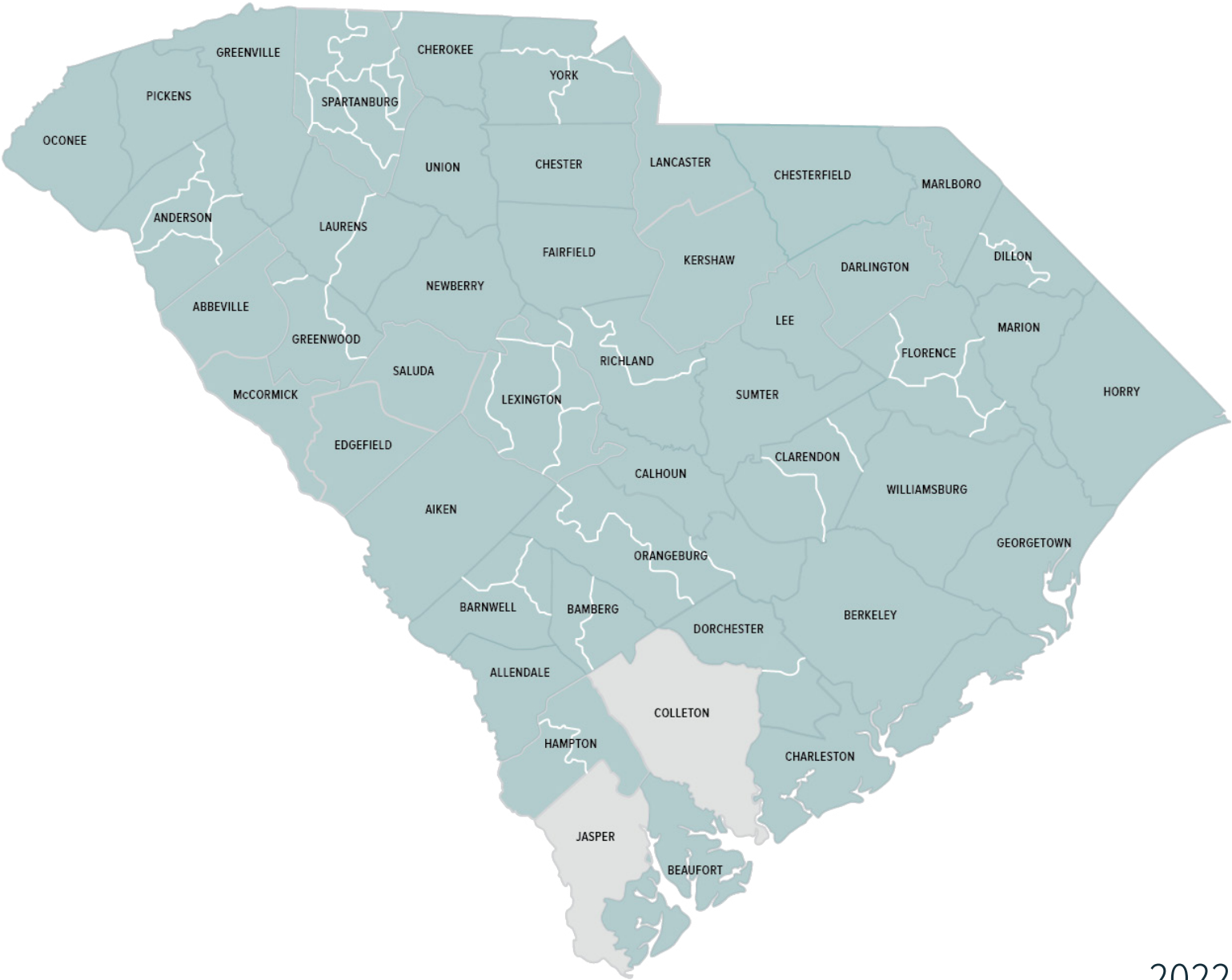
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South Carolina Youth-Centered Mental Health Awareness and Education



2020

South Carolina Youth-Centered Mental Health Awareness and Education



2022

South Carolina Youth-Centered Mental Health Awareness and Education



2023

Mental Health

Prevention Point 4: Connection to Community Supports

Grantee	Project Title	Grant Period
Healthy Learners	Creating Community Capacity To Support Youth Mental Health and Wellbeing	01/2022 – 12/2024
SC Department of Mental Health	Roads 2	01/2022 – 12/2024
USC School Behavioral Health Team	South Carolina School Mental Health Internship and Educational Program	06/2021 – 05/2024

Columbia International University Counseling Initiative

Columbia International University (CIU) founded a doctorate program in counselor education and supervision (CES). The program will address the shortage of counseling faculty who can be educated and licensed in South Carolina. It is the second program of its kind in the state.

