




Community Family Resource Center (CFRC) *Resource Catalog*



Carolina Family Engagement Center

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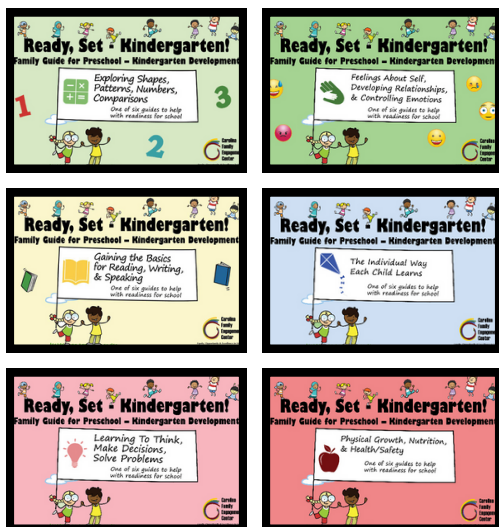
The materials described in this guide are examples of materials developed by CFEC, our community partners, and other organizations that CFEC has made available to local sponsors of the Community Family Resource Centers (CFRCs) established jointly with CFEC during 2022-23 with the assistance a grant from the SC Department of Education. CFEC continues to make print copies of these materials available to sponsors of these sites at no charge while supplies last.

Sponsors should submit requests for these materials to their CFEC Regional Family Engagement Liaison or CFEC Project Director Karen Utter at utter@email.sc.edu or call 803-777-7658 or 800-868-2232.

Individuals or organizations interested in establishing their own Community Family Resource Centers may find these examples helpful as they seek to identify materials that will best fit the needs of families in their local communities. Where possible, we have provided links to assist users of this guide in locating the sites where these materials can be downloaded or ordered. Some are available at no cost – others must be purchased

Click on the material images below to access the source website and more information.





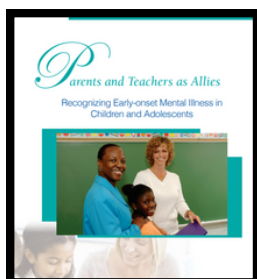
READY, SET-- KINDERGARTEN!

- **Source:** Carolina Family Engagement Center (CFEC)
- **Style:** 6 booklet family guide series
- **Description:** There are 6 areas of growth and experience that research tells us are involved in helping a child progress and succeed. These guides offer a brief introduction to each area and provide samples of the experiences and skills children need in order to be prepared to move through preschool at three, four, and five years of age.
- **Topic(s):** 1. Exploring Shapes, Patterns, Numbers, Comparisons; 2. Feelings About Self, Developing Relationships & Controlling Emotions; 3. Gaining the Basics for Reading, Writing & Speaking; 4. Learning To Think, Make Decisions, Solve Problems; 5. Physical Growth, Nutrition & Health/Safety; 6. The Individual Way Each Child Learns
- **Spanish version available:** ¡Preparados, Listos-- Kindergarten!



PARENT RESOURCES FOR K-12 STUDENTS

- **Source:** The Parent Institute
- **Style:** Brochures
- **Topic(s):** 1. Ways Parents Can Manage Kids/Teens' Technology Use; 2. Strengthen Relationship Skills; 3. Develop Self-Awareness; 4. Practice Responsible Decision-Making; 5. Seven Habits of Highly Responsible Students; 6. Ways Busy Parents Can Help Children Succeed in School; 7. Help Your Child Take Responsibility for Belongings and Schoolwork; 8. Ten Ways to Help Your Child Deal with Peer Pressure; 9. It's Never Too Late to Get Involved; 10. The Disengaged Student; 11. Help Your Child Do Better on Tests; 12. Ways Busy Parents Can Help Children Succeed in Middle School; 13. How to Work with Your Child's Teachers; 14. Parents are Teachers, Too!; 15. Learn Self-Management; 16. Strengthen Relationship Skills; 17. Dealing with the Tough Issues: Cheating & Dishonesty; 18. Build Social Awareness; 19. Ways Busy Parents Can Help Children Succeed in School; 20. Help Your Child Develop an 'I Can Do It' Attitude; 21. Homework Time Made Easier and More Effective; 22. Learn Self-Management; 23. Learning in Your Child's Responsibility; 24. Secrets for Making Children Want to Read; 25. Bullies; 26. Help Your Child Make Responsible Decisions; 27. Balance School & Extracurricular Activities; 28. Help Your Child Learn From Mistakes; 29. Get Ready for the Parent-Teacher Conference; 30. Teach Your Child How to Set Goals and Reach Them!



