

## **Early Learning Council – 2016 Progress Report**

### **GOAL 1: Champion Families - Increase the quality and availability of supportive family services that primarily affect children 0-9.**

Objective 1: Support the work of the Cross Collaborative Care/Case- Coordinators/Managers group as it relates to families with young children.

- **Objective accomplished.** The Cross Collaborative of Care/Case- Coordinators/Managers is established and it making progress. Support from the ELC is no longer required (See Cross Collaborative of Care Coordinators).

Objective 2: Encourage increased parenting education opportunities for families of young children.

- **Objective ongoing.** A Parent Engagement Committee has been formed and to date they have accomplished the following: (1) Facilitated the implementation of a free parent texting program for GCSD, (2) Surveyed GCSD Counselors about levels of parent engagement at their schools, and (3) Partnered with the Health Care Collaborative for Children and Youth (HCCCY) to explore the use of Triple P in Georgetown County.

### **GOAL 2: Champion Quality Education - Improve access to quality developmentally appropriate educational environment and related services for children 0-9.**

Objective 1: Support the work of the Early Childcare Directors Forum to encourage increased collaboration among public and private early childhood service providers.

- **Objective accomplished.** The Early Childcare Directors Forum has been replaced by the Early Childcare Collaborative (ECC), which is making progress. Support from ELC is no longer required (see Early Childcare Collaborative).

Objective 2: Encourage the community to support school readiness of children 0-4.

- **Objective ongoing.** The ELC requested that members of the Georgetown County Legislators to South Carolina General Assembly support a Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (SC-KRA) to begin in School Year (SY- 2017) for the purpose of establishing an accountability benchmark for early learning.

Objective 3: Participate with cross-sector stakeholders to support the implementation of the Georgetown County Achieves Together (GCAT) initiative to improve educational outcomes cradle to career.

- **Objective Ongoing.** Members of ELC continue to advocate for the implementation of the Strive Framework in Georgetown County.

Objective 4: Advocate for collecting information about each child's pre-k education experiences along with that child's score on the kindergarten readiness assessment.

- **No progress on objective.**

**Goal 3: Champion Quality Health Care- Increase quality health care services for children 0-9.**

Objective 1: Provide support for the Health Care Collaborative for Children and Youth (HCCCY).

- **Objective accomplished:** The Health Care Collaborative for Children and Youth (HCCCY) is making progress. Support from ELC no longer required (See HCCCY).

Objective 2: Create a Physician's Advisory Board to advise the Early Learning Council.

- **Objective accomplished.** The Early Childhood Physician's Advisory Council has been created (See ECPAC)

**Goal 4: Champion Community Leadership-**

Objective 1: Develop and implement an outreach plan to better understand the Georgetown Community and its programs.

- **Objective accomplished.** Members of the ELC visited a sample of the Georgetown Community Childcare programs. They also participated in Quality for Children Task Force in collaboration with members of the Bunnelle Foundation staff. This task force continued to better understand the concerns of Early Childcare providers regarding DSS Quality Rating System and the Voucher Program in terms of their quality rating. They helped bring funds to a center with special needs, and they better understood how the DSS systems functions in Georgetown County.

Objective 2: Support the Southern Georgetown Leadership Group (SGLG).

- **Objective accomplished:** The SGLG is making progress. Support from ELC is no longer required (see SGLG).

Objective 3: Identify an early learning issue for proposed legislation and legislators who will draft, introduce and/or champion a bill addressing that issue.

- **Objective accomplished:** Members of the ELC Advocacy Committee have drafted their annual "ELC Advocacy Statement" which identifies two early

learning issues for proposed legislation. They have shared this statement with their legislative team and with the Joint Citizens and Legislative Committee.

Objective 4: Join with other advocacy groups to advocate legislation that helps to improve the lives of young children and their families.

- **Objective accomplished:** Members of ELC have coordinated advocacy initiatives with the following groups: (1) Institute for Child Success; (2) SC United Way, (3) Children's Trust; (4) SC Education Association, and the (5) SC Association for the Education of Young Children.