For the first three years of the program, students must live in South Carolina. This will increase the impact of the Foundation’s grant on the state and its workforce. When students finish the program, they will go on to teach at accredited universities in counseling education.

The program is already having an impact on the number of clinical counselors in South Carolina.



24 The number of doctorate seats available per year in the CES program



300 The number of applications the CES program receives each year



144 The number of master’s-level counseling students each CES graduate can teach and clinically supervise



7 The number of master’s programs in South Carolina where CES graduates will teach

Mental Health

Prevention Point 5: Connection to Mental Health Services

Grantee	Project Title	Grant Period
Columbia International University	Columbia International University	01/2023 – 12/2026
Epworth Children’s Home	Epworth Center for Counseling Expansion	04/2023 – 03/2027
Mental Health America of Greenville County	Capacity-Building for 988 Implementation in South Carolina	06/2022 – 05/2025
SC Department of Mental Health	The Mental Health/Law Enforcement Alliance Project	06/2019 – 09/2023

The Mental Health/Law Enforcement Alliance Project



The South Carolina Department of Mental Health (SCDMH), the Charleston Dorchester Mental Health Center and the Charleston Police Department created the Mental Health/Law Enforcement Alliance Project (MHLEAP) in 2019.

“The purpose of MHLEAP is to strengthen mental health and law enforcement collaborations, expand the reach and impact of the Adverse Childhood Experiences Initiative, and establish alliance teams,” said Stacey Rowell, Alliance program coordinator at SCDMH.

Alliance teams have played a vital role in MHLEAP’s success. After a local police department interacts with someone who has been a victim or witness of a violent crime, it deploys an alliance team to this person’s home. These teams aim to reduce the long-term effects of trauma.

These teams are especially beneficial for children. Having access to mental health services after a trauma helps children return to normal

development. It also lowers children’s risk of having trauma-related issues in adulthood.

The Foundation’s support of MHLEAP has been key in helping law enforcement add mental health counselors to their teams.

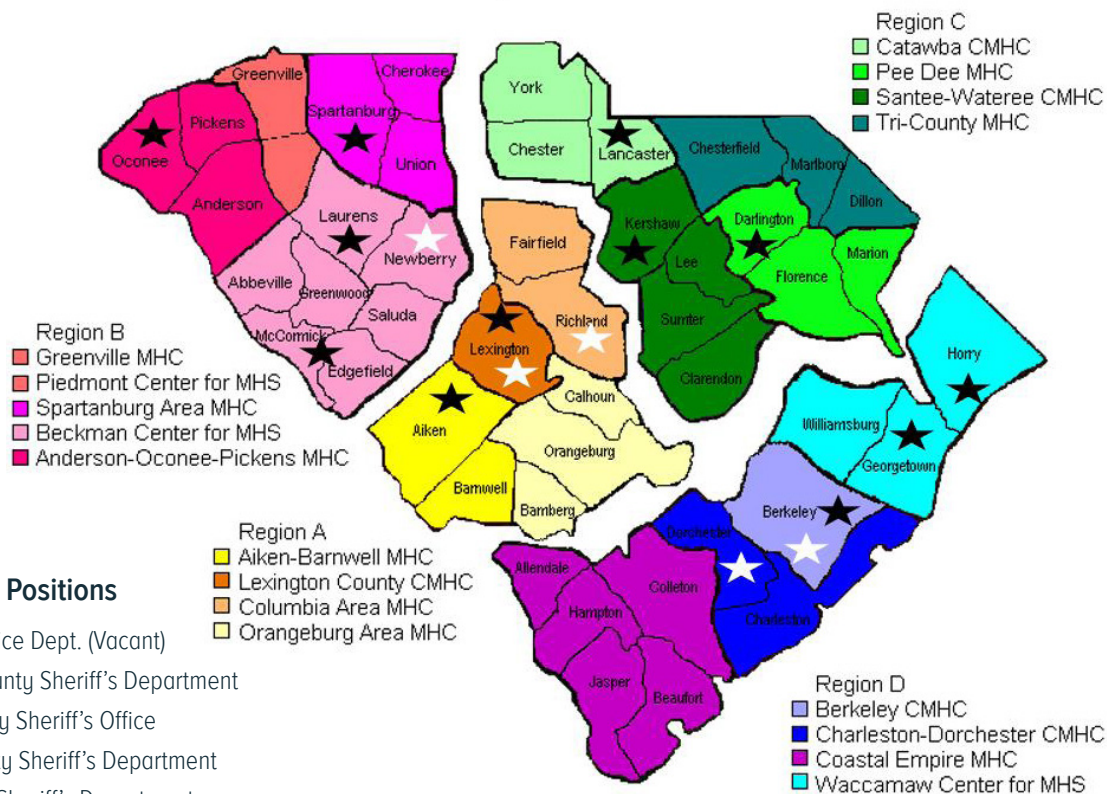
“SCDMH, in partnership with the BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Foundation, has been able to serve more than 2,200 individuals during the grant period,” said Rowell. “We have successfully been able to sustain and expand this model statewide. We have embedded clinicians in more than 14 agencies with the hopes of adding more in the near future.”