PARENTS AND TEACHERS AS ALLIES

- **Source:** National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
- **Style:** Booklet (28 pages)
- **Description:** This booklet includes information to teachers and parents for recognizing early-onset mental illness in children and adolescents. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness.
- **Topic(s):** Building parent-teacher relationships
- **Spanish version available:** *Padres y maestros como aliados*



FAMILY CONNECTION SC BROCHURE SET

- **Source:** Family Connection SC
- **Style:** 4 brochure set
- **Description:** These 4 brochures from Family Connection SC cover a variety of topics related to education and medical care for students with disabilities.
- **Topic(s):** 1. Project Breathe Easy; 2. Searching for answers about education?; 3. Have questions about insurance or medical care?; 4. Make a connection!



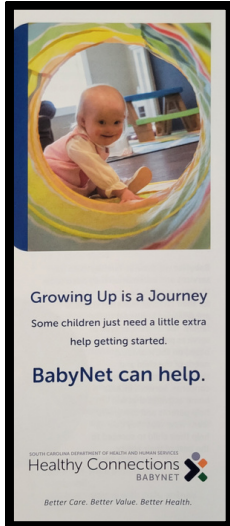
STUDENT SUCCESS TOOLKIT FOR FAMILIES: ESSENTIAL STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS

- **Source:** Carolina Family Engagement Center
- **Style:** Booklet (82 pages)
- **Description:** The Carolina Family Engagement Center (CFEC) Student Success Toolkit for Families helps the family plan for their student's success and has worksheets to guide them in the process of plan development and implementation.
- **Topic(s):** Parent resources to support student success



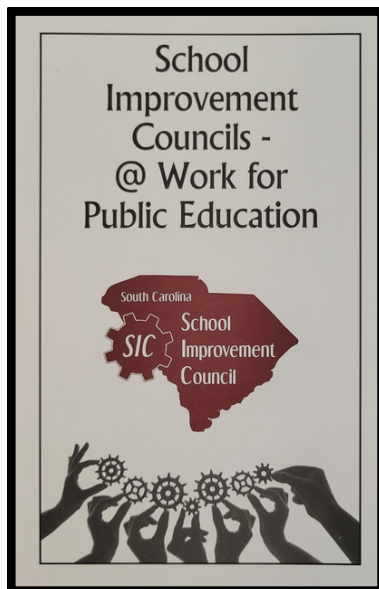
FAMILY ENGAGEMENT KITS

- **Source:** Carolina Family Engagement Center & South Carolina State Library
- **Style:** Booklets (virtual/printable)
- **Description:** The Carolina Family Engagement Center (CFEC) in partnership with the South Carolina State Library have developed a series of three family engagement kits (e.g., self, family, community), each of which is designed to help give parents and caregivers ideas on how they can use fun activities at home to support their children's social, emotional, and academic development (SEAD).
- **Topic(s):** 1. Awareness of community; 2. Awareness of family; 3. Awareness of self
- **Spanish version available:** *Kit de participación familiar conocimiento de la comunidad, conocimiento de la familia y conciencia de sí mismo*



GROWING UP IS A JOURNEY. BABYNET CAN HELP.

- **Source:** SC Department of Health and Human Services
- **Style:** Flyer (1 page)
- **Description:** BabyNet is South Carolina’s interagency early intervention system for infants and toddlers under three years of age with developmental delays, or who have conditions associated with developmental delays.
- **Topic(s):** Early childhood supports



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCILS - AT WORK FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

- **Source:** South Carolina School Improvement Council (SC-SIC)
- **Style:** Booklet
- **Description:** State law requires that every K-12 public school in South Carolina convene an SIC. The law states that it is the responsibility of the local school board to ensure SICs are constituted within each district. This includes career, vocational, and technical schools. Public charter schools may convene an SIC but it is not required by law.
- **Topic(s):** School improvement



PROFILE OF A READY KINDERGARTENER

- **Source:** South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE)
- **Style:** Booklet
- **Description:** South Carolina’s Profile of the Ready Kindergartner describes the physical, cognitive, social and emotional signs of school readiness. Because each child develops differently, each child will be ready in different ways. That is why schools and educators must also be ready: prepared to meet the individual needs of students at all levels of readiness and provide whatever support and services are needed for a quality kindergarten experience.
- **Topic(s):** School readiness; Kindergarten
- **Spanish version available:** *Perfil del alumno de jardín de niños que ya está preparado*



