

Early Learning Council – Progress Report - 2017

GOAL 1: Champion Families - Increase the quality and availability of supportive family services that primarily affect children 0-5.

Objective 1: Encourage increased parenting education opportunities for families of young children

- **Objective ongoing.** Members of the ELC are participating with other groups to facilitate the community-wide roll out of Triple P.

GOAL 2: Champion Quality Education - Improve access to quality developmentally appropriate educational environment and related services for children 0-5.

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

- **Objective accomplished.** Members of the ELC have formed a restructured Early Childcare Collaborative that includes the early childcare leaders of state, regional, and local regulatory and supportive governmental and non-profit organizations that serve Georgetown County.

Objective 2: Encourage legislative action that supports early learning of children 0-5.

- **Objective accomplished.** The ELC Advocacy committee worked directly with the SC United Way Association on proposed revisions of the House Bill to reauthorize SC First Steps.

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 have joined forces with other community leaders to form a community-wide collective impact initiative.

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.**

Objective 5: Advocate for a single, consistent kindergarten readiness assessment.

- **Objective accomplished:** The state has adopted a statewide KRA (Kindergarten Readiness Assessment) that was given in Georgetown County in 2017.

Objective 6: Explore the pros and cons of creating a single cabinet level organization responsible for early childcare and education for SC and research its effectiveness in states that have a similar structure.

- **Objective ongoing:** ELC Advocacy committee explored various organizational structures to address this objective. This structure is still to be determined by the SC Legislature.

Objective 7: Engage the business community in supporting early childhood learning and support services.

- **Objective ongoing:** ELC members worked with the Institute for Child Success and a local business leader to explore the use of tax credits for business owners that support childcare for their employees.

Goal 3: Champion Quality Health Care- Increase quality health care services for children 0-5.

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

- **No Progress on Objective:** No one from the ELC sits attends HCCCY meetings.

Objective 2: Support the Early Childhood Physician's Advisory Council (ECPAC) to advise the Early Learning Council and the office of the Tideland Health Medical Staff.

- **Objective ongoing:** ELC Members continue to serve as ex officio members of ECPAC.