The following map shows how MHLEAP has expanded its geographic reach during the grant period. The chart tracks the services alliance teams provide and the demographics of the people they serve.

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The Mental Health/Law Enforcement Alliance Project

South Carolina Department of Mental Health



Initial MHLEAP Grant-Funded Positions

Berkeley County — Goose Creek Police Dept. (Vacant)
 Dorchester County — Dorchester County Sheriff's Department
 Lexington County — Lexington County Sheriff's Office
 Newberry County — Newberry County Sheriff's Department
 Richland County — Richland County Sheriff's Department



NEW Embedded Positions Since MHLEAP

Horry County — Embedded in Myrtle Beach Police Department
 Georgetown County — LE interest, but unable to fund cost share position
 Berkeley County — Berkeley County Sheriff's Office
 Darlington County — Embedded in Darlington County Detention Center
 Kershaw County — MOU in place, KCSO embedded position posted/ interviewing
 Lee County — Interested, funding allocated
 Lexington County — LE interest present, unable to fill
 Aiken County — Aiken Department of Public Safety
 Edgefield/McCormick counties — LE interest, unable to fill
 Laurens County — LE interest present, unable to fill
 Lancaster County — LE interest present, unable to fill
 Oconee County — LE interest present, unable to fill
 Spartanburg County — Embedded with Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office
 Union County — LE interested, funding allocated
 Horry County — Conway Police Department interested
 Richland County — Embedded with City of Columbia Police Department and in the process of embedding several other positions
 Colleton County — LE interested, funding allocated



School-Based Oral Health

Grantee	Project Title	Grant Period
Beaufort Jasper Hampton Comprehensive Health Services	School-Based Oral Health Expansion — Implementation	06/2020 – 12/2024
ChildSmiles Dental	School-Based Oral Health Expansion Initiative — Readiness and Planning	03/2023 – 08/2023
Family Health Centers	South Carolina School Mental Health Internship and Educational Program	06/2021 – 05/2024
Fetter Health Care Network	School-Based Oral Health — Implementation	01/2022 – 12/2024
Fetter Health Care Network	School-Based Oral Health Expansion Initiative — Readiness and Planning	03/2022 – 02/2023
Florence Darlington Technical College	School-Based Oral Health Expansion Initiative — Readiness and Planning	03/2023 – 09/2023
Health Care Partners of South Carolina Inc.	School-Based Oral Health Expansion Initiative — Implementation	06/2021 – 06/2023
Health Care Partners of South Carolina Inc.	School-Based Oral Health Expansion Initiative — Implementation	01/2022 – 12/2025
Medical University of South Carolina	School-Based Oral Health Expansion Initiative — Readiness and Planning	10/2020 – 06/2025
Medical University of South Carolina	School-Based Oral Health — Implementation	06/2021 – 05/2023
ReGenesis Health Care	School-Based Oral Health — Implementation	06/2021 – 05/2023



Improving Oral Health Outcomes

The dental clinic at Florence Darlington Technical College (FDTC) provides training for dental hygiene and dental assisting students. It also serves as a community clinic for more than **2,000 patients** each year.

