

First

SOUTH CAROLINA

Every state offers programs to help children grow, but figuring out what's available, understanding the requirements, and filling out multiple applications can be incredibly overwhelming. **First Five SC** is the first of its kind in the nation: a comprehensive portal that connects South Carolinians to the full spectrum of state and federally funded services available to young children. These services include child care and early education, health and safety, special needs and early intervention, food and nutrition, and parenting and family support.



At first5sc.org, families can check their eligibility and seamlessly apply for multiple programs using information they've already provided – **all from their smartphone or computer.**



How it works

1

Answer a few questions on a simple and secure online form.

2

First Five SC identifies which programs your child qualifies for and locates providers nearby.

3

Program applications are then pre-filled with the information you already entered making it easy to apply for multiple programs or add additional children.

Get Involved



Spread the word

Share the benefits of First Five SC with others! Connect families with programs that put young children on a path to better health, education, and well-being. Access downloadable materials and request resources to effectively spread the word at first5sc.org/share.



Become a navigation partner

If you're part of a statewide early childhood agency specializing in assisting families through information and referrals, consider joining us as a navigation partner.



Become a program partner

If you're a community-based organization, nonprofit, contractor, or medical provider, reach out to your public agency funder to explore the possibility of joining our network.



Be a national advocate

Lead the charge to transform the early childhood system in your state. The First Five SC team is here to help, with a digital toolkit and technical assistance – all at no cost.



Whether you know a family in South Carolina who needs support, or you want to help another state build something similar, we have the resources to help.

First5ForAll.org



South Carolina
**Early Childhood
Advisory Council**

First Five SC is an official website of the State of South Carolina.

This project is supported by the Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five Initiative (PDG B-5), Grant Number 90TP0113-01-00 from the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The toolkit and technical assistance provided to states are generously supported by the Pritzker Children's Initiative.