READY, SET-- KINDERGARTEN! BOOKS, TV, FILM, MUSIC, AND LIBRARY E-SERVICES

- **Source:** Carolina Family Engagement Center (CFEC)
- **Style:** Flyer (2 pages, 1 front & back)
- **Description:** This flyer features books, TV, film, music, and library e-services to support school readiness.
- **Topic(s):** School readiness; Preschool/Kindergarten



DIVERSITY IN LITERATURE: FEATURING HISPANIC AND LATINO/A/X CHARACTERS, STORIES, AUTHORS, AND TALENT

- **Source:** Carolina Family Engagement Center (CFEC)
- **Style:** Flyer (2 pages, front in English & back in Español/Spanish)
- **Description:** This flyer includes award-winning books for K-12 readers and a book for educators of Hispanic and Latino students.
- **Topic(s):** Diversity; Multilingual/Spanish-speaking students and families



DIVERSITY IN LITERATURE & FILM: FEATURING AFRICAN AMERICAN AND BLACK CHARACTERS, STORIES, AUTHORS, AND TALENT

- **Source:** Carolina Family Engagement Center (CFEC)
- **Style:** Flyer (2 pages, 1 front & back)
- **Description:** This flyer includes a listing of books and films featuring African American/Black characters, stories, authors, and talent.
- **Topic(s):** Diversity; African American/Black students and families



DIVERSITY IN LITERATURE: FEATURING CHARACTERS, STORIES, AND AUTHORS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES

- **Source:** Carolina Family Engagement Center (CFEC)
- **Style:** Flyer (2 pages, 1 front & back)
- **Description:** This flyer features books and other online services to support students with disabilities and other special educational needs.
- **Topic(s):** Students with disabilities



DIVERSITY IN LITERATURE & FILM: FEATURING INDIGENOUS, NATIVE, AND AMERICAN INDIAN CHARACTERS, STORIES, AUTHORS, AND TALENT

- **Source:** Carolina Family Engagement Center (CFEC)
- **Style:** Flyer (2 pages, 1 front & back)
- **Description:** This flyer includes a listing of books and films featuring Indigenous, Native, American Indian characters, stories, authors, and talent.
- **Topic(s):** Diversity; Indigenous, Native, American Indian students and families

Diploma Requirements

South Carolina Diploma Requirements: There is one high school diploma designed to prepare students to be college and/or career ready in the 21st century.

Parents should contact the school counselor to get more information and resources.

Beginning in the 8th grade, students and parents will meet with a counselor to begin discussing college and/or career goals based on their interests, preferences, and strengths.

Additional resources for parents on helping your child or teen: <https://www.familyconnectionsc.org/parents>

An individual graduation plan (IGP) is developed mapping out the courses students will take to earn their diploma.

- The IGP is updated annually with input from students, parents, teachers, and counselors to refine the plan and ensure students are earning the required credits.

Students will declare a major connected to one of the state's nationally recognized career clusters.

According to The South Carolina Regulations 43.234, the student must complete the following to earn a high school diploma:

- Earn 24 credits in the subject content as follows:
 - 4 credits in English Language Arts
 - 4 credits in Mathematics
 - 4 credits in Science
 - 4 credits in U.S. History and Constitution
 - 5 credits in Economics
 - 5 credits in U.S. Government
 - 1 other Social Studies credit
 - 1 credit in Physical Education or Junior ROTC
 - 1 credit in Computer Science
 - 1 credit in Foreign Language or Career Learning
 - 3 elective credits
- Pass a classroom examination on the provisions and principles of the United States Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, the Federalist Papers, and American Institutions and Ideals.
- Pass a high school credit course in science in which an end-of-course examination is administered.

SOUTH CAROLINA DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

- **Source:** Family Connection SC
- **Style:** Flyer (1 page)
- **Description:** This fact sheet outlines the South Carolina requirements to receive a high school diploma.
- **Topic(s):** High school graduation; College readiness
- **Spanish version available**

State Specific Post-Secondary Educational or Training Options for Students with Disabilities

University Life

Several South Carolina colleges offer programs for students with disabilities who have not earned a high school diploma. These universities offer an excellent opportunity for students to experience campus life and develop the skills necessary to gain employment. Participants in these programs live on campus and have age-appropriate peer mentors to assist in navigating campus life. Those who successfully complete the program will receive a certificate of post-secondary education and an accredited college degree program along with a skill portfolio for potential employers. Parents and students should speak with school counselors and their special education department to gain information about these programs.