The Foundation's grant allowed FDTC to:

- **Replace old tools** with new X-ray machines, autoclaves and radiography equipment.
- Give **free** dental hygiene visits to **300 children** and **533 adults**.
- Help patients who otherwise couldn't **afford** care.

“Without this funding, we would have been unable to improve our equipment. This would have impeded our ability to expand our partnerships. One of our crucial partnerships involves working with a free medical clinic to provide radiographs for patients. Unfortunately, our previous radiograph systems were unable to produce diagnostic-quality images. The grant gave us the means to replace those machines and enhance our collaboration with this clinic.”

— Alicia L. Johnston, CDA, RDH, MPHD, Dental Hygiene and Assisting Program Director,
Florence-Darlington Technical College

Equipment and Supplies

Grantee	Project Title	Grant Period
Greenville Technical College	Equipment and Supplies for Greenville Technical College Community Dental Clinic	01/2023 – 12/2023
Midlands Technical College	Upgrading the Electronic Health Records System in the Dental Clinic at Midlands Technical College	06/2023 – 05/2024
North Charleston Dental Outreach	North Charleston Smiles	06/2023 – 05/2024
Our Lady of Mercy Community Outreach Services (OLMCOS)	Increasing Access to Comprehensive Oral Healthcare for Underserved Populations	06/2023 – 05/2025
Our Lady of Mercy Community Outreach Services (OLMCOS)	OLMCOS Dental Clinic Downtown Expansion	06/2020 – 05/2023
Trident Technical College (TTC) Foundation	TTC Dental Clinic and Community Services Expansion	01/2023 – 06/2024

Improving Oral Health Outcomes

Greenville Technical College (GTC) Community Dental Clinic trains dental students and schedules **2,200 preventive** appointments each year. It has served **753 patients** so far.

GTC used its grant to buy new equipment, which includes:

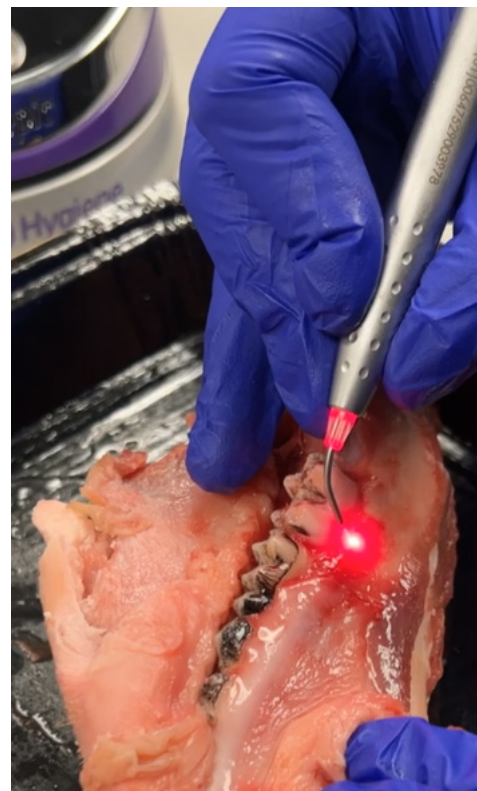
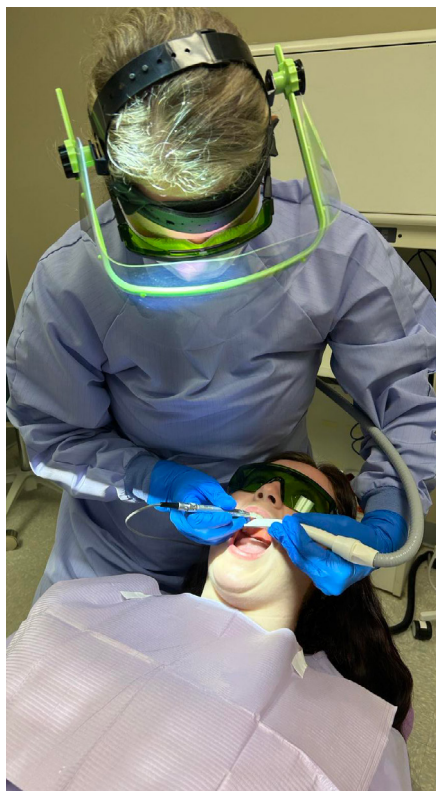
- Handheld teeth cleaning tools.
- Lasers for treating inflamed tissue and periodontitis.
- Other vital dental supplies.

