

South Carolina Parent Information & Resource Centers



Bridging Communities, Families & Schools

The South Carolina Parent Information and Resource Center (SC PIRC) is a state-wide network aimed at improving student academic performance by increasing parental involvement in their child's education. Operating under the program umbrella of the Children's Trust Fund of South Carolina, SC PIRC leads the movement for greater parental options and for promoting school-family-community partnerships.

SC PIRCs are accessible to all families with K-12 children, giving extra help to those parents of low-income, minority, and limited English proficient (LEP) children. Each SC PIRC site offers a range of services that meet the needs of the unique parent population it serves. Our participating families are diverse and include teen parents, grandparents raising babies, single parents, multicultural families, multilingual families, and families of children with special needs.

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Statewide Component:

- ★ Collaborates with South Carolina School Improvement Council
- ★ Collaborates with South Carolina Parent Teacher Association (SC P.T.A.)
- ★ Provides and develops information on issues related to parenting, learning at home, communicating with schools, and identifying community resources
- ★ Participates in State Title I Committee of Practitioners
- ★ Is a program of the Children's Trust Fund of South Carolina which allows many opportunities for collaboration.

Early Childhood Component:

- ★ Early childhood parent education programs such as Parent-Child Home Program and Parents As Teachers
- ★ Developmental screenings for preschool-aged children
- ★ Build parent leadership skills so they can be better advocates for their children.

School-Focused Component:

- ★ Title I Parent Involvement
- ★ Coordination with local School Improvement Councils
- ★ Builds networks between parents, parent advocates, community members, and educators
- ★ Helping parents understand Parent Report
- ★ Cards, Supplemental Educational Services, and
- ★ Public School Choice

Parent-Focused Component:

- A partnership with seven South Carolina counties and 12 school districts that conduct Parent to Parent Peer Groups:
- ★ Preteen and teen parenting groups
 - ★ Drop In and Play With Your Child sessions
 - ★ Adult education classes
 - ★ Agency referrals to community services
 - ★ Childcare while parents learn

Parent Information & Resource Centers Contact Information

Beaufort Low Country Family Learning Center
Phone: (843) 521-2399

Charleston District 20 Parent Info & Resource Center
Phone: (843) 579-4819

Clover Bright Beginnings/Clover Family Resource Center
Phone: (803) 222-8050

Florence Florence School District 1 Parent Center
Phone: (843) 665-2085

Fort Mill LEAP Ahead – Fort Mill Family Resource Center
Phone: (803) 548-1754

Greenville Greenville Co. Schools' Family Learning Program
Phone: (864) 355-7354

Greenwood Greenwood Community Children's Center
Phone: (864) 941-8105

Lexington Parent Information and Resource Center
Phone: (800) 370-3724/(803) 808-1462

Rock Hill ParentSmart Family Resource Center
Phone: (803) 981-1557

York Parenting Partnerships/ York Family Resource Center
Phone: (803) 684-1504