More information can be found at: <https://www.familyconnectionsc.org/education/eduinfo/>

The South Carolina Department of Vocational Rehabilitation

The SC Vocational Rehabilitation provides job exploration training, work-based learning experiences, counseling, job post-secondary education opportunities, workplace readiness training, and instruction in self-advocacy for students ages 13-21 with an IEP or 504 plan. The services through SC Vocational Rehabilitation can follow the student into adulthood. The District should engage members of SC Vocational Rehabilitation staff early in IEP transition meetings.

For more info, scan the QR code!

Centers for Independent Living

Centers for Independent Living are community-based, cross-disability, non-profit organizations that are designed and operated by people with disabilities.

For more info, scan the QR code!

Connect with Us!

Family Information Center 1.800.578.8750
 Fax 803.646.1888/803.8750
 1800 Saint Julian Place, Suite 104
 Columbia, SC 29204

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STATE SPECIFIC POST-SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL OR TRAINING OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

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- **Style:** Flyer (1 page)
- **Description:** Several South Carolina colleges offer programs for students with disabilities who have not earned a high school diploma. These universities offer an excellent opportunity for students to experience campus life and develop the skills necessary to gain employment.
- **Topic(s):** Students with disabilities
- **Spanish version available**

Family Connection

What does an Individualized Education Plan include?

- Present Levels of Educational Performance:** To know what we want the child to achieve, we must have a baseline of present skills to start from. This section will contain evaluation results and how the child's disability affects their involvement in the general education setting.
- Measurable Annual Goals:** Goals will be different for each child. The goals should be centered around helping the child develop skills and make progress on the measured goal for each year. For your goal to be high but achievable, it's important that each goal contains the way in which progress toward the goal will be monitored.
- Progress Monitoring:** This section should contain information about how progress will be measured. WHO will collect data, WHAT data will be collected, WHERE will the data be collected, and WHEN will the information be reported to the parents.
- Accommodations or Modifications:** Accommodations are changes in HOW the student is taught and does not change the content of the material being taught (e.g. extra time on tests or assignments, private testing environment). Modifications are changes made to WHAT the child is taught and may change the content of the material (e.g. reduction in reading level of each lesson, alternate assignments).
- Typical School Year Services:** This section describes the type of services that the child will receive, the beginning and end date, the service provider, the amount, and the location of the services. All special education and related services such as physical, occupational or speech therapy will be reflected here.
- Supplementary Aids and Services:** There are many supports needed beyond special education and related services such as transportation, training for staff, or assistive technology.
- LRE Statement (Least Restrictive Environment):** refers to the setting where a child with a disability can receive an appropriate education designed to meet his or her educational needs, alongside peers without disabilities to the maximum extent appropriate. The IEP should state what percentage of the day that the child will spend with their peers without disabilities. Any removal from the general education classroom must be justified.
- Transition Planning:** The IEP team must address a student's postsecondary goals and the transition services (including courses of study) that the child will need to reach by age 16, however in South Carolina school district must address transition by the age of 13.
- Age of Majority:** Beginning on their last year before your child reaches the age of adulthood (usually 18-21, depending on your state law), the IEP must include a statement that your child has been informed of any rights that will terminate in their last year meeting this goal. Reach the age of adulthood (called the "age of majority" in IDEA), but all states transfer rights upon reaching adulthood. Refer to your state's special education regulations to find out how this issue is handled.

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WHAT DOES AN INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PLAN INCLUDE?

- **Source:** Family Connection SC
- **Style:** Flyer (1 page)
- **Description:** This factsheet offers information about what is included in a student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP).
- **Topic(s):** Students with disabilities
- **Spanish version available**

Palmetto Pre-K

WHAT IS THE PALMETTO PRE-K PORTAL?

The Palmetto Pre-K Portal is your one-stop shop for finding free or subsidized educational Pre-K programs for 3- and 4-year-olds in South Carolina. This portal allows you to search based on zip code and ability to see at a glance your available program options.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE?

The Palmetto Pre-K Portal will serve as a way for families to easily access free and subsidized federal, state and local 3- and 4-year-old Pre-K programs.

WHO DOES IT SERVE?