These tools, many of which are state-of-the-art, set GTC apart as a leading clinic in the area. They will help GTC keep up with the high demand for its services and meet its accreditation standards.

The clinic boasts a:

- **100 percent** graduation rate.
- **100 percent** regional certificate rate.
- **96 percent** national certificate rate.
- **100 percent** job placement rate.

GTC is grateful for the Foundation's support.



Workforce

Grantee	Project Title	Grant Period
Medical University of South Carolina	Improving Oral Health Outcomes Through Integrated Care: Co-Location of Dental Hygienists in Primary Care	01/2020 – 12/2024
Medical University of South Carolina	MENTORS: Making Efforts Necessary To Overcome Rural and Underserved Oral Health Inequities in South Carolina	01/2022 – 06/2025
Reach Out and Read Carolina’s	Reach Out and Read — Oral Health Integration	01/2021 – 12/2023
SC Department of Health and Environmental Control	SC Oral Health Institute	01/2021 – 06/2024





Social Determinants of Health

Grantee	Project Title	Grant Period
Clemson University	Community Food Assessments for Rural South Carolina	02/2020 – 07/2023
SC Department of Veterans Affairs	Veteran Services Case Management and Referral Integration	06/202 – 05/2024
SC Office of Rural Health	Community Health Transformation	01/2021 – 12/2024
USC Arnold School of Public Health	Community Health Worker Institute	03/2019 – 12/2022
USC Arnold School of Public Health	Community Health Worker Institute	08/2023 – 07/2026
Wholespire	Community Health Transformation	01/2021 – 12/2024

Community Food Assessments for Rural South Carolina

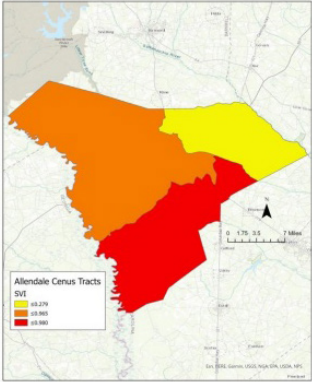
Clemson University performed a study on food insecurity in seven rural South Carolina counties: Allendale, Barnwell, Chester, Greenwood, Hampton, Jasper, Lee, Marion and Oconee. The study’s goal was to create a statewide plan that promotes long-term food security for these areas. Because food insecurity can lead to chronic disease, the study’s findings can improve health outcomes for people in rural areas.

The study drew from focus groups, interviews and survey data to find trends and gaps in these counties’ access to food. The study gave tailored advice to each county. It pointed out current assets these

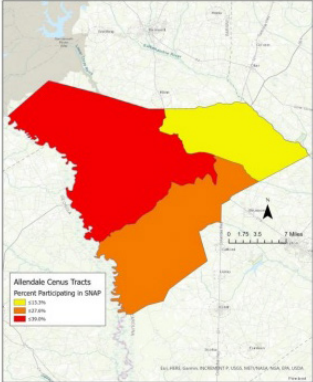
counties can use to promote food security. It also showed these counties how they can better address their citizens’ needs. The first set of charts shows how Clemson used the Social Vulnerability Index (SVI) to determine each county’s needs. Red denotes very high-risk areas. Orange stands for high-risk areas. Yellow shows medium-risk areas.

The second set of charts shows each county’s routes to supermarkets that participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which helps people with low incomes purchase food.

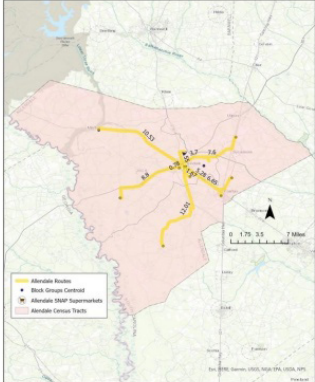
Allendale County: Social Vulnerability Index (SVI)



Allendale County: Percent of Households Participating in SNAP by Census Tracts



Allendale County: Nearest SNAP Supermarkets (miles)



Veteran Services Case Management and Referral Integration

The South Carolina Department of Veterans Affairs (SCDVA) used its grant to launch Combined Arms, a referral and case management system that identifies each veteran's unique needs and connects him or her to a broad range of service providers.

