



Early Childhood Services



ECS Staff

- ▶ **Director of Early Childhood Services** is Shelly Nicholson
- ▶ **Executive Assistant** is Marsha Ryan
- ▶ **Healthy Families** consists of five direct service staff, which includes the program supervisor. Tara Crawford was promoted to HFA Clinical Supervisor in March 2023 and still maintains a small caseload. We recently hired a new HFA Family Support Specialist in July 2023.
- ▶ **Parent as Teachers** consists of five Parent Educators and the PAT Supervisor, Melissa Amey. Two of the Parent Educators are located at Hometown Pediatrics and three Parent Educators are at The Children's Center.
- ▶ **Nurse Family Partnership** consists of four Nurse Home Visitors located at The Children's Center. The Supervisor is Gail Monson.
- ▶ **HealthySteps** consists of two HealthySteps Specialists, located at Hometown Pediatrics and The Children's Center. Ashley Smith, HealthySteps Specialist II, is the supervisor located at TCC. Trieneke Thomas is the HealthySteps Specialist I and is located at Hometown Pediatrics. Both have a LMSW.
- ▶ The **Pediatric Care Coordinator** position is currently vacant as of January 17th. We plan to hire one full-time care coordinator for TCC and one part-time care coordinator that will float between Hometown and Lakelands.
- ▶ **Translator/Outreach Worker** is Veronica Orndoff and she provides translating services for Spanish speaking program participants and provides community outreach for the NFP program. Veronica was hired in October 2023.

Service Area

- ▶ The ECS home visiting programs all serve Greenwood, Abbeville, McCormick, Edgefield, Saluda, and Laurens Counties.
- ▶ NFP and HFA recently added Laurens County to the service area in 2023.
- ▶ HealthySteps serves patients seen at The Children's Center and Hometown Pediatrics.

Program Eligibility Requirements

- ▶ **Healthy Families** serves 0 to 3 years of age, or until 4 years of age if a need is identified. The requirement is 3 or more risk factors identified on the Parent Questionnaire screening tool given at the 2 week well child visit. HFA must enroll the family before the child turns 3 months of age. Majority of referrals are received from all CHC pediatric clinics. HFA can accept outside referrals.
- ▶ **Parents as Teachers** serves 0 to 3 years of age, or until 4 years of age if a need is identified. The requirement is 3 or less risk factors identified on the Parent Questionnaire screening tool given at the 2 week well child visit. PAT must enroll the family before the child turns 3 months of age. Majority of referrals are received from all CHC pediatric clinics. PAT can accept outside referrals.
- ▶ **Nurse Family Partnership** serves prenatal through age 2. The requirements are: First time mother, low income, and before the end of 28 weeks gestation. NFP receives outside referrals from the community.
- ▶ **HealthySteps** serves families from 0 to 3 years of age and sees families that are categorized in three Tiers (Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3) that are determined by level of risk, low to high.

Updates for ECS

- ▶ ECS staff at TCC moved into their new office space located upstairs at TCC in March 2023.
- ▶ All home visiting programs are getting back to doing more in-person visits. The national program models continue to support virtual services as an option for home visiting. In 2023, 68% of visits were virtual visits.
- ▶ CHC home visiting programs continue to be supported by the Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) grant through SC Children's Trust.
- ▶ The Healthy Families program was awarded the United Way Community Investment grant in 2023 for the fiscal term of July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.
- ▶ The HealthySteps program received the HRSA Early Childhood Development grant in 2023. This grant will fund HealthySteps and the Pediatric Care Coordinator positions. This is a two-year grant.
- ▶ ECS participated in a home visiting learning collaborative on Health Equity with HV COIIN in 2023 and will complete the collaborative in April 2024.
- ▶ ECS department has been working on getting more exposure within the company and in the community. The NFP program now has a Facebook page. The programs are also more involved in community events.
- ▶ ECS now has a poster in the exam rooms of all pediatric sites.
- ▶ ECS is continuing to grow the ECS Advisory Board. We recently added 8 new members. Members are from agencies such as: First Steps, Beckman Mental Health, SC DHEC, DSS, Beyond Abuse, and the local school districts. We also added several program participants.

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**WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU BE THE BEST CAREGIVER
AND FIRST TEACHER FOR YOUR CHILD!**

HOME VISITATION

- Free & voluntary programs
- Family & child activities
- Information on developmental milestones
- Connection to community services
- Support healthy pregnancy
- School readiness



PEDIATRIC Care Coordination

- Child & family Screenings
- Connection to Services
- Breastfeeding & Age-Appropriate Early Nutrition
- Child & family safety
- Knowledge of development
- Parenting practices



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2023 Data

Program	Home Visits Completed	Families Served
Nurse Family Partnership	1057	82
Parents as Teachers	1212	102
Healthy Families America	697	48
Healthy Steps (Office Visits only)	922 (TCC) and 648 (Hometown)	553 (TCC) and 197 (Hometown)

Funding

Funding Source	Program	Amount	Period
MIECHV	HFA, NFP, PAT	\$1,269,500 (HFA \$346,616.22, NFP \$473,412.41, PAT \$449,471.37)	10/1/2023 - 9/30/2024
First Steps Edgefield	NFP	\$21,875	7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024
First Steps Saluda	NFP	\$25,000	7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024
United Way	HFA	\$1,584.00	7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024
HRSA ECD	HealthySteps & Care Coordinator	\$200,000 each year	Year 1 (9/1/2023 -8/31/2024) & Year 2 (9/1/2024 - 8/31/2025)
Total		1,517,959	

Program	# of Staff	Funding Source	Funding Amount
Healthy Families America	5	MIECHV & United Way	\$348,200.22
Parents as Teachers	6	MIECHV	\$449,471.37
Nurse Family Partnership	5	MIECHV; First Steps Saluda; First Steps Edgefield	\$520,287.41
HealthySteps & Pediatric Care Coordination	2; 2 vacant	HRSA ECD	\$400,000 (2 years)