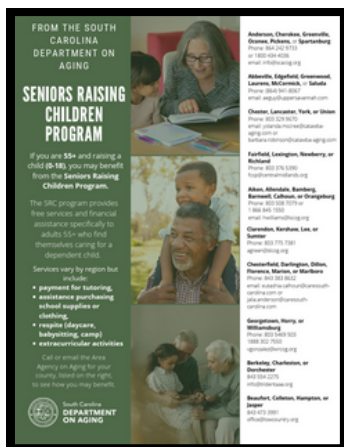
South Carolina parents, families, and community supporters looking for more information about 3- and 4-year-old Pre-K programs.

The Early Childhood Advisory Council, the connector and coordinator of the state's early childhood learning system, is committed to providing support in this joint endeavor. This commitment is a collaborative effort to sustain and expand Pre-K programs in SC.

palmettoprek.org

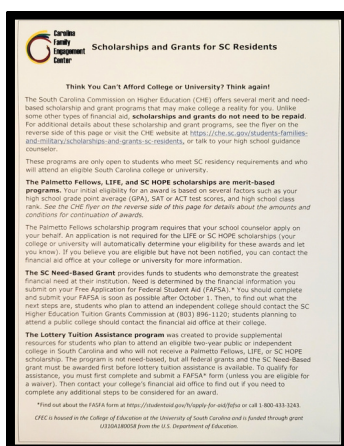
WHAT IS THE PALMETTO PRE-K PORTAL?

- **Source:** South Carolina Early Childhood Advisory Council
- **Style:** Flyer (1 page)
- **Description:** Palmetto Pre-K is your one-stop shop for finding free educational preschool programs in South Carolina.
- **Topic(s):** School readiness; Preschool
- **Spanish version available**



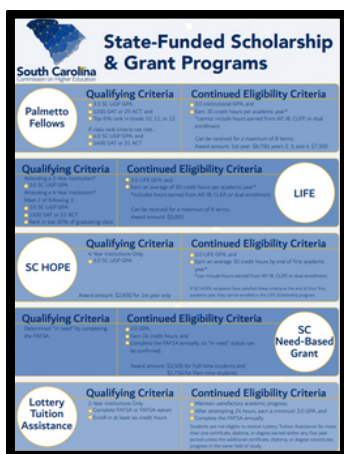
SENIORS RAISING CHILDREN PROGRAM

- **Source:** South Carolina Department on Aging
- **Style:** Flyer (1 page)
- **Description:** The SRC program provides free services and financial assistance specifically to adults 55+ who find themselves caring for a dependent child.
- **Topic(s):** Caregiver/kinship care supports



SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS FOR SC RESIDENTS

- **Source:** Carolina Family Engagement Center (CFEC)
- **Style:** Flyer (1 page)
- **Description:** Think you can't afford college or university? Think again. The South Carolina Commission on Higher (CHE) offers several merit and need-based scholarship and grant programs that may make college a reality.
- **Topic(s):** College readiness and funding resources



STATE-FUNDED (SOUTH CAROLINA) SCHOLARSHIP & GRANT PROGRAMS

- **Source:** South Carolina Commission on Higher Education
- **Style:** Flyer (1 page)
- **Description:** Factsheet with qualifying and eligibility criteria information about Palmetto Fellows, LIFE, SC Hope, SC Need-Based Grants, and Lottery Tuition Assistance funding sources for education.
- **Topic(s):** College readiness and funding resources



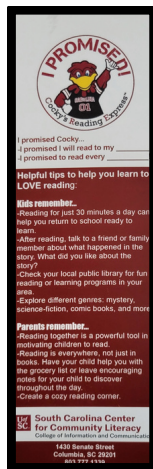
INFORMATION FOR LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENT (LEP) PARENTS AND GUARDIANS AND FOR SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT COMMUNICATE WITH THEM

- **Source:** U.S. Departments of Justice & Education
- **Style:** Flyer (2 pages, 1 front & back)
- **Description:** This fact sheet answers common questions about the rights of parents and guardians who do not speak, listen, read, or write English proficiently because it is not their primary language.
- **Topic(s):** Multilingual families; Language access/interpretation
- **Spanish version available**



FAMILY CONNECTION SC

- **Source:** Family Connection SC
- **Style:** Informational postcard
- **Description:** Contact this family information center connects families of children with special needs to the resources they need as well as advice from experienced professionals and parents who know the challenges your family faces. Phone numbers are included for both English and Spanish speaking families.
- **Topic(s):** Students with disabilities



COCKY READING EXPRESS BOOKMARK

- **Source:** South Carolina Center for Community Literacy (SCCL) & Carolina Family Engagement Center (CFEC)
- **Style:** Bookmark (2-sided)
- **Description:** Reading and literacy tips for student readers and parents from Cocky's Reading Express.
- **Topic(s):** Literacy tips for parents reading with students
- **Spanish version available**