The system uses predictive analytics to keep track of the economic, social and personal conditions that might affect each veteran's health. This allows the SCDVA to intervene early, before a crisis occurs. With a robust network of providers, the system is a one-stop resource for veterans' health and wellness needs. The SCDVA can easily link a veteran to the right resources, from private medical practices to volunteer organizations.

This statewide system has improved the physical and mental health of our veterans by making their needs more visible. Since launching the system, the SCDVA has seen an 86 percent increase in veterans who connect with resources.





diabetes *free* sc



Diabetes Free SC

Diabetes Free SC (DFSC) aims to align actions against diabetes and engage South Carolinians to live healthier lives. To further the goals of DFSC, the Foundation gave grants to FoodShare SC, Alliance for a Healthier Generation (AHG), the Medical University of South Carolina's Boeing Center for Children's Wellness (BCCW) and the Center for Community Health Alignment (CCHA).

FoodShare SC

Food insecurity makes people more likely to get diabetes. It can also make it harder for people with diabetes to manage the disease.

To combat this problem, the Foundation has given five years of support to FoodShare SC. FoodShare SC expands access to healthy food by bringing boxes of fresh produce to at-risk people twice every week. It has supplied 60,000 boxes so far in 2023.

FoodShare SC also runs a produce prescription program, Veggie Rx, at six primary care clinics in the state. Patients with diabetes can enroll in Veggie Rx and receive two weekly "prescriptions" for produce.

School Wellness

Most young adults in South Carolina are at risk of getting diabetes. Fifty-seven percent of young adults are not physically fit, and 42 percent are obese.

Schools are in a unique place to change these numbers because young adults spend a large portion of their time there. The Foundation gave funds to AHG and BCCW to support student wellness.

The Foundation's grant allowed AHG and BCCW to work with 198 schools across 16 districts. They reached more than 125,000 students. AHG and BCCW campaigned for exercise and healthy eating, which will reduce the risk of diabetes and other chronic diseases.

Because of AHG and BCCW's work:

- **74 percent** of schools made sure students had time for a healthy lunch.
- **73 percent** of schools gave students time for exercise.
- **69 percent** of schools gave students nutrition education.

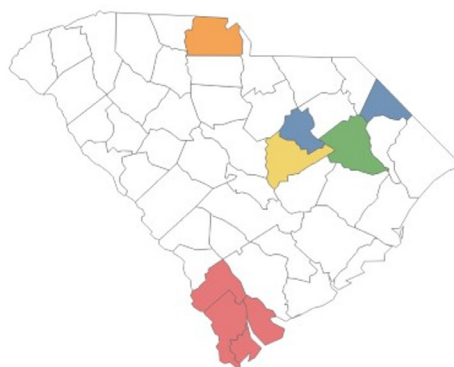
AHG and BCCW plan to **expand** their programming to **10 more** districts.

Community Health Workers

The Foundation grant helped CCHA create a CHW diabetes prevention and management curriculum. It will provide coaching and technical assistance to select federally qualified health centers (FQHC).

The chart below shows the FQHCs that will take part in the curriculum.

Community Health Worker Initiative



- Affinity Health Center - York
- Beaufort-Jasper-Hampton Comprehensive Health Services
- CareSouth Carolina – Dillon and Lee
- HopeHealth – Florence
- Tandem Health - Sumter

Goal 1: To improve pregnancy outcomes and the health of women with or at risk for diabetes

Management of Maternal (MOMs) Diabetes Programs

Grantee	Project Title	Grant Period
Prisma Health — Midlands	Promoting Equity in Maternal Health and Diabetes Outcomes in SC	01/2024 – 12/2025
Prisma Health — Midlands	Removing Treatment Barriers for Diabetic Pregnant Patients in Rural Areas	06/2020 – 12/2023
Prisma Health — Upstate	Enhancing Diabetes Care in Pregnancy Through Clinical Collaboration and Telehealth	06/2020 – 07/2023
Prisma Health — Upstate	MOMs — Comprehensive Management of Maternal Diabetes in the Upstate	08/2023 – 07/2025

