



3. First (virtual) meetings held in August and September
 - a. FVC provided input on SC Birth-Five Plan
 - b. FVC will provide input on First Five SC at October meeting

Transitions

1. The Palmetto Pre-K Transitions Workgroup has met monthly since February 2021, to align efforts between agencies and develop system-wide supports for families that assist in the transition from Pre-K to Kindergarten.
 - a. Workgroup supported with TA from the Education Commission of the States for the development of the "South Carolina Pre-K - K Transitions Plan: Family Engagement"
2. The drafted plan includes background and current efforts, a landscape analysis of federal and state policies that relate to family engagement and kindergarten transition, and a compendium of transitions-related resources and programs.
 - a. Tactics in the draft include public awareness campaigns, developing special features for www.palmettoprek.org specific to transition, and creation of toolkits for both early childhood educators and families.
 - b. The tactics align with the SC Birth through Five Plan strategies related to transitions (Objective 2.1: *Parents have the knowledge and skills to be excellent caregivers, and are actively engaged in their children's development, health, learning, and transitions*)

2021 Summit on Early Childhood, From the Start: Prenatal to Three

1. Thursday afternoon, and Friday morning, December 2 and 3
 - a. The conference will be virtual over the course of two half-days
 - b. In process of selecting vendor for virtual production
 - c. Registration will be free. [Summit on Early Childhood - SC First Steps](#)
 - i. Registration open week of October 25.
2. Featured Speakers: Dr. Dipesh Navsaria
Dr. Iheoma Iruka
3. Champion for Children: Debbie Robertson

Grants

1. Alliance for Early Success
 - a. 2021-2022 grantor/grantee and kick-off meetings held in late September
 - b. Two TA providers, True North and Zero to Three, shared feedback on South Carolina's Birth Through Five Plan
2. Preschool Development Grant (PDG)
 - a. Approximately 250 children are participating in Catch Up to Kindergarten, an effort to support children and families entering Kindergarten who did not have the benefit of a Countdown experience. The program runs October through December.
 - b. Rachal Hatton-Moore, ECAC Two-gen Coordinator, and Georgia Mjartan, First Steps Executive Director, are presenting First Five SC at the PDG (virtual) Convening, October 18- 21.