PALMETTO PRE-K: 3 SIMPLE STEPS

- **Source:** South Carolina Early Childhood Advisory Council
- **Style:** Informational card (1 page)
- **Description:** Palmetto Pre-K is your one-stop shop for finding free educational preschool programs in South Carolina.
- **Topic(s):** School readiness; Preschool



SCPARENTS.ORG

- **Source:** SCParents.org (and Children's Trust of SC)
- **Style:** Informational card
- **Description:** Helping families every day. Organizations across South Carolina are ready to help families with their challenges – big and small. Find your help today.
- **Topic(s):** Family resources
- **Spanish version available:** *¿Necesita alimentos frescos para su familia?*

HOW CAN SC THRIVE HELP YOUR FAMILY?

¿COMO PUEDE SC THRIVE AYUDAR A SU FAMILIA?

We Connect You to the Resources You Might Need

Le conectamos con los recursos que podría necesitar

1 Visit our website at scthrive.org

2 Call us at 800.726.8774

3 Visit an SC Thrive Partner Site

4 Sign up for a Trive Hub Account

scthrive.org
800.726.8774

HOW CAN SC THRIVE HELP YOUR FAMILY?

- **Source:** SC Thrive
- **Style:** Informational card
- **Description:** Through SC Thrive and our partners across the state, you can access multiple resources in one place at one time.
- **Topic(s):** Family resources
- **Spanish version available:** *¿Como puede SC Thrive ayudar a su familia?*

DO YOU NEED FRESH FOOD FOR YOUR FAMILY?

¿NECESITA ALIMENTOS FRESCOS PARA SU FAMILIA?

Apply for SNAP Today!

¡Solicite SNAP Hoy!

1 Call SC Thrive at 800.726.8774 and choose option 1 to find an SC Thrive Site near you!

2 Visit your SC Thrive Site to apply for SNAP, answer a few questions and then submit your application.

3 Want to apply over the phone? Ask the agent for help applying.

scthrive.org
800.726.8774

DO YOU NEED FRESH FOOD FOR YOUR FAMILY?

- **Source:** SC Thrive
- **Style:** Informational card
- **Description:** SNAP, or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, is a federal nutrition program that helps you stretch your grocery budget to buy healthy food.
- **Topic(s):** Resources for families, food and nutrition
- **Spanish version available:** *¿Necesita alimentos frescos para su familia?*

DO YOU NEED HEALTHCARE COVERAGE?

¿NECESITA SEGURO MÉDICO?

Apply for South Carolina Healthy Connections Medicaid!

¡Solicite Medicaid de South Carolina Healthy Connections!

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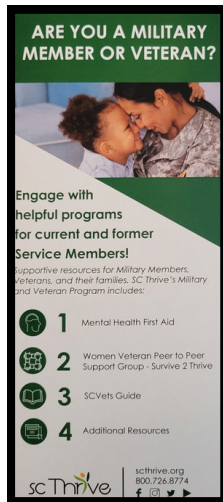
2 Visit your SC Thrive Site to apply for Medicaid, answer a few questions and then submit your application.

3 Would you rather apply for Medicaid over the phone? Ask the agent for help.

scthrive.org
800.726.8774

DO YOU NEED HEALTHCARE COVERAGE?

- **Source:** SC Thrive
- **Style:** Informational card
- **Description:** Apply for South Carolina Healthy Connections Medicaid.
- **Topic(s):** Resources for families, healthcare
- **Spanish version available:** *¿Necesita seguro médico?*



ARE YOU A MILITARY VETERAN?

- **Source:** SC Thrive
- **Style:** Informational card
- **Description:** Engage with helpful programs for current and former service members.
- **Topic(s):** Resources for military families



DO YOU WANT TO TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR FINANCES?

- **Source:** SC Thrive
- **Style:** Informational card
- **Description:** Gain knowledge on strategies to manage your money with SC Thrive financial health resources.
- **Topic(s):** Resources for families, financial literacy



DO YOU HAVE MEDICARE AND HEALTHY CONNECTIONS MEDICAID?

- **Source:** SC Thrive
- **Style:** Informational card
- **Description:** Health Connections Prime is an enhanced healthcare option for seniors, providing Medicare and South Carolina Health Connections Medicaid services.
- **Topic(s):** Healthcare