Women’s Health Initiative

Grantee	Project Title	Grant Period
Clemson University	Regional Integrated Life Cycle Diabetes Program for Women	06/2022 – 05/2025
Medical University of South Carolina	Diabetes Prevention in Young Women With Obesity and at High Risk for Diabetes	06/2022 – 05/2025
Prisma Health — Midlands	Women’s Health Initiative: Women in Control of Diabetes	06/2022 – 05/2025
Prisma Health — Upstate	Wellness and Empowerment for All Women	06/2022 – 05/2025
Rural Health Services	Rural Health Services Women’s Diabetes Program	06/2022 – 05/2025

Goal 2: To reduce lifelong risk of diabetes in children

Grantee	Project Title	Grant Period
Alliance for a Healthier Generation	Building a Bridge for School and Community	06/2023 – 05/2026
Alliance for a Healthier Generation	Healthy Schools — Key to a Diabetes Free SC	06/2020 – 05/2023
BlueRidge Parkway Foundation	Kids in Parks: Statewide Expansion in South Carolina	06/2022 – 05/2026
Medical University of South Carolina	Diabetes Prevention Through School-Based Wellness	06/2022 – 05/2026
Medical University of South Carolina	Prevention and Treatment of Diabetes through a School Wellness Model	06/2020 – 05/2023 <i>NCE approved through 01/2024</i>

Goal 3: To prevent diabetes and its complications in adults

Grantee	Project Title	Grant Period
Health Sciences South Carolina	Improving Surgical Outcomes in Patients With Diabetes by Perioperative Optimization	06/2021 – 05/2024
USC Arnold School of Public Health	Food Is Medicine SC Landscape Assessment and Evaluation Capacity Building	06/2022 – 05/2023
USC School of Medicine	FoodShare: Supporting a Statewide and Community-Centered Food Distribution Network and Diabetes Prevention Model	06/2020 – 05/2025

Community Health Workers in Federally Qualified Health Centers

Grantee	Project Title	Grant Period
Affinity Health Center	Community Health Workers Reducing Diabetes in South Carolina	07/2021 – 06/2024
Beaufort Jasper Hampton Comprehensive Health Services	Community Health Workers Reducing Diabetes in South Carolina	07/2021 – 06/2024
CareSouth Carolina Inc.	Community Health Workers Reducing Diabetes in South Carolina	07/2021 – 06/2024
HopeHealth Inc.	Community Health Workers Reducing Diabetes in South Carolina	07/2021 – 06/2024
Tandem Health SC	Community Health Workers Reducing Diabetes in South Carolina	07/2021 – 06/2024
USC Center for Community Health Alignment	Community Health Workers Reducing Diabetes in South Carolina	07/2021 – 06/2024



Unmet Needs and Emerging Opportunities

Increasing Access to Care

Grantee	Project Title	Grant Period
Healthy Learners	Healthy Learners' Rural Expansion: Screen/Refer/Serve	06/2020 – 09/2023
Healthy Learners	Serving More Children through Regional Network Expansion	06/2023 – 05/2026
Impact America	Focus First: Increasing the Reach of a High-Tech Vision Care Initiative	06/2023 – 05/2026
Lions Vision Services, a South Carolina Charity	Vision for South Carolina: A Collaborative Vision Health Initiative (VFSC)	01/2022 – 12/2024
Pendleton Place	Foster Healthier Families	07/2019 – 06/2023
Prisma Health — Upstate	Community Paramedicine	01/2019 – 12/2023
South Carolina Free Clinic Association	Advancing Free Clinic Care	01/2020 – 12/2023
South Carolina Free	Analysis of Marketplace Insurance on Free Clinic Patients	06/2022 – 10/2023
USC Arnold School of Public Health	The EACH (Ensuring Access to Coordinated Health) Mom and Baby Collaborative	01/2021 – 12/2024

Workforce

Grantee	Project Title	Grant Period
Charleston Southern University	Community and Home-Based Health Initiative for BSN Students	01/2015 – 07/2026
Edward Via Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine	Underrepresented Minority Physician Scholarships	01/2022 – 12/2030
USC College of Nursing	TeleMentalScale	04/2019 – 03/2024
USC College of Nursing	Nursing Faculty Fellows Pipeline Pilot Program	01/2022 – 12/2024
USC School of Medicine at Greenville	Levi S. Kirkland Scholarships	01/2021 – 12/2023
USC Upstate Foundation	Developing Nurse Faculty To Strengthen the Nursing Pipeline	01/2021 – 06/2024

Unmet Needs and Emerging Opportunities

Research and Special Projects

Grantee	Project Title	Grant Period
MDC Inc.	Supporting Nonprofit Leaders of Color	01/2022 – 05/2023
SC Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services	Establishing a Center of Excellence in Addiction	11/2018 – 12/2024
SC Department of Health and Environmental Control	Improving Fitness of SC Public School Students	01/2020 – 12/2024
The President and Fellows of Harvard College	Planning for a Longitudinal Evaluation of Health and Social Service Utilization Based on NFP’s Pay for Success Project	04/2020 – 08/2023



A Collaborative Vision Health Initiative

Lions Vision Services (LVS), the Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired of South Carolina, Servants for Sight, the South Carolina Free Clinic Association, and 14 other groups founded the Palmetto Vision Alliance. It seeks to improve access to eye care in South Carolina.

The Foundation's grant allowed the Palmetto Vision Alliance to promote an online list of vision services. The grant also helped it develop a long-term plan for vision health in South Carolina.



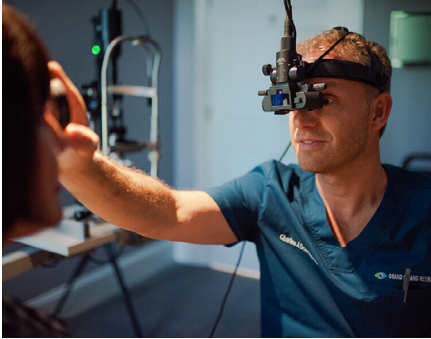
“Funding from the Foundation has made it possible for the partner agencies to work together to address vision care and vision rehabilitation training services.

This collaboration is the first of its kind for vision care. The first year of the partnership has been successful and has paved the way for future collaboration on a larger scale. The grant will allow us to increase access to and reach of our vision rehabilitation services.

These efforts have also helped the partner agencies communicate more regularly and effectively to better serve South Carolinians and work toward better vision care for our state.”

**— Daniel J. Prohaska, MA,
CFRE, President & CEO, Lions
Vision Services**

A Collaborative Vision Health Initiative



“Thanks to this program, LVS is working more closely with free clinics across South Carolina than ever before. It has helped us expand our services to new demographics and communities who, historically, have not had easy access to eye care.” — Daniel J. Prohaska, MA, CFRE, President & CEO, Lions Vision Services

The EACH (Ensuring Access to Coordinated Health) Mom and Baby Collaborative

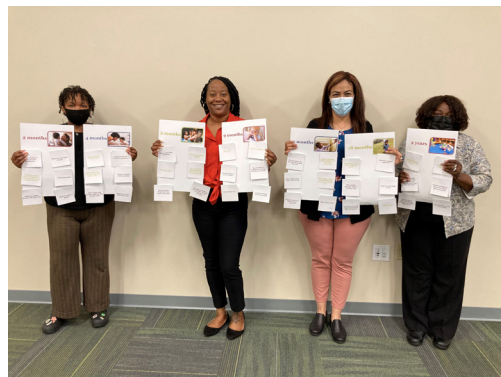
The EACH Mom and Baby Collaborative is a joint effort between the Center for Community Health Alignment at the University of South Carolina, Birth Matters, PASOs and the South Carolina Office of Rural Health Family Solutions.

EACH aims to improve birth outcomes in the state by using community health worker (CHW) models. The Foundation's grant has allowed EACH to:

- Provide equity-focused maternal and child health (MCH) training to CHWs.
- Design a guide that shows how MCH CHW models can be used in other communities.
- Pilot MCH CHW models in three new communities.
- Share outcomes and design payment plans.

In May, five of EACH's CHW ambassadors gave a presentation at a national conference sponsored by the Association of Maternal-Child Health Programs (AMCHP). Their presentation was entitled "Community Health Worker Ambassadors: Community-Based Leaders Improving Perinatal Health in South Carolina." They received the AMCHP Innovation Hub Award for Empowerment and Partnership.

They gave their talk again in August at the Southeast CHW Network's monthly meeting.



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